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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/39/29

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

1. At its 51st meeting, held on 28 November 1984, the First Committee adopted by consensus the draft resolution contained in document A/39/29. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.1/39/L.81.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 8, 9 and 12 of the draft resolution contained in document A/39/29, the General Assembly would:

(a) Renew the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee as defined in the relevant resolutions and request the Committee to intensify its work with regard to the implementation of its mandate;

(b) Request the Ad Hoc Committee to hold three further preparatory sessions in 1985 of a duration of two weeks each, with the possibility of holding a fourth session to be considered as required;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to continue to render all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Committee, including the provision of summary records in recognition of its preparatory function.

3. The activities proposed fall under chapter 1, "Political and Security Council Affairs Activities", programme 2, "Activities of the Department for Disarmament Affairs", subprogramme 1, "Deliberation and negotiation", of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989. It should also be recalled that annually, since 1971,

the General Assembly has requested the Ad Hoc Committee to continue its activities, most recently under resolution 38/185 of 20 December 1983. The substantive servicing of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean in both 1984 and 1985 has been approved as an output under programme element 1.4 of subprogramme 1, "Deliberation and negotiation" of section 2B, Department for Disarmament Affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985. Accordingly, should the above draft resolution be approved by the General Assembly, no modification of the approved programme of work for the biennium would be required.

4. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/39/29, and subject to a decision by the Ad Hoc Committee to hold a fourth meeting, in which case the matter would have to be referred to the Committee on Conferences for approval, it is assumed that the Ad Hoc Committee would hold three two-week sessions in 1985 in New York, the first from 28 January to 8 February, the second from 25 March to 4 April and the third from 1 to 12 July. The meetings would require the provision of interpretation in the six official languages of the General Assembly; 115 pages (23 documents) of pre-session documentation, 225 pages (47 documents) of in-session documentation and 200 pages (25 documents) of post-session documentation, to be issued in the six official languages of the General Assembly. The related full cost of provision of conference-servicing is estimated at \$1,732,700, as follows:

	<u>First session</u> \$	<u>Second session</u> \$	<u>Third session</u> \$
<u>Pre-session documentation</u>			
(15 pages of 3 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	17 400	-	-
(50 pages of 10 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	-	58 000	58 000
<u>Meeting servicing</u>			
Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S)	102 600	102 600	102 600
<u>In-session documentation</u>			
(50 pages of 12 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	57 000	-	-
(75 pages of 15 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	-	84 800	-
(100 pages of 20 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	-	-	113 000
<u>Post-session documentation</u>			
(50 pages of 10 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	58 000	-	-
(75 pages of 10 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	-	84 700	-
(75 pages of 5 documents, A, C, E, F, R, S)	-	-	82 500
<u>Summary records</u> (20 meetings, A, C, E, F, R, S)	249 700	249 700	249 700
<u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>	<u>20 800</u>	<u>20 800</u>	<u>20 800</u>
Total	<u>505 500</u>	<u>600 600</u>	<u>626 600</u>

5. The estimates of conference-servicing costs indicated above are provided on the basis of full costing, i.e. on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be made available from existing resources. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, a consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements will be submitted through which net additional resources will be requested in the light of the calendar of conferences for the year 1985 as approved by the General Assembly.
