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adopted by the Sixth Committee at its 638th meeting on
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Note by the Secretary-General

1. Draft resolution A/C.6/L.461 requests the Secretary-General to call "at Vienna not later than the spring of 1961" an international conference of plenipotentiaries "to consider the question of diplomatic intercourse and immunities and to embody the results of its work in an international convention, together with such ancillary instruments as may be necessary". It further requests the Secretary-General "to arrange for the necessary staff and facilities which would be required for the conference".
2. In his note submitted to the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/L.458), the Secretary-General has stated that should it be decided that the conference be held in Vienna in 1961, he would prefer the period March-April, in the light of the conference programme already envisaged for that year.
3. For a conference of eight weeks' duration, and on the assumption that there would be a maximum of two meetings a day requiring services and that these meetings would not be held at the same time, the estimated costs for a conference held at Vienna in March-April 1961 would be as follows:

	<u>\$US</u>
Travel and subsistence of staff.	24,500
Temporary assistance	133,000
Printing	40,000
Miscellaneous supplies and services.	4,500
	<u>202,000</u>

4. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII), the host Government would assume responsibility for the additional expenditures to the United Nations budget occasioned by the fact that the conference would be held away from Headquarters. In this connexion, the Austrian representative has stated before the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/SR.637) that his Government "would pay the difference between the New York estimate and the Vienna estimate, as shown in the Secretary-General's statement of financial implications (A/C.6/L.458)". The estimates submitted by the Secretary-General for a conference at New York totalled \$72,000 comprising \$32,000 for temporary assistance and \$40,000 for printing.

5. Arrangements would be entered into between the host Government and the United Nations under which expenses in connexion with the provision of the local facilities and services not included in the above estimates would be met by that Government.

6. The estimates herein submitted are tentative and of necessity cannot at this stage take into consideration the impact of the total workload of 1961. However, they provide a reasonable indication of the magnitude of the additional costs arising from the conference meeting at Vienna rather than at Headquarters.

7. In the event of the adoption by the General Assembly of draft resolution A/C.6/L.461, the Secretary-General will make suitable provision in the 1961 budget estimates. The 1961 estimates for miscellaneous income will also include an amount corresponding to the estimated contribution to be made by the Austrian Government in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII).
