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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.79

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. Under operative paragraph 12 of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.79, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to convene a meeting of governmental experts of island developing countries and donor countries and organizations to review the problems of island developing countries and propose appropriate concrete action with respect to those countries.

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

2. On the assumption that the meeting would be held in 1990, the activity proposed would fall under chapter 16 (International trade and development finance) programme 6 (Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries) subprogramme 2 (Land-locked and island developing countries) of the Medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 extended to cover 1990-1991, and the corresponding subprogramme of section 15 (UNCTAD) of the programme budget to be proposed for the biennium 1990-1991.

3. The activity proposed would also fall under chapter 30 (Conference and library services), programme 6 (Conference services, Geneva) of the Medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 extended to cover 1990-1991, and under section 29 (Conference and library services, Geneva) of the programme budget to be proposed for the biennium 1990-1991.

C. Activity by which the proposed request would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would undertake the necessary preparations for the servicing of a three-day meeting of governmental experts of island developing countries and donor countries and organizations in 1990. Should the meeting be held outside of New York or Geneva, the host Government would be responsible for actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/243.

D. Modifications required to the approved programme of work

5. Should the meeting be held in 1990, the activity would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. Accordingly, no modification of the approved programme of work for 1988-1989 would be required under section 15 (UNCTAD) or section 29 (Conference and library services, Geneva).

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.79, the related full-cost servicing of a meeting of governmental experts of island developing countries and donor countries and organizations for three days, in Geneva, in 1990 is estimated at \$152,300. Details of these conference-servicing estimates are as follows:

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<u>Pre-session documentation</u>	
100 pages, 3 documents (A,C,E,F,R,S)	72 900
<u>Meeting servicing</u>	
Interpretation, 6 meetings (A,C,E,F,R,S)	35 800
<u>In-session documentation</u>	
24 pages, 3 documents (A,C,E,F,R,S)	17 300
<u>Post-session documentation</u>	
25 pages, 1 document (A,C,E,F,R,S)	19 200
<u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>	<u>7 100</u>
Total	<u>152 300</u>

F. Potential for absorption

7. The conference-servicing costs mentioned in paragraph 6 above were calculated on a full-cost basis which assumes that no part of the requirements could be met from within the permanent capacity of the Department of Conference Services. The extent to which the permanent capacity of the Department needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can only be determined in the light of the calendar of conferences to be approved by the General Assembly. However, should the present practice of budgeting for the conference-servicing requirements continue in the biennium 1990-1991, no additional appropriation would arise. In other words, provision would be made in the proposed programme budget for 1990-1991, not only for meetings known at the time of the budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the next biennium is consistent with the pattern over the past five years. On that basis it is estimated that no additional appropriation would be required under section 29 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 as a result of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.79.
