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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION:  
NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/C.2/37/L.74/Rev.1

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

1. At its 50th meeting held on 17 December 1982, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/37/L.74/Rev.1. It had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications contained in document A/C.2/37/L.98/Rev.1.

2. By operative paragraph 1 of section II of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/37/L.74/Rev.1, the General Assembly would decide to establish an Intergovernmental Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, which would be open to the participation of all States as full members. By operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the Intergovernmental Committee should meet once every two years in even years but that exceptionally it should hold its first regular session in the second quarter of 1983.

3. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt the recommendations contained in paragraph 1 above, financial implications would arise in respect of conference servicing requirements for the holding of the first regular session of the Intergovernmental Committee in 1983. Details of the conference servicing requirements at full cost basis in the amount of \$359,900 are contained in the annex to this document. The assumptions are as follows:

(a) The session would be held in New York. It would be of two weeks' duration (10 working days) with one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon;

(b) Interpretation would be provided in the six working languages of the General Assembly;

(c) There would be 120 pages of pre-session documentation, 75 pages of in-session documentation and 75 pages of post-session documentation.

4. By operative paragraph 1, of section III of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would welcome in principle the report of the Secretary-General on the Secretariat support arrangements on the subject of new and renewable sources of energy (A/37/574). Further, by operative paragraph 3 of section III, the Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide such support arrangements in the Office of the Director-General through the appointment of a special co-ordinator and in the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs through the establishment of a small, separate and identifiable unit.

5. In accordance with the above, a post for a special co-ordinator for new and renewable sources of energy would be established in the Office of the Director-General at the D-2 level, with the necessary General Service support (one GS post). The special co-ordinator would assist the Director-General in fulfilling his responsibilities for system-wide co-ordination and for ensuring, within the United Nations, the coherence, co-ordination and efficient management of activities in the field of new and renewable sources of energy. It is also envisaged that the special co-ordinator, in consultation with the relevant entities of the United Nations system, would play a key role in identifying and promoting consultative meetings to promote the mobilization of resources. The special co-ordinator would serve as the Secretary of the Standing Interdepartmental Working Group (hereinafter referred to as the Steering Committee), which would be established in accordance with paragraph 9 of the Secretary-General's report and would be entrusted with responsibility for guidance in the provision of Secretariat support services.

6. In accordance with paragraph 3 of section III of the draft resolution, a small, separate and identifiable unit would also be established in the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs. This unit would be separate from the existing units in the Department and would report directly to the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs. The unit would work in close co-operation with the special co-ordinator in ensuring the effective discharge of the functions described in paragraph 2 of section III of the draft resolution. The unit would be headed by one D-1 and would include two P-5s, one P-2 and three General Service posts. Under the supervision of the incumbent of the D-1 post, two officers (one P-5 and one P-2) would be responsible primarily for the substantive servicing of the Intergovernmental Committee and one officer (P-5) would be responsible primarily for fulfilling the requirements relating to information on multilateral, bilateral and other programmes in the area of new and renewable sources of energy and for monitoring and reporting on resources for the financing of the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action.

7. It will be recalled that in the report of the Secretary-General (A/37/574), it was indicated that every effort would be made to meet the personnel requirements from existing resources, that arrangements to that end were currently under consideration and that a report on those efforts would be made to the General Assembly at its current session, including, if necessary, an indication of such additional resources as might be necessary.

8. On the basis of initial consultations, it is believed that it would be possible to redeploy two existing Professional posts (one P-5 and one P-2) to the new secretariat, and thus no request for additional resources for those posts would be made at this time. However, should existing resources not be available, this would be called to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

9. Under the terms of paragraph 2 (b) (iii) and (iv) of section III of the draft resolution, the secretariat entity would undertake the functions of serving as a focal point for information on multilateral, bilateral and other programmes in the area of new and renewable sources of energy and of monitoring and reporting on resources for the financing of the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action. The most effective and efficient way to perform the functions outlined above would be to establish and maintain an easily accessible computerized data base using the existing computer facilities of the United Nations. Additional resources would be required for the storage and processing of the information to permit continual retrieval, updating and addition. The costs are estimated at \$3,500 for 1983 for disk storage and a computer terminal.

10. In order to fulfil the functions referred to above, it would be necessary to expand the existing data base to include bilateral and non-United Nations multilateral activities. This expansion would temporarily require the services of a P-5 on a part-time basis and of a P-2 on a full-time basis in 1983. Subsequent further expansion and maintenance would become a function of the secretariat unit. While the services of a P-5 could be absorbed within existing resources, additional resources would be needed for a P-2 for one year on a temporary assistance basis.

11. In order for the special co-ordinator to carry out the functions mandated by the draft resolution, in particular those relating to promoting the development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy and to support for consultative meetings, travel funds in the amount of \$20,000 would be required. In addition, travel funds in the amount of \$15,000 would be required by the Secretariat unit in the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs.

12. In summary, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution in document A/C.2/37/L.74/Rev.1, the resulting additional costs are estimated at \$324,600, broken down as follows:

	<u>United States</u> <u>dollars</u>	<u>United States</u> <u>dollars</u>
(a) Section 5A - Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation		
Established posts <u>a/</u> (One D-2 and one General Service post)	43 200	
Common staff costs	13 900	
Travel of staff on official business	20 000	
Long distance telephone communications	<u>1 200</u>	
Total, Section 5A		78 300
(b) Section 6 - Department of International Economic and Social Affairs		
Established posts (One D-1, one P-5 and three General Service posts)	90 800	
Temporary post (One P-2)	26 800	
Common staff costs	37 800	
Travel on official business	15 000	
Long distance telephone communications	<u>700</u>	
Total, Section 6		171 100
(c) Section 28D - Office of General Services - Headquarters		
Common services		71 700
(d) Section 28G - Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Division		
		3 500
Grand total		<u>324 600</u>

In addition, the conference-servicing requirements are estimated at \$359,900 on a full-cost basis.

a/ Providing for the standard 50 per cent and 35 per cent delayed recruitment factor for professional and general service posts respectively.

13. An additional appropriation of \$54,100 would also be required under section 31 of the programme budget for 1982-1983, Staff assessment, in respect of the new posts requested. This amount would be exactly offset by a corresponding provision under Income section 1 of the programme budget, Income from staff assessment.

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Annex

ESTIMATED COSTS OF CONFERENCE SERVICING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
COMMITTEE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

(New York, 18-29 April 1983)

United States dollars

<u>Pre-session</u> (48 000 words: A,C,E,F,R,S)	113 200
<u>Meeting servicing</u> Languages of interpreters: A,C,E,F,R,S	86 200
<u>In-session</u> (30 000 words: A,C,E,F,R,S)	72 000
<u>Post-session</u> (30 000 words: A,C,E,F,R,S)	<u>69 900</u>
Subtotal	341 300
<u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>	<u>18 600</u>
Total	<u>359 900</u>

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