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Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/44/L.29

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. By operative paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.3/44/L.29, the General Assembly would endorse the proposal made by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 1/ to convene a working group to meet for three to five days prior to the ninth session of the Committee to prepare issues and questions relating to the second and subsequent periodic reports of the States parties to be considered at the ninth session of the Committee, and would invite the Secretary-General to take the necessary action.

B. Relationship of request to proposed programme of work

2. The programme of work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women is included under section 8, "Activities on global social development issues", the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 2/ and its meeting schedule is found in the report of the Committee on Conferences. 3/

3. Provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 1990-1991 (under sect. 8, paras. 8.12 and 8.15) for resources for travel and subsistence for the 23 members of the Committee (\$253,800) and for 6 staff, including one human rights officer from Geneva (\$27,000).

4. However, no provision has been made for additional daily subsistence allowance for the five members of the working group and for three staff members who would assist in the servicing of the group's meetings.

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

5. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/44/L.29, the ninth session of the Committee, which is scheduled to be held for 10 days from 22 January to 2 February 1990 in New York, would have a pre-sessional working group consisting of five members which would meet for up to five working days. The pre-sessional working group would require the payment of additional daily subsistence allowance to each of the five members of the group, as well as additional daily subsistence allowance for the three staff members who would service the meetings.

6. In addition, the conference-servicing requirements for the working group would entail interpretation in all six languages, but no sessional documentation would be required beyond what is already planned for the meeting of the Committee.

D. Additional requirements at full cost

7. The amount required for the one-time requirement for additional daily subsistence allowance for a maximum of five days for the five members of the working group and for the three staff members from the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs would amount to \$14,200.

E. Potential for absorption

8. As mentioned in paragraph 4 above, no provision has been made for the daily subsistence allowance of the five members of the working group and three staff members required to service the meetings. However, it is expected that the additional requirements (\$14,200) could be met from the provisions of \$280,800 included in the proposed programme budget in respect of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

9. As regards conference-servicing costs, since only interpretation would be required it is assumed that the requirements could be met from the resources proposed for the biennium 1990-1991 under section 29, "Conference and library services", of the proposed programme budget.

10. In conclusion, therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, no additional appropriations would be required.

Notes

1/ A/44/38 (to be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/44/38), chap. II.B.2.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 32 (A/44/32), annex III and Corr.1 and 2.
