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THE SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/44/L.23

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

I. AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KAMPUCHEA

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 6, 7 and 9 respectively of draft resolution A/44/L.23 concerning the situation in Kampuchea, the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note with appreciation of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the International Conference on Kampuchea on its activities during 1988-1989 1/ and request that the Committee continue its work;

(b) Authorize the Ad Hoc Committee to convene when necessary and to carry out the tasks entrusted to it in its mandate;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to continue to consult with and assist the Conference and the Ad Hoc Committee and to provide them on a regular basis with the necessary facilities to carry out their functions.

2. The Ad Hoc Committee was established on 17 July 1981 by resolution 1 (I) of the International Conference on Kampuchea. 2/ By that resolution, the Conference entrusted the Committee with the following tasks:

(a) To assist the Conference in seeking a comprehensive political settlement of the Kampuchean question, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/6 of 22 October 1980;

(b) To act as an advisory body to the Secretary-General between sessions of the Conference;

(c) To undertake missions, when appropriate, in consultation with the Secretary-General and taking into account his recommendations, in pursuit of a comprehensive political settlement of the conflict in Kampuchea;

(d) To advise the President of the Conference, after consultations with the Secretary-General, as to when the Conference should be reconvened.

By the same resolution, the Conference also requested the Committee to submit reports to the Conference.

3. The activities of the Ad Hoc Committee are not covered in the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 (extended to 1991) but have been carried out since 1981 on the basis of annual General Assembly resolutions entitled "The situation in Kampuchea", the most recent of which is resolution 43/19 of 3 November 1988. The resolutions constitute the legislative framework for the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee which, given their "perennial character", have been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. 3/ Therefore, should the Assembly decide to adopt the recommendations contained in operative paragraphs 6, 7 and 9 of the draft resolution, it is assumed, as indicated in paragraph 3.85 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, that the Ad Hoc Committee would undertake in 1990 two missions of two weeks' duration each, in order to consult with Governments in South-East Asia and other interested countries and hold 10 sessions of one day each in New York in the course of 1990. Furthermore it is assumed that the Ad Hoc Committee would also hold consultations with the President of the Conference in New York for a period of five days.

4. As indicated in paragraph 2 above, the Ad Hoc Committee has been entrusted, inter alia, with the task of assisting the Conference in seeking a comprehensive political settlement of the Kampuchean question and acting as an advisory body to both the Secretary-General and the President of the Conference. The secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee assists the Chairman in the performance of these tasks and is responsible for the substantive servicing of the Committee. It also organizes and takes part in the missions of the Committee and prepares reports on its activities. Responsibility for the substantive servicing of the Ad Hoc Committee and its missions of consultations, as well as necessary assistance in the preparation of documents, rests with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs in South-East Asia. The necessary provisions in that respect have been made in the proposed programme budget for that Office. 4/

5. Since the activities referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above have been adequately programmed under section 3E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, no modification of the programmed activities would be required.

6. The related resources estimates have also been proposed under section 3E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. 5/ Those estimates are based on the level of activities approved for the year 1989. On that basis it is estimated that no additional cost would be incurred under section 3E as a result of implementation of the activities referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

7. With respect to the conference-servicing of the Ad Hoc Committee's sessions in 1990 referred to in paragraph 3 above, it is assumed as in the past that they would be absorbed from within resources as approved under section 29 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. 6/

II. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KAMPUCHEA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

8. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 8 and 11 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:

(a) Reaffirm its commitment to reconvene the Conference at an appropriate time, in accordance with Conference resolution 1 (I), and its readiness to support any other conference of an international nature under the auspices of the Secretary-General;

(b) Invite the Co-Presidents of the Paris Conference on Cambodia to intensify their consultations with a view to reconvening the Conference and its committees at an appropriate time.

