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REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE DRAFTING OF AN
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE RECRUITMENT,
USE, FINANCING AND TRAINING OF MERCENARIES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.6/38/L.5

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 60th meeting, held on 1 December 1983, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/38/L.5, as orally revised. The Committee had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications contained in document A/C.6/38/L.10/Rev.1.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2 and 7 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/38/L.5, as orally revised, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide that the Ad Hoc Committee shall continue its work with the goal of drafting, at the earliest possible date, an international convention against the recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries (operative para. 2);

(b) Decide that the Ad Hoc Committee shall hold its fourth session for four weeks from 30 July to 24 August 1984 (operative para. 7).

3. The above-mentioned statement of administrative and financial implications (A/C.6/38/L.10/Rev.1) was based on a previous revision of the draft resolution whereby the General Assembly would have decided inter alia that the Ad Hoc Committee would hold its fourth session for four weeks from 30 April to 25 May 1984. It was indicated in that statement that, based on the calendar of conferences and meetings already approved by the Fifth Committee, the session of

the Ad Hoc Committee called for under the draft resolution could not be accommodated in New York from 30 April to 25 May 1984. It was indicated in that connection that the session of the Ad Hoc Committee could be accommodated in Geneva on the aforementioned dates as an exception to General Assembly resolution 31/140.

4. On the basis of the final text of the draft resolution as quoted in paragraph 2, it is assumed that the Ad Hoc Committee which is serviced by the Office of Legal Affairs and is a New York based body in accordance with the established Headquarters principle expressed in General Assembly resolution 31/140, section I would meet in New York.

5. For the purpose of costing, the following assumptions have been made:

(a) The Ad Hoc Committee would meet for four weeks in New York in 1984, from 30 July to 24 August and hold two meetings daily;

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

6. On that basis, conference-servicing costs are estimated at \$359,800 as follows:

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<u>Pre-session documentation</u> (50 pages in A,C,E,F,R,S)	51 800
<u>Meeting servicing</u> (Interpretation in A,C,E,F,R,S)	197 100
<u>In-session documentation</u> (60 pages in A,C,E,F,R,S)	62 400
<u>Post-session documentation</u> (32 pages in A,C,E,F,R,S)	31 900
<u>Office of General Services</u> Sound engineering, etc.	<u>16 600</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>359 800</u></u>

7. 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.5, as orally revised, no additional appropriation would be requested at this stage under section 29A. Department of Conference Services, Headquarters, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985.