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CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/37/L.54

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

1. The First Committee, at its 47th meeting held on 29 November 1982, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/37/L.54. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/37/L.75).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/37/L.54 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General with the assistance of qualified consultant experts to devise procedures for the timely and efficient investigation of information concerning activities which may constitute a violation of the Geneva Protocol or the relevant rules of customary international law, to assemble and systematically organize documentation relating to the identification of signs and symptoms associated with the use of such agents as a means of facilitating such investigations and medical treatment which may be required, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.
3. To assist him in complying with the request referred to, the Secretary-General would appoint six consultant experts to consider the various main aspects involved, namely legal, technical and political. Accordingly, provision would be made to engage six consultant experts each for two months in 1983. They would meet in New York for two two-week sessions in 1983 (28 March-8 April, 15-26 August).
4. Provided hereunder are estimated conference-servicing costs in connection with the work of the consultant experts group:

(a) The meeting of the group would require provision of interpretation in six languages (A,C,E,F,R,S) and in-session and post-session documentation in the same languages of a total volume of 220 pages. Although costing provides for all languages being required for interpretation and translation, it is noted that depending on the final composition of the group, the actual requirements for both services may subsequently be reduced. The related conference-servicing costs would be as follows:

	<u>1983</u>
	\$
<u>Pre-session documentation</u>	-
<u>Meeting servicing</u>	
(Languages of interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	135,000
<u>In-session documentation</u>	
(40,000 words)	
(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	97,100
<u>Post-session documentation</u>	
(48,000 words)	
(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	112,000
<u>OGS requirements</u>	<u>7,800</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>351,900</u></u>

5. Provided hereunder are non-conference-servicing costs in connection with the work of the expert group:

(a) based on the assumption that the consultant experts would be paid a fee at the P-5 level, travel and DSA:

	\$
Related fees (two months each consultant expert) would amount to	52,700
Related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance for four weeks in 1983 (two two-week sessions) would amount to	<u>40,400</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>93,100</u></u>

6. The estimated conference-servicing costs indicated in paragraph 4 above are based on full costs, at current rates. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, when the definitive pattern of conferences for 1983 is considered, it will be indicated in the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements to be submitted at that time to what extent the cost of conference-servicing for 1983 (\$351,900) dealt with in this document can be absorbed within existing resources. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/37/L.54, an additional appropriation of \$93,100 under Section 2 would be required for travel and consultants.
