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CONCLUSION OF A TREATY ON THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL
PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.1/31/L.16

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

1. The First Committee, at its 45th meeting on 29 November 1976, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/31/L.16. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/31/L.27).
2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/31/L.16, the General Assembly would call upon all nuclear-weapon States, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3478 (XXX), to proceed as soon as possible with negotiations on the conclusion of a treaty on the complete and general prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests, with the participation of non-nuclear-weapon States, and would further request the Secretary-General to render such assistance as may be necessary for the negotiations.
3. The Secretary-General interprets operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution as requiring him to provide all necessary meeting services for the negotiations referred to in operative paragraph 1. He hereunder provides the estimate of financial implications of the above draft resolution, based on the following assumptions.
 - (a) It is assumed that about 35 States will meet at Headquarters for a total of four weeks in 1977 from 7 February to 11 February, from 25 April to 6 May and from 25 July to 29 July.
 - (b) Two meetings will be held per day, for which interpretation and

translation will be provided in five languages (Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

(c) Documentation is estimated as follows:

In-session	200 pages in five languages (C, E, F, R, S)
Post-session	100 pages in six languages (A, C, E, F, R, S)

4. On this basis, the cost would be estimated as follows:

I. In-session

(i) Interpretation, translation, revision (15 interpreters, 128 work-days, 48 work-days and 148 work-days, respectively)	\$52,800
(ii) Reproduction	5,600
(iii) Distribution	500
Total	<u>58,900</u>

II. Post-session

(i) Translation, revision and typing (80 work-days, 30 work-days, and 90 work-days, respectively)	11,800
(ii) Reproduction	3,200
Total	<u>15,000</u>

III. Office of General Services

Grand Total	<u>78,300</u>
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5. Therefore, the total financial implications of the draft resolution (A/C.1/31/L.16) are estimated at \$78,300 on a full cost basis.

6. Pending the adoption of the 1976-1977 calendar of conferences by the General Assembly, it is not possible at this stage to determine to what extent the cost of conference servicing staff can be absorbed from within existing resources. The Secretary-General will make a report to the Fifth Committee, at a later date, after evaluating the over-all pattern of conferences for 1977 in relation to existing resources, in a consolidated statement to be prepared towards the close of the current session of the General Assembly.