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DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/C.1/L.631/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance  
with rule 155 of the rules of procedure

1. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/L.631/Rev.1, adopted by the First Committee at its 852nd meeting, on 5 December 1973, the General Assembly would decide to establish an ad hoc committee of not more than 15 members, which would be expected to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

2. It is assumed that the ad hoc committee would hold a four-week session in New York, during the period 4-29 June 1973, requiring interpretation and documentation in the five official languages of the Organization. It is further assumed that pre-session documentation will amount to some 100 pages and that in-session and post-session documentation will amount to a total of 100 pages.

3. On the assumptions indicated above it would be necessary, owing to commitments already projected in the meetings calendar for 1973, to recruit one team of eight free-lance interpreters for the full period of the ad hoc committee's session, at an estimated cost of \$20,500. It is noted that, for the most part, pre-session documentation would comprise material already available in the required languages. Accordingly, the Secretary-General would endeavour to process any additional pre-session documentation utilizing existing resources, without the need for additional appropriations. With regard to in-session and post-session documentation, however, it is estimated that additional costs would arise, amounting to \$5,000, for the contractual translation and typing of approximately 100 pages.

4. Accordingly, adoption of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/L.631/Rev.1 would give rise to additional costs estimated at a total of \$25,500, for which an additional appropriation would be required under a new chapter in section 2 of the budget for 1973.