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REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE DRAFTING OF AN INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION AGAINST THE RECRUITMENT, USE, FINANCING AND TRAINING OF
MERCENARIES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.6/37/L.9

Observations by the Committee on Conferences in accordance
with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution 35/10 A, by which the General Assembly had decided that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, the Committee on Conferences met to review the implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/37/L.9.

2. The Committee on Conferences noted that a decision to adopt the resolution, as set out in document A/C.6/37/L.9, would have approved the holding of the session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries in Geneva from 25 July to 22 August 1983. This would have resulted in a non-adherence to the headquarters

principle as outlined in General Assembly resolution 31/140, which has been the practice in past years. The Committee noted at the same time that there appeared to be political considerations that made it desirable for the Ad Hoc Committee to meet in Geneva. The Committee on Conferences however was not in a position, on the basis of examination of the administrative and financial implications outlined in document A/C.6/37/L.13, to approve the holding of the meeting either in Geneva or in New York. It had reservations about the feasibility of facilities being available to service the Ad Hoc Committee either in Geneva or in New York, and about the costs involved for the holding of the meeting at either venue.

3. Before the Committee on Conferences had the opportunity to submit its recommendations to the Sixth Committee, the co-sponsors of the draft resolution in the Sixth Committee deleted, in operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, the reference to holding the session of the Ad Hoc Committee in Geneva.

Operative paragraph 6 of the resolution adopted by the Sixth Committee on 26 November 1982 now reads as follows:

"Decides that the Ad Hoc Committee shall hold its next session for four weeks, from 2 to 26 August 1982."
