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SPECIAL SESSION

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ISRAELI NUCLEAR ARMAMENT

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions
A/C.1/34/L.12/Rev.1, A/C.1/34/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.1/34/L.20/Rev.1,
A/C.1/34/L.21, A/C.1/34/L.30, A/C.1/34/L.34, A/C.1/34/L.36,
A.C.1/34/L.39 Rev.1 and A/C.1/34/L.40

Sixteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative
and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee has considered the statements submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.5/34/58 to A/C.5/34/65 and A/C.5/34/69), on the administrative and financial implications of nine draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee under agenda items 35, 41, 42, 45 and 121.

2. The Secretary-General estimates the substantive requirements related to these draft resolutions at \$926,900 under section 2B. He estimates the related conference-servicing costs, on a full-cost basis, at \$3,778,500 (\$2,629,400 in 1980 and \$1,149,100 in 1981). With respect to conference-servicing costs for 1980, the Secretary-General will review actual requirements; his conclusions will be reflected in the consolidated statement to be submitted towards the end of the current session of the General Assembly.

3. The following table summarizes the estimates as contained in the Secretary-General's statements:

Document	Draft resolution	Section 2B	Section 29		Total
		Estimates (excluding conference-servicing costs)	Conference-servicing costs (on a full-cost basis)		
			1980	1981	
(United States dollars)					
A/C.5/34/58	A/C.1/34/L.21	146,900	295,300	-	295,300
A/C.5/34/59	A/C.1/34/L.36	-	1,390,000	802,000	2,192,000
A/C.5/34/60	A/C.1/34/L.20/Rev.1	88,000	63,800	156,400	220,200
A/C.5/34/61	A/C.1/34/L.19/Rev.1	45,600	665,300	-	665,300
A/C.5/34/62	A/C.1/34/L.40	51,000	-	-	-
A/C.5/34/63	A/C.1/34/L.34	258,500	-	-	-
A/C.5/34/64	A/C.1/34/L.12/Rev.1	160,000	25,500	76,400	101,900
A/C.5/34/65	A/C.1/34/L.39/Rev.1	36,000	75,200	-	75,200
A/C.5/34/69	A/C.1/34/L.30	140,900	114,300	114,300	228,600
		<u>926,900</u>	<u>2,629,400</u>	<u>1,149,100</u>	<u>3,778,500</u>

4. In its consideration of the statements by the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee bore in mind the resources already requested for the Centre for Disarmament in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981. ^{1/} In this connexion, the Committee recalls its own observations on the estimates for the Centre for 1980-1981. ^{2/} The Committee also bore in mind that the Secretary-General will have the necessary flexibility, within the over-all resources which will be appropriated for the Centre for Disarmament, to meet requirements related to the adoption of the nine draft resolutions listed in the table above.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/34/6), paras. 2.35-2.50.

^{2/} Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/34/7), paras. 2.14-2.17.

A. Document A/C.5/34/58Monitoring of disarmament agreements and strengthening of international security (draft resolution A/C.1/34/L.21)

5. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General is requested to carry out, with the assistance of the existing Group of Governmental Experts, an in-depth study on the technical, legal and financial implications of establishing an international satellite monitoring agency; the study is to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament no later than June 1981. The Secretary-General estimates the related substantive requirements under section 2B at \$146,900 (A/C.5/34/58, para. 4) comprising \$88,000 for travel and subsistence of the experts, \$46,700 for two consultants and \$12,200 for travel and subsistence of two officers from the substantive department. As the Advisory Committee stated in paragraph 2.15 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981, 3/ the estimate of \$849,400 for ad hoc expert groups related to the Centre for Disarmament included provision for travel of staff. A detailed breakdown of the latter request which was provided to the Committee showed that travel requirements related to the programme of work of the Group of Governmental Experts are already included in the programme budget proposals. Accordingly, the estimate related to draft resolution A/C.1/34/L.21 should be reduced by \$12,200, to \$134,700.

