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CONCLUSION OF A WORLD TREATY ON THE NON-USE OF
FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: REPORT OF
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.6/32/L.18

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 70th meeting held on 12 December 1977 adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/32/L.18. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.6/32/L.20).

2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/32/L.18, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to establish a Special Committee on a World Treaty on the Non-Use of Force in International Relations composed of Member States to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and representing the principal legal systems of the world;

(b) Instruct the Special Committee to draft at the earliest possible date a World Treaty on the Non-Use of Force in International Relations and authorize the Committee, in the fulfilment of its mandate, to consider proposals and suggestions from any State, bearing in mind the views expressed during the debates on this item at the thirty-first and thirty-second sessions of the General Assembly; and

(c) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the necessary facilities and services, including the preparation of the summary records of the meetings of the Committee.

3. It is understood that the Special Committee would hold a meeting in New York from 21 August to 15 September 1978; that five languages, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish would be used for all purposes except post-session documentation, where Arabic would be added; and that documentation in original language would be as follows: 100 pages for pre-session, 100 pages for post-session and 150 pages for in-session documentation.

4. Based on the above assumptions the costs would be as follows:

	\$	\$
I. Pre-session		
(i) Translation (80 work days), revision (40 work days) and typing (100 work days)	28,500	
(ii) Reproduction and distribution	<u>4,800</u>	
		33,300
II. In-session		
(i) Interpretation (16 interpreters)	93,600	
(ii) Translation (120 work days), revision (60 work days) and typing (140 work days)	59,100	
(iii) Reproduction and distribution	2,800	
(iv) Other staff - conference officer and documents clerk	1,600	
(v) Office of General Services - sound technicians and general operating expenses (\$2,000 per week)	<u>8,000</u>	
		165,100
III. Summary records		
(i) Précis-writing/translation (440 work days), revision (100 work days) and typing (600 work days)	193,800	
(ii) Reproduction and distribution	<u>28,700</u>	
		222,500
IV. Post-session		
(i) Translation (100 work days), revision (50 work days) and typing (120 work days)	35,400	
(ii) Reproduction and distribution	<u>9,500</u>	
		<u>44,900</u>
Total		<u>465,800</u>
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5. The estimated costs indicated above have been prepared on a full cost basis, i.e. on the assumption that they are 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 to be submitted at that time, to what extent these conference servicing costs can be absorbed within existing resources.
