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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Programme, administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/38/L.24

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

1. The Sixth Committee at its 72nd meeting held on 9 December 1983, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/38/L.24. The Committee had before it a statement of programme, administrative and financial implications contained in document A/C.6/38/L.30.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2 and 8 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/38/L.24, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide that the Special Committee shall convene its next session from 2 to 27 April 1984 (operative para. 2);

(b) Request the Secretary-General to render all assistance to the Special Committee (operative para. 8).

3. It will be recalled that by operative paragraph 1 of its resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 the General Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Committee established pursuant to its resolution 3349 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 should be reconvened as the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

4. While the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 1/ does not contain any specific reference to the Special Committee, it is indicated under Chapter 3,

International Justice and Law, within subprogramme 2, Study of legal questions and elaboration of codification instruments, of Programme 3, Progressive Development and Codification of International Law, in paragraph 3.55 of that document, that "it is not possible to anticipate the output of existing special or ad hoc committees but it is expected that some of them will continue to be convened during the period 1984-1989".

5. In anticipation of a renewal of the mandate of the Special Committee for 1984, provision has been made in section 26, Legal activities, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, under programme element 2.4 (i) of subprogramme 2, Study of legal questions and elaboration of codification instruments (see para. 26.36), for the substantive servicing of the meetings of the Special Committee during the 1984-1985 biennium. Additional staff resources would, therefore, not be required in this respect.

6. On the other hand, conference-servicing costs would arise for which no provision has been made under section 29 of the proposed programme budget, since the meeting of the Special Committee was not included in the proposed calendar of conferences for 1984 at the time of the preparation of the budget. These costs have been calculated on the basis of the following assumptions:

(a) The Special Committee would meet in New York for four weeks from 2 to 27 April 1984 and hold two daily meetings;

(b) Services for pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation, and interpretation would be provided in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

7. On that basis, conference-servicing costs are estimated at \$424,200 as follows:

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<u>Pre-session documentation</u>	
(50 pages in A,C,E,F,R,S)	51 100
<u>Meeting servicing</u>	
(Interpretation in A,C,E,F,R,S)	197 100
<u>In-session documentation</u>	
(85 pages in A,C,E,F,R,S)	86 600
<u>Post-session documentation</u>	
(50 pages in A,C,E,F,R,S)	50 200
<u>Office of General Services</u>	
Sound engineering, etc.	<u>39 200</u>
TOTAL	<u>424 200</u>

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8. The estimates of conference-servicing costs indicated above are provided on the basis of full costing, i.e. on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be made available from within existing resources. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly a consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements will be submitted, through which net additional resources will be requested in the light of the calendar of conferences for the year 1984 as finally approved by the General Assembly. On that basis, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/38/L.24, no additional appropriation would be requested at this stage.

Notes

1/ Office Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6).
