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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/33/L.13/Rev.1

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

1. The First Committee, at its 53rd meeting held on 28 November 1978, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/33/L.13/Rev.1. The Committee had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/33/L.47).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/33/L.13/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:
 - (a) Request the Secretary-General to undertake, as of 1 May 1979, with the assistance of a group of qualified governmental experts, a study on the technical, legal and financial implications of establishing an international satellite monitoring agency;
 - (b) Request the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, at its thirty-fourth session, on the replies received from Governments and the preliminary conclusions of the group of experts.
3. No indication has been given in the draft resolution about the dates or venue of the meetings to be held by the group of qualified governmental experts which would take place in 1979. Because of the schedule of reconstruction of Headquarters conference facilities, it would not be possible to provide the group with the required facilities at Headquarters. However, the group could hold two one-week meetings in Geneva, between 28 May and 1 June 1979 and from 8 to 12 October 1979.

4. The estimated costs provided hereunder are therefore based on the following assumptions:

(a) The meetings would be held in Geneva from 28 May to 1 June 1979 and from 8 to 12 October 1979;

(b) For the first meetings in May/June 1979, facilities for in-session documentation, estimated at 25 original pages, would be provided in four languages (English, French, Russian and Spanish);

(c) For the second meetings in October 1979, facilities would be provided for in-session documentation, estimated at 25 original pages, in four languages (English, French, Russian and Spanish); and facilities for post-session documentation estimated at 20 original pages, would be provided in six languages.

5. Based on the above assumptions, the estimated costs would be as follows:

	\$	<u>Total</u> \$
I. Travel and subsistence of 12 experts		51,000
II. In-session (Geneva)		
(i) Interpretation (12 interpreters)	36,600	
(ii) Translation, revision and typing (25 pages for each of the two meetings)	12,600	
(iii) Reproduction and distribution	3,000	
(iv) Staff requirements (one sound technician, one sound recording technician, one messenger, one cleaner)	<u>2,000</u>	54,200
III. Post-session (Geneva - 20 pages)		
(i) Translation, revision and typing	5,100	
(ii) Reproduction and distribution	<u>800</u>	5,900
IV. Substantive staff		
(i) Travel and subsistence (one P-5) (also refer to para. 6 below)		<u>3,000</u>
Total		<u>114,100</u>

6. In addition to the conference facilities mentioned in paragraph 5 above, the Secretary-General estimates that 10 weeks of consultant services would be required to assist in providing the substantive support required by the group of governmental experts, including preparation of the preliminary conclusions reached by the group.

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The consultants would further be expected to be present at the meetings of the group. The estimated costs for 10 weeks of consultant services, including fee, travel costs and subsistence, is \$14,700. Thus, the total costs associated with the draft resolution amount to \$128,800, of which \$60,100 relates to conference servicing for which the required appropriations will be determined in the context of the forthcoming consolidated statement of conference servicing costs to be submitted to the current session of the General Assembly. Accordingly, should the draft resolution be adopted by the General Assembly, additional appropriations in the amount of \$68,700 would be required at this time under section 2C of the programme budget for 1978-1979.
