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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/37/L.1//Rev.1

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

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4, 5, and 8 of the draft resolution contained in document A/37/L.1/Rev.1 concerning the situation in Kampuchea, the General Assembly would:

(a) Authorize the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee to convene when necessary and to carry out the tasks entrusted to it in its mandate (operative para. 4);

(b) Reaffirm its decision to reconvene the Conference at an appropriate time in accordance with Conference resolution 1 (I) (operative para. 5);

(c) Request the Secretary-General to continue to consult with and assist the Conference and the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee and to provide them on a regular basis with the necessary facilities to carry out their functions (operative para. 8).

A. Ad Hoc Committee

Operative paragraphs 4 and 8

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4 and 8, the General Assembly would authorize the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee to convene when necessary and to carry out the tasks entrusted to it in its mandate and request the Secretary-General to continue to

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consult with and assist the Conference and the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee and to provide them on a regular basis with the necessary facilities to carry out their functions.

3. It will be recalled that the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee was established on 17 July 1981 by resolution 1 (I) of the International Conference on Kampuchea. By that resolution, the Conference entrusted the Committee with the following tasks:

 (a) To assist the Conference in seeking a comprehensive political settlement of the Kampuchean question, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/6 of 22 October 1980;

(b) To act as an advisory body to the Secretary-General between sessions of the Conference;

(c) To undertake missions, where appropriate, in consultation with the Secretary-General and taking into account his recommendations, in pursuit of a comprehensive political settlement to the conflict in Kampuchea;

(d) To advise the President of the Conference, after consultations with the Secretary-General, as to when the Conference should be reconvened.

The same resolution also requested the Committee to submit reports to the Conference.

4. Originally composed of seven members, the Committee has been enlarged to ten members, in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 1 (I) of the International Conference on Kampuchea, which provides for the inclusion of additional members in the Committee. As a result, the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee is now composed of the following Member States: Belgium, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Sudan, Sri Lanka and Thailand. A representative of the President of the Conference also participates in the meetings of the Committee.

5. The General Assembly, in resolution 36/5 of 21 October 1981, adopted resolution 1 (I) of the International Conference on Kampuchea and authorized the <u>Ad</u> <u>Hoc</u> Committee to meet during regular sessions of the General Assembly in order to carry out its tasks.

6. Accordingly, the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee held its first formal meeting on 28 October 1981. It has been meeting regularly since the beginning of 1982. Meetings of the Bureau have also been held, at the request of the Committee's Chairman. In July and August 1982, three successive missions of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee visited the following countries: (a) France, Belgium and the Federal Republic of Germany; (b) Thailand; and, (c) Sweden and Austria. The <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee has issued a report on its activities during 1981/1982 (document A/CONF.109/6 of 27 September 1982). In the concluding paragraph of this report, the Committee points out, <u>inter alia</u>, that it will seek to develop further consultations, in accordance with its mandate. In this connexion, it is expected that the Committee will hold 12 to 15 sessions of one day each, throughout 1983, at Headquarters in New York. 7. Prior to the adoption of resolution 36/5, the Secretary-General had not requested separate provision for staff requirements to service the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee, owing to uncertainty concerning the frequency and duration of the sessions of the Committee, as well as the volume of work that would result from its activities. With the activity commencing as described in paragraph 6 above, the servicing requirements of the Committee have been provided on an <u>ad hoc</u> basis, by relying on the staff from different offices. In the light of the experience gained during the year, it has become clear that such an arrangement is not satisfactory. The work load and nature of the Committee's activities require a continuity of staff specifically assigned to service it.

8. Accordingly, in view of the considerations outlined above, staffing requirements would be as follows:

(a) One temporary post at the D-1 level to act as Secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee;

(b) One temporary post staff at the G-4/3 level, to discharge the administrative and secretarial work related to the Committee's activities.

9. The job description corresponding to the Professional post is included in annex I. The cost of both posts in 1983 would be \$96,700 in respect of salaries and common staff costs and \$22,500 in respect of related common services costs.

