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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
proposed by the First Committee, contained in paragraph 14 of its
report on item 31 (A/31/285)

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

1. The First Committee, at its 10th meeting, on 21 October 1976, adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 14 of its report (A/31/285). It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/31/L.2 and Add.1). By operative paragraphs 1 and 9 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would endorse the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (A/31/20) and the United Nations programme on space applications, as referred to in paragraph 46 of that report, and by operative paragraph 13, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in the light of paragraph 73 of the report of the Committee, to consider strengthening the Outer Space Division.
2. The implementation of the United Nations programme on space applications in 1977 would have the following financial implications:

Training seminars/workshops

(1) A United Nations training seminar on remote sensing applications in the area of agriculture, forestry, land use and water resources for the benefit of Member States in the ESCAP and ECWA regions, to be held in Karachi, Pakistan, from 17 to 20 January. Twenty participants from developing countries would attend and would receive financial support toward part of their travel and/or per diem for the duration of the seminar.

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This seminar would be organized by the United Nations in co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization and would be hosted by the Government of Pakistan. The costs are estimated at 12,000

(2) An international training workshop on remote sensing applications for renewable resources to be held at FAO headquarters in Rome for three weeks during April and May 1977. Twenty participants from developing countries would be selected for training and would receive financial support toward cost of their travel and/or per diem. The costs are estimated at 19,000

This programme would be conducted in co-operation with UNESCO and other Member States willing to assist in the organization of this workshop.

(3) A joint United Nations/FAO training seminar on the applications of remote sensing for agriculture and natural resources, to be held for two weeks in Bolivia for the benefit of Member States in the ECLA region. Twenty participants from developing countries would attend and receive financial support toward their travel and per diem. The costs are estimated at 10,000

This programme would be conducted in co-operation with UNESCO.

(4) A United Nations seminar/training workshop on remote sensing applications hosted by the Government of the USSR to be held for a period of three weeks in Baku. This would be on an interregional basis and 30 participants from the developing countries would be selected for training. Financial assistance would be provided to these participants toward part of their travel and/or per diem. The costs are estimated at . 15,000

Panel meeting

(5) A joint United Nations/UNESCO technical panel meeting to be held in India to discuss the results evaluated from the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE). This would be on an interregional basis and for the benefit of the developing countries interested in using satellite television broadcasting for education and development. The panel meeting would be hosted by the Government of India and financial support would be given to 20 participants from developing countries. The costs are estimated at 15,000

Instructors/materials

(6) The services of specialists in space applications technology would be obtained to serve as instructors during the training seminars and workshops to prepare materials required. In particular the services of three specialists/consultants would be required for the international training course in Rome. The cost of their per diem and travel would be met from United Nations funds. The costs are estimated at 9,000

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Travel

(7) Participation of the Expert and staff of the Space Applications Section (OSAD) in the above programmes and also to attend international conferences, meetings and visits to some countries for planning future programmes. The costs are estimated at 20,000

Total 100,000

3. As regards operative paragraph 13 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would recall that the General Assembly, by resolution 3388 (XXX), requested him to take measures, if possible within his present resources, for the strengthening of the Outer Space Affairs Division. At the nineteenth session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, he stated that he had not found it possible to so proceed within available resources. He has, since that time, continued to keep the situation under review but has not found it possible to strengthen the Outer Space Affairs Division by redeployment from within existing resources. He will continue to keep the situation under review, particularly in the context of the preparation of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979.

4. In summary, adoption of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 14 of document A/31/285 would give rise to financial requirements totalling an estimated \$100,000. Bearing in mind that an amount of \$193,200 has been approved for the biennium 1976-1977 for the space applications programme of work, of which an amount of \$95,714 has been allocated for 1976, a balance of \$97,486 is available for the 1977 programme.

5. The Secretary-General will endeavour to implement the programme within the latter amount. Therefore, no additional appropriations for the biennium 1976-1977 are sought in respect to the implementation of this draft resolution.
