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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

Programme budget implications of revised draft resolution
A/C.3/44/L.36/Rev.2

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 revised draft resolution

1. By operative paragraph 3 of revised draft resolution A/C.3/44/L.36/Rev.2, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC), to co-ordinate the development of a United Nations system-wide action plan on drug abuse control aimed at the full implementation of all existing mandates and subsequent decisions of intergovernmental bodies throughout the United Nations system, using as a guide the Declaration and the recommendations of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in its Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline for Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control. 1/ By the same paragraph, the Assembly would request ACC to present the action plan to all Member States no later than 31 March 1990, in order to permit discussion by the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1990.

2. By operative paragraph 4, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to select a limited number of experts from Member States to advise and assist him for a maximum period of one year in full co-operation with United Nations officials, in order to enhance the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control, taking into account the ability of the United Nations to perform its increasing tasks in the light of existing mandates and of decisions adopted by the Assembly at its special session and to report to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

B. Relationship of the requests to the proposed programme of work

3. The activities that would be called for under the draft resolution fall under chapter 7, International drug control, of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, as extended through 1991. 2/

4. The activities are relevant to the three units included under section 20 (International drug control) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991: Division of Narcotic Drugs; International Narcotics Control Board; and United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control. 3/

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

5. In connection with the requests contained in operative paragraph 3 of the revised draft resolution regarding the development, by ACC, of a system-wide action plan, it may be recalled that, at its spring session, ACC held a full debate on the subject of co-ordination of the United Nations activities in the field of drug control and proposed the preparation of a system-wide programme to meet the requirements of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline adopted at the International Conference held at Vienna in 1988. Subsequently, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) and ACC, at their twenty-fourth series of joint meetings held in New York on 17 and 18 October 1989, considered the question of drug abuse control and concluded that the appropriate intergovernmental bodies should consider a system-wide medium-term plan of action proposed by ACC which would aim at the full implementation of all existing mandates and subsequent decisions which might be taken by relevant intergovernmental bodies. It is assumed that the report requested in the draft resolution and the plan of action recommended by the joint CPC/ACC meetings could be considered as complementary. It is also expected that the plan of action could be finalized by the date requested, i.e., 31 March 1990.

6. In connection with the request in operative paragraph 4 that the Secretary-General select a limited number of experts, subject to further elaboration and guidance which the Assembly may wish to provide, it would be the Secretary-General's intention to select 10 experts. Considering, on the one hand, that account is to be taken of the decisions that may be adopted at the special session and, on the other, that a report is to be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session, it would be the intention of the Secretary-General to convene 10 experts for two sessions at Vienna for a total of three weeks between March and August 1990. Pending the selection of the experts, it is assumed that interpretation facilities would be required in all the official languages of the United Nations.

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

7. In connection with the new activities which revised draft resolution A/C.3/44/L.36/Rev.2 would request, it is proposed to add two new outputs to section 20, programme A, policy-making organs, as follows:

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- (i) Report to the Economic and Social Council on the development of a United Nations system-wide action plan on drug abuse control (second quarter, 1990);
- (ii) Report to the General Assembly on review of efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control (fourth quarter, 1990).

E. Additional requirements at full cost

8. The full cost of requirements to undertake the activities contained in section C above would be as follows:

	1990
	\$
(a) <u>Conference-servicing costs</u> (see annex for breakdown)	
Two sessions for a total of three weeks	423 000
(b) <u>Other costs</u>	
Travel and subsistence of 10 experts for two sessions of three weeks total	74 400

F. Potential for absorption

Conference-servicing costs

9. The proposed meetings of the expert group have not yet been included in the draft calendar of conferences. However, the estimates of conference-servicing costs indicated in paragraph 8 above 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, Conference and library services, 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 be determined only in the light of the proposed calendar of conferences for 1990-1991. However, as indicated in paragraph 29.5 of the proposed programme budget, the 1990-1991 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only for meetings known at the time of the budget preparations but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1990-1991 was 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 revised draft resolution A/C.3/44/L.36/Rev.2.

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G. Additional resource requirements

10. Should the General Assembly adopt the revised draft resolution, it is estimated that additional resource requirements of \$74,400, relating to the costs of travel and subsistence of the 10 experts, would have to be met from section 20 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

11. On the other hand, should Member States express their intention to make voluntary contributions available for meeting the costs identified in paragraph 10 above, it would be the intention of the Secretary-General to accept the contributions in order to defray the related costs.

H. Contingency fund

12. In the absence of any explicit intentions to make available voluntary contributions, the procedures in effect starting with the biennium 1990-1991 concerning the contingency fund would be followed. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and in effect starting with the biennium 1990-1991, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of projected activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the Assembly towards the end of the current session.

13. In the event that the additional appropriations, in the amount of \$74,400, that would be required in connection with the assistance of experts called for in operative paragraph 4 of the revised draft resolution could not be financed from the contingency fund, it would be the intention of the Secretary-General, to defer to the biennium 1992-1993 two of the seven expert group meetings envisaged in paragraph 20.18 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 in connection with the programme of work of the Division of Narcotic Drugs.

Notes

1/ Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18).

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1); Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/39/6 and Corr.1); and Ibid., Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/43/6).

3/ Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. II, sect. 20, B, C and D.

Annex

ESTIMATED CONFERENCE-SERVICING COSTS OF THE EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS
 REQUESTED IN DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/44/L.36/Rev.2

	Session I (1990)	Session II (1990)
	\$	\$
I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u> (25 pages, 5 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S) (25 pages, 10 documents)	33 700	35 500
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u> (Interpretation, 10 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S) (Interpretation, 20 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S)	62 500	124 900
III. <u>In-session documentation</u> (25 pages, 10 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 300	34 300
IV. <u>Post-session documentation</u> (30 pages, 5 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S) (32 pages, 1 document)	40 100	41 200
V. <u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>	8 500	11 000
Total	176 100	246 900