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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/33/L.87

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

1. The Second Committee, at its 62nd meeting on 14 December 1978 adopted draft resolution A/C.2/33/L.87 having considered the statement of financial implications which was before it in document A/C.2/33/L.98.
2. In operative paragraph 2 of this draft resolution the General Assembly would decide to convene, in the period between September 1979 and April 1980, under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, a United Nations Conference on Restrictive Business Practices to negotiate, on the basis of the work of the third Ad Hoc Group of Experts, and to take all decisions necessary for the adoption of a set of multilaterally agreed equitable principles and rules for the control of restrictive business practices having adverse effects on international trade, particularly that of developing countries, and on the economic development of those countries, including a decision of the legal character of the principles and rules.
3. As also stipulated in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the draft resolution the conference would be convened in Geneva and in the languages used in the General Assembly and its main committees. On this basis and assuming that the session would be of four weeks duration and would involve 100 pages of pre-session, 100 pages of post-session and 10 pages a day of in-session documentation its conference servicing cost is estimated at \$504,087. This cost estimate was already indicated for information purposes in the administrative and financial implications of resolutions and decisions of the Trade and Development Board as potential additional implications, subject to General Assembly decision and included as item (b) (ii) in the summary in annex II of that document (document A/C.5/33/52, paras. 19 and 27).

4. By this resolution the Secretary-General also would be requested in paragraph 4, to invite representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices in the capacity of observers, to participate in the conference in that capacity in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976; and representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in the region by the Organization of African Unity to participate in the conference in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974. The estimated cost of implementing operative paragraphs 4 and 6 of the draft resolution for the related travels is estimated at \$17,160, for which an additional appropriation under section 11 A of the programme budget, UNCTAD, would be required.

5. However, the date of convening the conference being still undetermined as being 1979 or 1980, none of the related costs referred in paragraphs 2 and 3 can be included in the wrap-up paper on conference costs to be submitted shortly. Consequently, should the conference be actually held in 1979 these costs would be reflected if necessary in the final performance report under section 23 B, conference services, Geneva and section 11, UNCTAD.

CONFERENCE SERVICING REQUIREMENTS

<u>Restrictive business practices</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Negotiating conference, Geneva -</u> <u>four weeks (1979 or 1980)</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>rate</u>	
	<u>staff</u>	<u>days</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>Interpretation (A,C,E,F,R,S)</u>				<u>299 096</u>
Salaries	49	28	218	
<u>Documentation</u>				
Pre-session (100 pages - A,C,E,F,R,S)				<u>44 772</u>
Salaries:				
Translation	5	28	161	22 540
Revision	2	28	181	10 136
Typing	6	28	72	12 096
In-session (200 pages - A,C,E,F,R,S)				<u>87 528</u>
Salaries:				
Translation	10	28	161	45 080
Revision	4	28	181	20 272
Typing	11	28	72	22 176
Post-session (100 pages - A,C,E,F,R,S)				<u>44 772</u>
Salaries:				
Translation	5	28	161	22 540
Revision	2	28	181	10 136
Typing	6	28	72	12 096
<u>Reproduction</u>				<u>8 133</u>
<u>Distribution</u>				<u>3 900</u>
<u>Other conference staff</u>				<u>15 886</u>
Meeting-room attendants	6	26	47	7 332
Guards	2	26	47	2 444
Technicians: simultaneous interpretation	3	26	47	3 666
sound recording	2	26	47	<u>2 444</u>
	Total			<u>504 087</u>
