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MILITARY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/37/L.62

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 48th meeting held on 30 November 1982, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/37/L.62. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/37/L.74).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/37/L.62, as orally amended the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts, bearing in mind the savings that can be made within the existing budgetary appropriations, to carry out a comprehensive study on the scope, role and direction of the military use of research and development, the mechanisms involved, its role in the overall arms race, in particular the nuclear arms race, and its impact on arms limitation and disarmament, particularly in relation to major weapons systems, such as nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, with a view to preventing a qualitative arms race and to ensuring that scientific and technological achievements may ultimately be used solely for peaceful purposes and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

3. To carry out the study the Secretary-General intends to appoint 15 qualified governmental experts who would hold two two-week sessions in 1983 (21-31 March, 18-29 July) and two two-week and one one-week sessions in 1984. The sessions would be held in New York.

4. Provided hereunder are estimated conference-servicing costs in connection with the work of the expert group.

(a) The meeting of the group would require provision of interpretation in six languages (A,C,E,F,R,S) and pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation in the same languages of a total volume of 475 pages for 1983 and 1,150 pages for 1984. The related conference-servicing costs would be as follows:

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>
	\$	\$
<u>Pre-session documentation</u> (252 000 words) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	168 900	390 100
<u>Meeting servicing</u> (Languages of interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	180 000	225 000
<u>In-session documentation</u> (180 000 words) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	142 600	279 700
<u>Post-session documentation</u> (218 000 words) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	135 200	325 600
<u>OGS requirements</u>	<u>7 800</u>	<u>7 800</u>
TOTAL	<u>634 500</u>	<u>1 228 200</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 experts would be paid travel and DSA at the D-1 level:

	\$
Related travel costs and daily subsistence allowance for four weeks in 1983 (two two-week sessions) would amount to	102 000
Related travel cost and daily subsistence allowance for five weeks in 1984 (two two-week and one one-week session) would amount to	141 000

6. One consultant at the P-5 level will be required for a total period of seven months (three months in 1983 and four months in 1984) to produce the required specialized material including the collection and analysis of necessary information for the expert group and assist in the preparation of the report. Associated fee and travel costs are estimated at \$17,200 in 1983 and \$23,600 in 1984.

7. The estimated conference-servicing costs indicated in para. 4 above are based on full costs, at current rates. The 1984 portion of the conference and non-conference-servicing costs would be dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for 1984-1985. 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 (\$634,500) dealt with in this document can be absorbed within existing resources.

8. With regard to the non-conference-servicing costs for 1983, estimated at a total of \$119,200 and taking into account the provision in the draft resolution regarding the savings that can be made within the existing budgetary appropriations, an analysis of the resources available in the Centre for Disarmament for the current biennium reveals that it is possible to expect savings of \$5,000 under consultancy funds, but not under the provisions for travel. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/37/L.62, an additional appropriation of \$114,200 would be required under section 2 for travel and consultants.