10. The conference servicing required for each session of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee for 1983, as indicated in paragraph 6, would be as follows:

- (i) Interpretation in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian) for the two meetings of each session of the Committee;
- (ii) A total of two pages of pre-session, three pages of in-session and two pages of post-session documentation in the same six languages for all sessions.

11. These assumptions concerning conference servicing requirements for the Committee would entail costs for the proposed 12 to 15 sessions amounting to a maximum of \$299,500, representing full costs. Depending on the scheduling of the meetings, it is possible that the cost of interpretation may be absorbed within existing resources. Annex II, table 1 provides the details of the costing.

12. Further, in connexion with the implementation of its mandate, the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee may be expected to undertake two or three missions of approximately 10 to 12 days' duration each in 1983 to consult with Governments in South-East Asia and other interested countries. It is expected that three Committee members would accompany the Committee Chairman on any one mission, as well as two staff members of the Secretariat, i.e. one substantive staff member at the D-1 level and one staff member at the G-4/3 level. In addition to the travel and subsistence requirements, provision would need to be made for the miscellaneous expenses incurred on such missions where Governments may not provide such services as local

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transportation, office space, communications, etc. Considering the above requirements, the costs for the three missions are estimated to be as follows:

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(a)	Travel and subsistence of three <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee members and the Chairman	56 700
(b)	Travel and subsistence for staff members of the Secretariat (1 D-1; 1 G-4/3)	27 600
(c)	Miscellaneous operating expenses	2 400
	Total	86 700

Thus, the costs associated with the activities of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee may be summarized as follows:

		Budget Section		
		1	28D	29
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Temporary posts (para. 9)	96 700	96 700		
General operating expenses (para. 9)	22 500		22 500	
Conference servicing (para. 11)	299 500			299 500
Committee and staff travel on mission	86 700	86 700		
(para. 12)				
Total	505 400	<u>183 400</u>	22 500	299 500

B. International Conference on Kampuchea

Operative paragraphs 5 and 8

13. By operative paragraph 5, the General Assembly reaffirms its decision to reconvene the Conference at an appropriate time in accordance with Conference resolution 1 (I) and under operative paragraph 8, the Secretary-General is requested to continue to consult with and assist the Conference and the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee and to provide them on a regular basis with the necessary facilities to carry out their functions.

14. The first session of the Conference was held at Headquarters in July 1981 for a period of one week and was attended by 93 countries. If the Conference is reconvened elsewhere than in New York, the Secretary-General assumes that the General Assembly would be making an exception to the principle established in resolution 31/140 which provides that "United Nations bodies shall meet at their respective headquarters subject to the exceptions to this principle approved by the General Assembly". Since no decision has yet been taken as to the venue of the next session, the costing that follows provides for reconvening in either New York, Geneva or Vienna.

15. The following assumptions would be made for the servicing of the Conference:

- (i) Interpretation would be provided in six languages (A,C,E,F,R,S) for two plenary meetings daily, as well as for a working group of approximately 35 or more participants, who would also meet twice daily for 10 working days;
- (ii) It is estimated that there would be 20 pages of pre-session documentation, 100 pages of in-session documentation and 30 pages of post-session documentation in the same six languages. Regardless of venue, the pre-session and post-session documentation would be prepared in New York.

16. Based on the above, the costs of conference servicing requirements are estimated in detail in annex II, table 2, for each of the three possible sites which might be chosen for the reconvening of the International Conference on Kampuchea. If the site chosen were to be Geneva, conference-servicing would amount to \$354,400; if New York, similar costs would amount to \$469,200; if Vienna, costs would amount to \$526,600.

17. Should the Conference not be reconvened in New York, provision would need to be made for the travel and subsistence of the following departments and offices to attend and service the Conference: Office of the Secretary-General, Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs in South-East Asia, Office for Political and General Assembly Affairs. If in Geneva, the estimated total of such additional costs would be \$33,500; if in Vienna, the estimate of such additional costs would be \$35,800. Details of these amounts are provided in annex III. Moreover, it should be noted that if Vienna were chosen as the site for the conference, additional resources would be required to provide for adequate premises to accommodate simultaneous meetings.

