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HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/39/L.11 as orally revised

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

1. At its 40th meeting, held on 13 November 1984, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/39/L.11, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 129 in favour to 2 against, with 2 abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.2/39/L.27.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution as orally revised

2. By operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/39/L.11, as orally revised, the Secretary-General would be requested:

(a) To organize in 1985, a seminar on remedies for the deterioration of the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;

(b) To make the necessary preparations for the seminar providing for the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization;

(c) To invite experts to present papers to the seminar;

(d) To invite also relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

(e) To report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the seminar.

B. Relationship of the proposed request to current legislative mandates

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would assign the primary responsibility for the implementation of the requests contained in operative paragraph 6 to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat). The proposed activities are not covered in chapter 14 (Human settlements) of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 1/ or in section 19 (United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)) of the programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985. 2/

4. There are no programme elements in the programme budget of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) which are directly related to the proposed requests, nor are there any specific outputs on the topic, but the Centre has responded in the past to similar ad hoc requests contained in General Assembly resolutions 33/110, 34/113, 35/75, 36/73, 27/222 and 38/166 by producing the reports contained in documents A/34/536 and Corr.1, A/35/533 and Corr.1, A/36/260 and Add.1-3, A/37/238, A/38/278-E/1983/77 and A/39/233-E/1984/79.

C. Activities by which the proposed requests will be implemented

5. In order to implement the requests contained in operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution as orally revised, the following activities are envisaged:

(a) A seminar would be held either in Vienna or Nairobi early in 1985. It would be conducted in English and have one meeting each morning and one each afternoon for a period of no more than five working days;

(b) Twenty experts would be invited to attend and to present papers to the seminar;

(c) Relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations would be invited to participate in the seminar;

(d) One basic background paper would be prepared for the Secretariat by a consultant, utilizing to the maximum extent possible material already prepared within the Secretariat;

(e) It is estimated that there would be approximately 150 pages of pre-session documentation in English only, 100 pages of in-session documentation in English only, and 30 pages of post-session documentation in all six official languages, which would form the basis of the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council;

(f) Substantive support services would be provided by one Professional and one General Service staff members of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1984-1985

6. The proposed activities represent an addition to the approved programme of work for 1984-1985 and no other modification would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

7. The requirements for implementing the requests contained in operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution at each of the alternate venues for the seminar are as follows:

	<u>Vienna</u> \$	<u>Nairobi</u> \$
Travel and subsistence costs for 20 experts from the Middle East, Europe and North America	23 000	44 000
Travel and subsistence costs for one consultant from New York	2 300	3 000
Travel and subsistence costs for two staff members of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	5 500	-
Fees for one consultant for six weeks to prepare a background paper	<u>5 400</u>	<u>5 400</u>
Total, section 19	<u><u>36 200</u></u>	<u><u>52 400</u></u>

8. In addition, the related conference servicing costs are estimated at \$46,000 if the seminar should be held in Vienna or \$50,800 if it should be held in Nairobi, broken down as follows:

	<u>Vienna</u> \$	<u>Nairobi</u> \$
(i) Pre-session documentation (150 pages, 25 documents, language: E)	15 600	21 500
(ii) Meeting servicing (10 meetings) (language: E)	500	800
(iii) In-session documentation (100 pages, 10 documents, language: E)	8 400	10 200
(iv) Post-session documentation (30 pages, 1 document, languages: A/C/E/F/R/S)	<u>21 500</u>	<u>18 300</u>
Total, conference servicing	<u><u>46 000</u></u>	<u><u>50 800</u></u>

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9. Since the costs of holding the seminar in Vienna are estimated to be lower than they would be in Nairobi, the General Assembly may wish to decide that the seminar may be held in Vienna as an exception to the terms of paragraph 5 of its resolution 31/140, I, which states that United Nations bodies shall meet at their respective established headquarters.

F. Request for additional appropriation

10. In summary, should the General Assembly decide that the seminar may be held in Vienna, an additional appropriation of \$36,200 would be required under section 19, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements. Alternatively, an additional appropriation of \$52,400 would be required in the event that the General Assembly decides that the seminar should be held in Nairobi.

11. With respect to the conference-servicing requirements, the actual appropriation that might be required for this seminar under section 29 in 1985 would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly at a later stage during its current session.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6).

2/ Ibid., Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/38/6), vol. II.
