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Programme budget implications of the draft decision
contained in document A/C.2/43/L.11

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

1. At its 32nd meeting, on 4 November 1988, the Second Committee adopted without a vote the draft decision contained in document A/C.2/43/L.11. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft decision was before the Committee in document A/C.2/43/L.14.
2. Under the terms of the draft decision contained in document A/C.2/43/L.11, the General Assembly would include Mozambique in the list of least developed countries.
3. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962, as subsequently amended by resolutions 2245 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 and 2489 (XXIII) and 2491 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, travel expenses were paid by the Organization for not more than five representatives, including alternate representatives, of each Member State attending a regular session of the General Assembly and for one representative or alternate representative attending a special or special emergency session of the General Assembly. By its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, the General Assembly decided that the recommendations agreed upon by the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations should be implemented. In accordance with recommendation 6 of the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations, 1/ therefore, payment of travel expenses is now limited to representatives of Member States which are least developed countries and it is on

that basis that the current appropriation for the biennium 1988-1989 was calculated.

4. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt the draft decision contained in document A/C.2/43/L.11, it is assumed that this would involve payment of travel expenses in respect of up to five representatives of Mozambique to both the forty-third and forty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly. Based on current actual costs, it is estimated that this would represent an additional expenditure of \$39,000 in the biennium 1988-1989.

5. The current provision for travel of representatives to the General Assembly, as adjusted upon the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, ^{2/} is based upon payment of travel expenses in respect of 38 least developed countries that are States Members of the Organization. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft decision, this would represent the second addition to the list of least developed countries and the number of Member States thus designated would rise to 40. Consequently, it is not anticipated that the additional costs arising from the decision could be absorbed within the current appropriation.

6. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft decision contained in document A/C.2/43/L.11, therefore, an additional appropriation of \$39,000 would be required under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. This recurrent provision would also be reflected in the budget outline for 1990-1991.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

2/ Ibid., Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/42/7), chap. II, para. 1.5.
