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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/43/L.19

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

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. By operative paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.3/43/L.19, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide necessary resources for the preparation of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders, including its regional preparatory meeting, and to ensure that the allocation of human resources to the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch is sufficient to meet its responsibilities and necessary commitments.

B. Relationship of the proposed request to the approved programme of work

2. The activities proposed in the draft resolution would fall under chapter 21, programme 1, Global social development issues, subprogramme 9, Criminal prevention policy in the context of development, the strategy of which is described in paragraph 21.46 of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, as extended through 1991.

3. The activities are relevant to section 6B, global social development issues, of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, subprogramme 9, Crime prevention policy in the context of development and control of all forms and dimensions of crime, either international or transnational. The related programme element is number 9.1, General preparations for and servicing of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, and of the sessions of

the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, output (i) which concerns the substantive servicing of up to nine preparatory meetings for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders.

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

4. During the forty-second session of the General Assembly, resources were requested for the preparations for the Eighth Congress in the Secretary-General's report on the revised estimates resulting from decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions, 1987. 1/ Resources requested in that document included those for the regional preparatory meetings, for the interregional preparatory meetings of experts, for the temporary strengthening of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and for the public information programme for the Congress. As regards the regional preparatory meetings, the specific requests included the travel and subsistence expenses of one representative of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, of a representative from each of the least developed countries in the region and of the attendance of two Professional staff members from the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs for a total cost estimate of \$121,500. This amount was subsequently approved by the Assembly at its forty-second session.

5. In resolution 42/59, the Secretary-General was, inter alia, requested to take immediate steps to ensure the successful and cost-effective preparation of the Eighth Congress, including the early appointment of its Secretary-General. Subsequently, the Secretary-General announced his appointment of the Secretary-General of the Congress. In light of this appointment and having considered the request contained in operative paragraph 10 in draft resolution A/C.3/43/L.19 it is proposed to include travel and subsistence costs for the Secretary-General of the Congress to attend the regional preparatory meetings.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1988-1989

6. No modification in the approved programme of work for 1988-1989 would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

7. The requirements needed to implement the activities requested in operative paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.3/43/L.19 are estimated as follows:

Travel and subsistence for a total of five days for the Secretary-General of the Congress to each of the five regional preparatory meetings:

	\$
Economic Commission for Africa	3 300
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	4 000
Economic Commission for Europe	1 400
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	3 900
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	<u>3 600</u>
Total	<u>16 200</u>

F. Potential for absorption

8. As there is no possibility of absorbing the costs for the activities mentioned above, an additional appropriation for \$16,200 would be required under section 4, part B, Special conferences, of the 1988-1989 programme budget.

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