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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/C.1/31/L.29/Rev.1

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

1. The First Committee, at its 49th meeting, on 2 December 1976, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/31/L.29/Rev.1. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/31/L.39). It has since become apparent that, due essentially to time constraints in the preparation of that document, the full cost of reproduction of documentation had been understated. Those figures have accordingly been corrected.
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/31/L.29/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference to maintain close contact with the representatives of the States possessing nuclear weapons in order to keep currently informed of their respective attitudes, as well as to consider any relevant comments and observations which might be made to it, and, for this purpose, to meet briefly and submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, in accordance with its established procedure.
3. To assist the Fifth Committee in its consideration of this matter, the Secretary-General hereunder provides the estimate of financial implications of the above draft resolution, based on the following assumptions:
  - (a) It is assumed that the Committee will meet at Headquarters for one week from 4 April to 8 April 1977;

(b) The Committee will hold two meetings per day, for which interpretation, translation and summary records 1/ will be provided in five languages (Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish);

(c) Documentation for the meeting is estimated as follows:

In-session - 30 pages (in five languages - C, E, F, R, S)

Post-session - 20 pages (in six languages - A, C, E, F, R, S).

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

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I. In-session	
(i) Interpretation, translation, revision and typing (15 interpreters, 20 work days, 7 work days and 23 work days, respectively)	11,300
(ii) Reproduction	500
(iii) Distribution	500
<u>Total</u>	<u>12,300</u>
II. Summary records	
(i) Translation, revision and typing (22 translators/précis-writers, 5 revisers and 25 typists)	14,700
(ii) Reproduction	19,300
<u>Total</u>	<u>34,000</u>
III. Post-session	
(i) Translation, revision and typing (15 work days, 5 work days and 17 work days, respectively)	2,100
(ii) Reproduction	600
<u>Total</u>	<u>2,700</u>
IV. Office of General Services	<u>2,200</u>
<u>Grand total</u>	<u><u>51,200</u></u>

1/ Authorized by the enabling resolution (General Assembly resolution 3260 (XXIX)).

5. Therefore, the total financial implications of the draft resolution in A/C.1/31/L.29/Rev.1 can be estimated at \$51,200 on a full cost basis. No additional appropriation, however, is sought at this time, on the understanding that the Secretary-General will report to the Fifth Committee closer to the end of the session, after evaluating the over-all pattern of conferences for 1977 in relation to existing resources, any additional expenditures he considers may have to be incurred.

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