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REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/31/L.21

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

1. At its 47th meeting on 1 December 1976, the First Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in A/C.1/31/L.21 having before it the Secretary-General's statement of administrative and financial implications (A/C.1/31/L.37).
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/31/L.21, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the report requested in resolution 3463 (XXX) to be issued as a United Nations publication and widely distributed.
3. Under operative paragraph 4 of the same draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare, with the assistance of an intergovernmental group of budgetary experts appointed by him, a report containing an analysis of the comments provided by States pursuant to paragraph 3 of that draft resolution, including any further conclusions and recommendations.
4. It is estimated that the cost of printing the requested report (A/31/222) in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) would amount to \$12,000.
5. It is considered that the preparation of a new report would require the services of 12 experts who would meet at Geneva between June and August for a total of three weeks. At these meetings, interpretation and translation would be required from and into three or possibly four languages. In-session

documentation would total some 300 pages, and post-session documentation some 100 pages. Additionally, five work weeks of consultant services would be required for the technical preparation of the draft report, as well as travel and subsistence for 20 days for two substantive staff members.

6. Based on those needs, the related costs are estimated as follows:

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(a) Travel and subsistence of experts	48,600
(b) Temporary assistance for meetings	
<u>Three languages</u>	
Interpretation, translation, revision, stenotyping (9 interpreters, 126 work days, 56 work days, and 140 work days, respectively) and other conference servicing staff	104,700
<u>Additional language</u>	
Interpretation, translation, revision and stenotyping (3 interpreters, 56 work days, 28 work days, and 56 work days, respectively)	38,100
(c) Five work weeks of consultant services (fee, travel and subsistence)	7,400
(d) Travel and subsistence for two substantive staff for 21 days	6,400

7. 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, nearer to the close of the session, advise to what extent these can be absorbed within existing resources.

8. Accordingly, should the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/31/L.21 be adopted by the General Assembly, an additional appropriation of \$74,400 would be needed under section 2C of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977. Additionally, conference servicing costs of up to \$142,800 might be required at a later date, depending on the number of languages and the extent to which the servicing of the meetings can be met from within existing resources.