18. An estimate of the costs for the convening of the Conference in the three possible locations may be summarized as follows:

		Geneva \$	<u>New York</u> \$	<u>Vienna</u> \$
Conference Servicing (Annex II, table 2)		354 400	469 200	526 600
Travel (Annex III)		33 500		35 800
	Total	387 900	469 200	562 400

C. Summary

19. Should the draft resolution contained in document A/37/L.1/Rev.1 be adopted by the General Assembly, an additional appropriation of \$183,400 would be required under section 1 of the budget to cover the costs of missions of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee as well as the staff required to service the Committee. In addition, an amount of \$22,500 will be required under section 28D in respect of common services costs related to the staff. An amount of \$27,000 would be required under section 31, staff assessment, which would be offset by a similar amount in income section 1.

20. Conference servicing costs in the amount of \$299,500 for the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee and in the range between \$354,400 and \$526,600 for the Conference are based on full costs at 1983 rates, which assumes no capacity for absorption. In accordance with standing practice, these requirements will be reviewed separately in the context of a consolidated statement of total conference-servicing requirements that will be submitted towards the end of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

21. Should the Conference be reconvened in either Geneva or Vienna the associated costs for travel for Geneva or for travel and additional space for Vienna would be reported in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 1982-1983.

ANNEX I

Job description of proposed D-1 level temporary post indicated in paragraph 8

Under the general supervision of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs in South East Asia, the staff member is expected to:

1. Act as Secretary of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Committee which has been entrusted, <u>inter</u> <u>alia</u>, with the task of acting as an advisory body to both the Secretary-General and the President of the Conference;

2. Assist the Chairman of the Committee in all matters falling within the Committee's mandate and advise him on the complex political issues related to the work of the Committee;

3. Undertake detailed research and assess current political developments and trends in South-East Asia, with a view to facilitating the implementation of the Committee's mandate;

4. Maintain the necessary liaison and take part in consultation with high level Government officials, Permanent Representatives of the Member States concerned, and United Nations agencies concerned;

5. Participate in the Committee's consultations with the Secretary-General and brief the Secretary-General accordingly;

6. Meet all servicing requirements of the Committee, including the preparation of its Chairman's notes, working papers and speeches;

Organize and take part in missions of the Committee;

8. Keep minutes of meetings and prepare reports on the activities of the Committee.

ANNEX II

Conference servicing costs

Table 1. Ad Hoc Committee

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Pre-session documentation	35 400
(12,000 words; 6 languages)	
Meeting servicing	170 200
(15 sessions, with 2 meetings each session	1/0 200
In-session documentation	52 600
(18,000 words; 6 languages	
Post-session documentation	35 400
(12,000 words; 6 languages)	
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General operating expenses	5 900
Total	299 500

Table 2. The International Conference on Kampuchea

	<u>Geneva</u> \$	<u>New York</u> \$	<u>Vienna</u> \$
Pre-session documentation (8,000 words; 6 languages)	24 900	24 900	24 900
Meeting services (2 plenary; 2 working group	178 200	228 100	246 500
meetings daily In-session documentation (40,000 words; 6 languages)	99 200	117 300	89 200
Post-session documentation (12,000 words; 6 languages)	35 300	35 300	35 300
General operating expenses	16 800	63 600	130 700
Total	354 400	469 200	526 600

ANNEX III

Travel costs to attend the International Conference on Kampuchea

Additional travel and subsistence costs required to attend and service the Conference at a location other than Headquarters, New York.

		Gene \$	va <u>Vienna</u> \$
1.	Office of the Secretary-General [The Secretary-General, 1 D-2/1, 1 Security, 1 G-5/4]	9 9	00 10 500
2.	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs in South-East Asia [1 USG, 1 D-1, 1 G-5/4]	9 5	500 10 200
3.	Office for Political and General Assembly Af [1 D-2 Secretary of the Conference, 1 D-2 Legal Officer, 1 P-5/4 Procedures and Co-ordination 2 G-5/4; expertise in Conference procedures, Speakers List, briefs and notes for President]	ffairs 14 1	.00 15 100
	and notes for President)		
		33 5	35 800
