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AS A ZONE OF PEACE

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.33

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

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.33, the General Assembly would:
 - (a) Decide that the Conference should be structured in several stages;
 - (b) Decide to convene, in the first stage, the United Nations Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 2 to 13 July 1990, with the objective of:
 - (i) Reviewing the situation in the Indian Ocean area with particular reference to the continued dangers posed by the military presence of the great Powers, and also other foreign military presences, whenever they are contrary to the objectives of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace; 1/
 - (ii) Considering the principal elements of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace as contained in the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace and as considered at the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean, as well as at the subsequent meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, taking into account all its relevant work;

- (iii) Adopting a final document containing the principles, modalities, machinery and programme of action for the furtherance of the objectives of the zone of peace;
- (iv) Recommending to the General Assembly the future role and functions of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean bearing in mind its mandate as defined in the relevant resolutions;
- (c) Requests the Secretary-General to invite:
 - (i) All States to participate in the Conference;
 - (ii) Representatives of organizations that have a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices to participate as observers, in accordance with resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;
 - (iii) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity to participate as observers, in accordance with resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;
 - (iv) The United Nations Council for Namibia to participate in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 32/9 E of 4 November 1977;
 - (v) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;
 - (vi) Interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers;
 - (vii) Directly concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;
- (d) Also request the Secretary-General to transmit to the Conference the reports and documentation of the Ad Hoc Committee and of the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean on their work and all other relevant documentation of the General Assembly;
- (e) Request the Secretary-General to appoint a secretary-general of the Conference and provide other necessary staff, services and other facilities, including summary records for the Conference;
- (f) Also request the Secretary-General to take all appropriate steps, including the provision of financial resources for the convening of the Conference;
- (g) Request the Ad Hoc Committee to hold a session during the first half of 1990 with a duration of two weeks in order to continue its preparatory work and submit a report directly to the Conference;

(h) 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.

B. Relationship of requests to the proposed programme of work

2. The requests contained in paragraph 1 above are related to subprogramme 2 (Service for political and security affairs) of programme 1 (Political and Security Council affairs activities (excluding activities of the Department of Disarmament Affairs)) of chapter 1 (Political and Security Council affairs activities) of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, as extended through 1991. 2/ Corresponding provision is made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 3/ under programme element 2.4 (Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean) of subprogramme 2 (Service for political and security affairs) of subsection B (Department of Political and Security Council Affairs) of section 2A (Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities).

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would undertake the necessary preparations for the servicing of one session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean in 1990 in New York and of the Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo from 2 to 13 July 1990. With regard to the Conference, invitations would be issued in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 (c) above and reports and documentation would be transmitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 (d) above.

4. In preparing for the Conference, the Secretary-General would appoint as secretary-general of the Conference a senior member of the Secretariat and provide adequate support to that official in carrying out the tasks involved. Steps would be initiated to conclude a host country agreement with the Government of Sri Lanka. In addition, and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 37/14 B, a Conference Management Committee would be established at the secretariat level under the chairmanship of the secretary-general of the Conference, with representation from all departments and offices involved in the preparation and organization of the Conference. Consultations would also be undertaken, as appropriate, with other organizations of the United Nations system.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1990-1991

5. As indicated in section B above, section 2A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 includes provision for support for the work of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Conference. Consequently, no modification would be required were the General Assembly to adopt the draft resolution.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, it is assumed that the Ad Hoc Committee would hold one session of two weeks' duration during April 1990. The meeting would require the provision of interpretation in the six languages of the General Assembly; translation of pre-session documentation of 25 pages (5 documents); in-session documentation of 50 pages (5 documents) and post-session documentation of 25 pages (5 documents), to be issued in the six languages of the General Assembly. In addition, under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/177 D of 5 December 1986 as well as the provisions of paragraph 1 (h) above, the Ad Hoc Committee is entitled to summary records in the six languages of the General Assembly.

7. The related full cost of provision of conference servicing for the two-week session in New York is estimated at \$433,500, as follows:

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I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u> (25 pages, 5 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	26 100
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u> (Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	80 100
III. <u>In-session documentation</u> (50 pages, 5 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	48 200
IV. <u>Post-session documentation</u> (25 pages, 5 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	26 100
V. <u>Summary records</u> (20 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S)	<u>253 000</u>
Total	<u>433 500</u>

8. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, it is further assumed that the Conference on the Indian Ocean would be convened at Colombo from 2 to 13 July 1990 with pre-conference consultations being held from 28 to 29 June 1990, in accordance with paragraph 12 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/10 C of 3 November 1980 concerning guidelines on arrangements for special conferences. In this connection, it is the understanding of the Secretary-General that, as host Government, the Government of Sri Lanka would defray the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved in meeting at Colombo rather than New York, consistent with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985. Under paragraph 1 (c) above, the Conference would be provided with summary records. Under the provisions of paragraphs 6 and 8 of General Assembly resolution 37/14 C of 16 November 1982, summary records are not normally provided to special conferences and their preparatory organs unless the General

Assembly gives explicit approval for an exception to this general rule. For the purpose of this statement it is, therefore, assumed that the Assembly would grant such an explicit exception.

9. The Conference would require the provision of interpretation in the six languages of the General Assembly; translation of pre-session documentation of 200 pages (5 documents); in-session documentation of 125 pages (15 documents); post-session documentation of 150 pages (2 documents) and summary records, to be issued in the six languages of the General Assembly.

10. The related full cost of provision of conference servicing for the Conference, were it held in New York, is estimated at \$805,700, as follows:

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I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u> (200 pages, 5 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	190 800
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u> (Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	97 900
III. <u>In-session documentation</u> (125 pages, 15 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	121 700
IV. <u>Post-session documentation</u> (150 pages, 2 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	142 300
V. <u>Summary records</u> (20 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S)	<u>253 000</u>
Total	<u><u>805 700</u></u>

11. As indicated in section B above, provision for substantive support of the Conference is made under section 2A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. Consequently, no additional requirements are anticipated in this respect.

F. Potential for absorption

12. As regards the estimated conference-servicing costs in New York of the two meetings called for in the draft resolution and outlined in paragraphs 7 and 10 above, these estimates totalling \$1,239,200 are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 29 of the proposed programme budget, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can only be determined in the light of the proposed calendar of conferences for 1990-1991. As indicated in

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paragraph 29.5 of the proposed programme budget, however, the level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings in 1990-1991 was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings which are programmed, but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation, but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1990-1991 is consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 29 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 as a result of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.33.

13. As regards estimated additional costs relating to convening the Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo, it is the understanding of the Secretary-General that these costs will be met by the Government of Sri Lanka as host Government, consistent with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 40/243.

G. Summary

14. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.33, no additional appropriations would be required under sections 2A, 3, 28D or 29 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

15. Should the Conference on the Indian Ocean be convened at Colombo, it is the understanding of the Secretary-General that the host Government would defray the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved in meeting at Colombo rather than New York, consistent with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 40/243.

16. Provision of summary records to the Conference would require an explicit decision by the General Assembly to grant an exception to the provision of its resolution 37/14 C.

Notes

1/ Resolution 2832 (XXVI).

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1), amended by *ibid.*, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/43/6) and modified by *ibid.*, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/43/16), para. 112 (c).

3/ *Ibid.*, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. I.
