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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SUCCESSION OF STATES IN
RESPECT OF TREATIES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.6/32/L.4

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 43rd meeting held on 11 November 1977, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/32/L.4. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.6/32/L.7).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/32/L.4, the General Assembly would approve the convening of a resumed session of the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties in Vienna for a period of three weeks from 31 July to 18 August 1978, with a possible extension of up to one further week, should this prove necessary in the view of the Conference, and request the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements, as provided under General Assembly resolution 31/18, for the efficient servicing of the Conference.
3. Under the terms of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 3350 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974 on the inclusion of Vienna in the pattern of conferences, Geneva was to be considered, during the period 1975-1977, as the base for purposes of calculating the additional costs of holding special conferences in Vienna. The estimates of financial implications provided below are based on both Geneva and New York, in order to enable the General Assembly to make a decision on the matter.
4. For the purpose of the estimates, the following conditions have been assumed:
 - (a) Interpretation services will be provided in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish);

(b) Only one meeting plus, possibly, a drafting committee meeting will be held in the mornings, and another meeting plus, possibly, a drafting committee meeting will be held in the afternoon;

(c) No plenary meetings of the Conference and meetings of the Committee of the Whole will be held simultaneously;

(d) The drafting committee will meet for one or two hours either before the morning meeting of the Conference or after the afternoon meeting for most of the duration of the Conference.

5. Based on these assumptions the estimated cost of the Conference would be as follows:

	Geneva		New York	
	For three weeks	For one additional week	For three weeks	For one additional week
	\$	\$	\$	\$
A. <u>Conference servicing requirements</u>				
I. Pre-session				
Reproduction of documents	7,000	-	7,000	-
II. In-session				
(i) Interpretation	94,900	31,600	149,300	37,800
(ii) Translation, revision and typing	121,700	40,700	185,700	41,300
(iii) Staff				
(a) Meeting service	15,800	5,400	9,300	2,400
(b) Supervisory and clerical	9,200	2,100	4,600	1,600
III. Summary records				
Précis-writing, translation, revision and typing	127,800	42,800	191,300	40,900
IV. Post-session				
Editing, proofreading, printing and distribution of documents	247,900	43,900	247,900	43,900
Total	624,300	166,500	795,100	167,900

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	For three weeks	For one additional week	For three weeks	For one additional week
	\$	\$	\$	\$
B. <u>Other requirements</u>				
(i) Travel and subsistence of representatives of liberation movements	12,600	2,300	15,300	1,500
(ii) Travel and subsistence of substantive staff	19,600	5,400	-	-
(iii) Travel, subsistence and honorarium of the expert required under paragraph 6 of resolution 31/18	3,000	850	3,900	850
Total	35,200	8,550	19,200	2,350
Grand total	659,500	175,450	814,300	170,250

6. The conference servicing costs indicated above are based, at this stage, on full cost, i.e., on the assumption that they would be non-absorbable. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, when the pattern of conferences for 1978 is considered, it will be indicated, in the consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements to be submitted at that time, to what extent the costs in respect of conference servicing dealt with in the present report can be absorbed within existing resources. Therefore, the adoption of the resolution calling for a three-week session would result at this time in additional requirements, exclusive of conference servicing requirements, of \$35,200 under section 2A if the session were to be held in Geneva or \$19,200 if it were to be held in New York. If the duration of the session were to exceed three weeks, this would result in additional requirements of \$8,550 in respect of Geneva and \$2,350 in respect of New York for the fourth week.

7. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 31/140, the Austrian Government will defray the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved.