9. It is difficult at the present stage to foresee with any certainty when and where the International Conference on Kampuchea or any other conference of an international nature, as mentioned in operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, would be reconvened or organized. No appropriation is, therefore, requested at the present time. Should a decision to convene the Conference or organize any other conference be reached in the course of 1990, the Secretary-General would endeavour to accommodate the related requirements from within resources programmed under sections 3 and 29 of the proposed programme budget for 1990-1991. Should those resources prove to be insufficient, the Secretary-General would seek the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to enter into the necessary commitments with regard to the balance of the requirements for those activities.

10. As to operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution, it is understood that it might entail the participation of the Secretary-General in the activities related to the reconvening of the Paris Conference on Cambodia in the course of 1990. It is proposed that the approach outlined in paragraph 9 above be applied to possible related requirements.

III. GOOD OFFICES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

11. By operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would express its appreciation once again to the Secretary-General for taking appropriate steps in following the situation closely and would request him to continue to do so and to exercise his good offices in order to contribute to a comprehensive political settlement.

12. Section 3E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 provides for a subprogramme "Fact-finding and good offices", the objective of which is to assist the Secretary-General in the fulfilment of the mandates of good offices arising from General Assembly resolutions or from the discharge of his responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations, with respect to the South-East Asian region. 7/ Those responsibilities are assigned to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs in South-East Asia. Therefore, no modification of the programmed activities would be required.

13. With regard to the resources required, it has been estimated that the level of these requirements would largely depend on the pace of developments relating to the situation in Kampuchea and it is difficult to make a precise estimation of these requirements at the present stage. It should be noted, however, that section 3E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 provides resources in the amount of \$833,600 for the activities of the Special Representative, including those that fall under operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution. 8/ Every effort would be made, therefore, to accommodate these activities from within the resources proposed under section 3E of the 1990-1991 proposed programme budget. Should those resources prove to be insufficient, resulting overexpenditure would be reported in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1990-1991.

IV. CO-ORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES
TO KAMPUCHEANS

14. Under operative paragraph 13 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would reiterate its deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts in co-ordinating humanitarian relief assistance and in monitoring its distribution and would request him to intensify such efforts as necessary.

15. The activities referred to in operative paragraph 13 of the draft resolution are not covered in the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 (extended to 1991) and for that reason they have not been programmed in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. Only a description of the mandate given by the General Assembly to the Secretary-General and the main objectives of this activity are provided in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. 9/

16. As indicated in paragraph 3.101 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, the activities referred to in operative paragraph 13 of the draft resolution are carried out by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Co-ordination of Humanitarian Assistance Programmes to Kampuchians. A Special Representative was appointed in 1980 on a temporary basis

by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/22 of 14 November 1979. The functions of the Special Representative have been extended annually by Assembly resolutions requesting the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts in co-ordinating humanitarian relief assistance and monitoring its distribution, the most recent of which is resolution 43/19. These resolutions constitute the legislative framework for these activities which, given their "perennial character", have been included in the proposed programme budget under section 3E.

17. The related resource requirements in the amount of \$371,100 have also been proposed under section 3E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. 10/ It is estimated that those resources would be sufficient to accommodate the activities as proposed in paragraph 13 of the draft resolution.

V. SUMMARY

18. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/44/L.23, no additional resource requirement or programmatic change is foreseen at the present stage under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

Notes

1/ A/CONF.109/15.

2/ Report of the International Conference on Kampuchea, New York, 13-17 July 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.I.20), annex II.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. I, sect. 3, paras. 3.83 to 3.86.

4/ Ibid., paras. 3.86, 3.95 and 3.96.

5/ Ibid., paras. 3.87 and 3.98.

6/ Ibid., sect. 29.

7/ Ibid., sect. 3, para. 3.93.

8/ Ibid., tables 3.40 and 3.41, paras. 3.97 to 3.100.

9/ Ibid., paras. 3.101 and 3.102.

10/ Ibid., tables 3.42 and 3.43, paras. 3.104 to 3.107.