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PROBLEMS OF THE ELDERLY AND THE AGED

World Assembly on the Elderly

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.3/33/L.21/Rev.1

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

1. At its 49th meeting on 16 November 1978, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/33/L.21/Rev.1, which would have the General Assembly decide inter alia to organize, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and interested organizations, a World Assembly on the Elderly in 1982, as a forum to launch an international action programme aimed at guaranteeing economic and social security to older persons, as well as opportunities to contribute to their national development.
2. In paragraph 3, the draft resolution requests the Secretary-General to elaborate, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and the organizations concerned, and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a draft programme for the World Assembly on the Elderly and to make recommendations on the organization and objectives of the Assembly.
3. In a statement 1/ submitted by the Secretary-General to the Third Committee regarding administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General pointed out that the financial implications for the Assembly would depend upon the programme he was requested to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

1/ A/C.3/33/L.28.

4. Since this programme will depend on a large number of factors including the consultation with specialized agencies, and the organization concerned, required by paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, the financial implications which are derived from it can only be presented with the programme.

5. Considering, however, that by paragraph 1 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would decide to organize a world assembly of the elderly in 1982, the Secretary-General lists below the appropriations or cost estimates for several major conferences which have been held in recent years or are scheduled for the near future. These conferences have in common that they lasted, or will last, for approximately two weeks, and that they were comprised of one or more sessional committees. They were, furthermore, preceded by varying levels of preparatory activities. The figures shown exclude direct contributions to the conferences by specialized agencies and any extrabudgetary resources that may have been provided. Conference costs are shown separately from other costs since such costs are absorbed in varying degrees.

	Estimated costs other than conference servicing \$ 000	Estimated Conference servicing costs \$ 000	Total \$ 000
World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women	1,116.9	1,349.1	2,466.0
Conference on Science and Technology for Development	3,678.2	1,214.5	4,892.7
Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries	1,151.4	962.4	2,113.8
Conference on Desertification <u>2/</u>	69.1	-	69.1
Water Conference	676.9	386.8	1,063.7
Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	32.0	439.6	471.6

6. Thus, a world conference involving participation by all Member States can be held for an estimated cost ranging from \$69,100 to \$4,892,700, depending on the scope of preparatory activity and a variety of other factors. When the results of consultations are known and a programme reported to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General will be in a position to produce a detailed financial implications statement.

2/ Funded mainly from UNEP resources.

7. With regard to the biennium 1978-1979 and the first year of the biennium 1980-1981 the Secretary-General foresees no financial implications should the draft resolution be adopted. Such financial implications as might arise in respect of the year 1981 would depend upon the report submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session and would be submitted in conjunction with that report.
