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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights
and dignity of all migrant workers

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.3/36/L.68

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 66th meeting on 30 November 1981, the Third Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in A/C.3/36/L.68. It had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications (A/C.3/36/L.83).
2. By the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/36/L.68, the General Assembly, recalling its resolution 35/198 in which it renewed the mandate of the open-ended working group to elaborate an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families and requested it to continue its work, would decide that:
 - (a) The working group should hold an intersessional meeting of two weeks' duration in New York in May 1982, immediately after the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council, to enable it to complete its task as soon as possible (para. 2 of the draft resolution); and
 - (b) The working group should meet during the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly in order to continue and, if possible, complete the elaboration of an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families (para. 5 of the draft resolution).

3. The financial implications of the draft resolution are estimated as follows:

A. Intersessional meeting of the working group on an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families

4. The conference servicing requirements, estimated on a full-cost basis, for a two-week session in New York, in May 1982, would amount to \$296,000. A breakdown of these requirements is provided in table A.1 of the annex to the present document.

5. In addition, \$5,400 would be required for travel and subsistence of two substantive officers of the Division of Human Rights who would be responsible for servicing the working group. The Secretary-General would make every effort to meet this requirement from existing appropriations under section 23 (Human Rights) of the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.

6. The attention of the Fifth Committee is drawn to the fact that the decision to hold the intersessional meeting of the working group in New York would constitute an exception to the provision of General Assembly resolution 31/140, according to which "United Nations bodies shall plan to meet at their respective established headquarters". Since the substantive secretariat for this meeting is located in Geneva, the established headquarters of the working group during its intersessional meeting would be Geneva and, therefore, such a meeting should be held there. For the information of the Committee, the conference servicing requirements for holding the meeting in Geneva would amount to \$228,700. A breakdown of these requirements is provided in table A.2 of the annex to the present document.

7. The Fifth Committee may also wish to note that the Committee on Conferences, after reviewing the draft resolution in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A, recommends to the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of document A/C.3/36/L.83/Add.1 that the arrangements outlined in document A/C.3/36/L.68 should be approved.

8. Should the General Assembly decide to hold the intersessional meeting of the working group in New York, the Secretary-General wishes to suggest that the meeting be held from 10 May to 21 May 1981 when a suitable conference room will be available.

B. Sessional meeting of the working group on an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families

9. On the assumption that the working group would meet twice a week for eight weeks during the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly and that pre- and post-session documentation would be processed at Geneva, the conference servicing requirements, estimated on a full-cost basis, would amount to \$273,800. A breakdown of these requirements is provided in table B of the annex to the present document.

10. In summary, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/36/L.68, potential conference servicing costs totalling \$569,800 would arise (\$296,000 for the intersessional meeting of the working group in New York and \$273,800 for the sessional meeting during the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly). These costs would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of total conference servicing costs to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of its current session.

Annex

Table A.1

Estimated cost of conference servicing for intersessional meeting of the working group on an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families

(New York, May 1982)

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$	
I. <u>Pre-session</u> (Geneva)				
	(9,900 words)			
	(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)			
a. Translation	42 days	282/day	11,844	
b. Revision	14 days	314/day	4,396	
c. Typing	46 days	81/day	3,726	
d. Reproduction	201,000 page impressions	.014 page impression	2,814	
e. Distribution	13,400 documents	.105 document	<u>1,407</u>	<u>24,200</u>
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u> (New York)				
a. Interpretation (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	280 days	375/day	105,000	
b. Supporting staff: Conference officer	28 days	39/day	1,092	
Documents distribution clerk	14 days	39/day	<u>546</u>	<u>106,600</u>
III. <u>In-session</u> (New York)				
	(40,000 words)			
	(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)			
a. Translation	169 days	302/day	51,038	
b. Revision	56 days	315/day	17,640	
c. Typing	185 days	170/day	31,450	
d. Reproduction	560,000 page impressions	.010/page impressions	5,600	
e. Distribution	28,000 documents	.050/ document	<u>1,400</u>	<u>107,100</u>

a/ Totals rounded to nearest 100 dollars.

