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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

Administrative and financial implications of the draft  
resolution contained in document A/SPC/31/L.4

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

1. At its 14th meeting on 5 November 1976 the Special Political Committee adopted without objection the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/31/L.4. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/SPC/31/L.7).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/31/L.4 the General Assembly would, inter alia, request the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA to continue its efforts for the financing of the Agency for a further period of one year in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General. The Assembly would also request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.
3. The Secretary-General understands that the Working Group may be expected to hold between 5 and 15 meetings in the course of 1977, for which English minutes and interpretation services would be provided from and into English and French. The Secretariat would also be expected to translate from and into English and French documentation and correspondence related to the work of the Group. Based on these assumptions, the Conference servicing costs would be \$13,575 as follows:

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Interpretation	12,200
Translation	400
Typing	600
Reproduction	<u>375</u>
	13,575

4. It is anticipated that the consultations with Governments, specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, as well as with other organizations concerned, would entail the travel of the Chairman of a representative of the Working Group, accompanied by a Secretariat staff member, to government capitals, to the headquarters of specialized agencies, and to regional organizations, for a total duration of approximately 30 days. On this basis, the related travel, subsistence and miscellaneous expenses are estimated at \$7,000. Since provision in this amount exists in the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, no additional funds would be required for this purpose.

5. Furthermore, in accordance with the practice adopted at this session, the Secretary-General will not request additional appropriations at this time in respect of conference servicing costs but will, towards the close of the session, advise to what extent these can be absorbed within existing resources. Therefore, the adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution in A/SPC/31/L.4 will not, at this time, result in additional appropriations but might, at a later date, require additional appropriations up to a maximum of \$13,575 under section 2 A for the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977.

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