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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/32/L.40

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

1. The First Committee at its 50th meeting held on 1 December 1977 adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/32/L.40. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/32/L.41 and Corr.1).
2. By operative paragraphs 1 and 14 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/32/L.40, the General Assembly would endorse the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (A/32/20) and the United Nations programme on space applications, as referred to in paragraph 54 of that report, and in paragraphs 88-108 of the report of the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee (A/AC.105/195).
3. The implementation of the proposed United Nations programme on space applications in 1978, as described below, would have the following financial implications:

Training seminars/workshops (\$80,000)

(1) An international training course on remote sensing applications for renewable resources to be held at FAO headquarters in Rome. This course would be a continuation of the first two courses conducted in 1976 and 1977 and up to 20 participants could be taken for training. The programme would be organized in co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and such Member States as would be willing to offer assistance in the conduct of the course. The subject-matter would be based on problems of specific interest to

developing countries and the training would be keyed to the progress achieved in the field of applications and to results obtained.

(2) A training seminar on remote sensing applications with emphasis on agriculture, forestry, land use and mapping and survey of earth's natural resources for the benefit of member States in the region of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to be held in one of the countries in Africa, possibly Kenya or Tanzania. This programme would be organized by the United Nations with the assistance of Sweden and in co-operation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and FAO. About 25 persons from developing countries could participate in this seminar which would be addressed by experts from Sweden and other countries having the requisite expertise and experience.

(3) A regional training workshop on remote sensing applications in both renewable and non-renewable resources for the benefit of member States in the regions of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA). India has expressed its willingness to host this seminar to be organized jointly by the Department of Space and the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India. It is expected that 20 participants would attend.

(4) A training seminar on the application of remote sensing data for disaster preparedness and relief matters. This could be organized by the United Nations in co-operation with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (UNDRO) and held in Brazil for the benefit of member States in the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) region. Twenty-five participants from developing countries are expected to participate.

(5) A joint United Nations/World Meteorological Organization training workshop on meteorological satellite data interpretation analysis and uses in tropical regions for the benefit of member States in the ESCAP region. This programme is a continuation of similar workshops held in Mexico in 1972 for Latin American countries and in Nairobi in 1975 for African countries. Japan has indicated its willingness to host this training workshop. About 25 participants may be selected for training, which would be conducted by a team of international experts, possibly from Japan, the European Space Agency (ESA), the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.

Instructors and materials (\$6,000)

(6) The services of specialists in space applications technology would be obtained to serve as instructors during the training seminars and workshops and for preparation of instruction materials as required. It is proposed to obtain services of two experts for the training seminar to be held in Africa for the ECA region, two experts for the training seminar to be held in Latin America for the ECLA region and two experts for the training workshop on meteorology to be held in the ESCAP region.

Travel (\$24,000)

(7) Participation of the expert and staff of the Space Applications Section of the Outer Space Affairs Division in the above programmes and also to attend international conferences, meetings and visits to some countries for planning future programmes.

4. On the basis of this work programme, the adoption of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/32/L.40 would give rise to financial requirements in an estimated amount of \$110,000 in 1978, comprising \$80,000 for fellowships, \$6,000 for other grants and \$24,000 for travel. Since an amount of \$197,100 for United Nations Space Applications Programme has already been included in section 2C(f) of the proposed programme budget for 1978-1979, the adoption of the draft resolution would not result in additional appropriations.