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$ \$	
IV. <u>Post-session (Geneva)</u> (16,500 words) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)				
a. Translation	70 days	282/day	19,740	
b. Revision	23 days	314/day	7,222	
c. Typing	77 days	81/day	6,237	
d. Reproduction	335,000 page impressions	.014/page impressions	4,690	
e. Distribution	13,400 documents	.105/doc.	<u>1,407</u>	<u>39,300</u>
 <u>Office of General Services</u> <u>requirements</u>				
a. Sound engineering			5,400	
b. Security, messenger and information services			10,800	
c. General operating expenses			<u>2,600</u>	<u>18,800</u>
	Grand total			<u>296,000</u>

a/ Totals rounded to nearest 100 dollars.

Table A.2

Estimated cost of conference servicing for intersessional
 meeting of the working group on an international
 convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant
 workers and their families

(Geneva, May 1982)

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$ \$	
I. <u>Pre-session</u> (Geneva)				
	(9,900 words)			
	(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)			
a. Translation	42 days	282/day	11,844	
b. Revision	14 days	314/day	4,396	
c. Typing	46 days	81/day	3,726	
d. Reproduction	201,000 page impressions	.014 page impression	2,814	
e. Distribution	13,400 documents	.105 document	<u>1,407</u>	<u>24,200</u>
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u> (Geneva)				
a. Interpretation	(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)			
	280 days	288/day	80,640	
b. Supporting staff:				
Conference officer	28 days	93/day	2,604	
Documents distribution clerk	14 days	54/day	756	
Other	56 days	54/day	<u>3,024</u>	<u>87,000</u>
III. <u>In-session</u> (Geneva)				
	(33,000 words)			
	(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)			
a. Translation	140 days	282/day	39,480	
b. Revision	46 days	314/day	14,440	
c. Typing	154 days	81/day	12,474	
d. Reproduction	560,000 page impressions	.014/page impressions	7,840	
e. Distribution	28,000 documents	.105/ document	<u>2,940</u>	<u>78,200</u>

a/ Totals rounded to nearest 100 dollars.

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$ \$	
IV. <u>Post-session (Geneva)</u> (16,500 words) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)				
a. Translation	70 days	282/day	19,740	
b. Revision	23 days	314/day	7,222	
c. Typing	77 days	81/day	6,237	
d. Reproduction	335,000 page impressions	.014/page impressions	4,690	
e. Distribution	13,400 documents	.105/doc.	<u>1,407</u>	<u>39,300</u>
	Grand total			<u>228,700</u>

a/ Totals rounded to nearest 100 dollars.

Table B

Estimated cost of conference servicing for sessional meeting of the working group on an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families a/

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost b/</u> \$ \$	
I. <u>Pre-session</u> (Geneva)				
	(9,900 words)			
	(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)			
a. Translation	42 days	282/day	11,844	
b. Revision	14 days	314/day	4,396	
c. Typing	46 days	81/day	3,726	
d. Reproduction	201,000 page impressions	.014 page impression	2,814	
e. Distribution	13,400 documents	.105 document	<u>1,407</u>	<u>24,200</u>
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u> (New York)				
a. Interpretation (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	229 days	375/day	85,875	
b. Supporting staff: Conference officer	22 days	39/day	858	
Documents distribution clerk	11 days	39/day	<u>429</u>	<u>87,200</u>
III. <u>In-session</u> (New York)				
	(40,000 words)			
	(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)			
a. Translation	170 days	302/day	51,340	
b. Revision	57 days	315/day	17,955	
c. Typing	187 days	170/day	31,790	
d. Reproduction	560,000 page impressions	.010/page impressions	5,600	
e. Distribution	28,000 documents	.050/ document	<u>1,400</u>	<u>108,100</u>

a/ On the assumption that the working group would meet twice a week for eight weeks during the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

b/ Totals rounded to nearest 100 dollars.

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$ \$	
IV. <u>Post-session</u> (Geneva)				
(16,500 words)				
(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)				
a. Translation	70 days	282/day	19,740	
b. Revision	23 days	314/day	7,222	
c. Typing	77 days	81/day	6,237	
d. Reproduction	335,000 page impressions	.014/page impressions	4,690	
e. Distribution	13,400 documents	.105/doc.	<u>1,407</u>	<u>39,300</u>
<u>Office of General Services</u>				
<u>requirements</u>				
a. Sound engineering			4,320	
b. Security, messenger and information services			8,640	
c. General operating expenses			<u>2,080</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	Grand total			<u>273,800</u>

a/ Totals rounded to nearest 100 dollars.