B. Document A/C.5/34/59Committee on Disarmament (draft resolution A/C.1/34/L.36)

6. The estimates in document A/C.5/34/59, totalling \$2,192,000, relate wholly to conference-servicing costs on a full-cost basis (see para. 2 and the table following para. 3 above). They are attributed by the Secretary-General to two factors:

(a) Provision of Arabic and Chinese language services to the Committee on Disarmament, costed at \$350,000 per language for each year, i.e., \$1,400,000 for the biennium;

(b) Annexing, pursuant to rule XIII of the rules of procedure of the Committee on Disarmament, 4/ of verbatim records, working papers and other relevant documents to the Committee's report to the General Assembly, costed at \$690,000 in 1980 (including \$588,000 for annexing the records for 1979) and \$102,000 in 1981, i.e., \$792,000 for the biennium (A/C.5/34/59, paras. 7 and 9).

7. With respect to the latter factor, the Advisory Committee recalls that the General Assembly, in paragraph 3 of resolution 33/56, section I, reaffirmed its previous decisions, including those in resolutions 2292 (XXII) and 2836 (XXVI),

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/34/7).

4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 27 (A/34/27), appendix I.

inter alia, that the reports of its subsidiary bodies should not include as annexes material such as verbatim or summary records, working papers or extracts therefrom or any texts already available in easily accessible documents. A resolution by the General Assembly takes precedence over the rules of procedure of a subsidiary body, in this instance the Committee on Disarmament. In the circumstances, the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/34/L.36 should be confined to \$1.4 million, on a full-cost basis.

C. Document A/C.5/34/60

Confidence-building measures (draft resolution A/C.1/34/L.20/Rev.1)

8. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General is requested to carry out, with the assistance of a group of governmental experts, a comprehensive study on confidence-building measures. The Secretary-General is requested to submit a progress report on the work of the group and the study itself to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions respectively. In order to implement the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes that the group of governmental experts hold four meetings (two in 1980 and two in 1981) and that one consultant be hired for a total of three months (A/C.5/34/60, para. 3). The Committee understands that the first and fourth meetings would be for one week each and the second and the third for two weeks each. The Secretary-General estimates the related costs at \$308,200 (\$88,000 under section 2B and \$220,200 under section 29). The estimate of \$88,000 under section 2B comprises \$70,000 for travel and subsistence of experts, \$16,500 for consultants and \$1,500 for travel of staff.

9. The Advisory Committee notes that the arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General maximize the travel expenses of the experts. The Committee recommends that the Secretary-General endeavour to make more economical arrangements, for example, by reducing the number and/or duration of the meetings. On this basis, the Committee recommends that the related estimate be reduced by \$10,000.

10. The estimate for consultancy services, \$16,500, covers the fees, travel and subsistence of one consultant at the P-5 level for a total of three months to co-ordinate the work of the experts. Upon inquiry the Committee was informed that an officer at the P-5 level from the Centre will be deployed to serve as secretary to the group of experts. Since that officer will also be engaged in co-ordinating the work of the group, the Committee recommends that the consultancy services be limited to one month; the consequential reduction in the estimate would amount to \$11,000 (i.e., from \$16,500 to \$5,500).

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D. Document A/C.5/34/61

United Nations Conference on Prohibitions or Restrictions of Use of
Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively
Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (draft resolution
A/C.1/34/L.19/Rev.1)

11. Under operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would endorse the recommendations of the Conference to hold another session at Geneva for a period of up to four weeks, starting on 15 September 1980, with a view to completing negotiations in conformity with General Assembly resolutions 32/152 and 33/70. The substantive requirements are estimated at \$45,600, consisting of \$33,000 for travel and subsistence of the substantive secretariat and \$12,600 for the participation of representatives of national liberation movements (A/C.5/34/61, para. 4). The Advisory Committee concurs with the estimate. The related conference-servicing costs are estimated at \$665,300 (A/C.5/34/61, para. 3 and annex).

E. Document A/C.5/34/62

Study on a comprehensive nuclear test ban (draft decision A/C.1/34/L.40)

12. Under the terms of the draft decision, the Secretary-General is requested to prepare a study on a comprehensive nuclear test ban, to be submitted to the Committee on Disarmament in the spring of 1980. For that purpose the Secretary-General proposes to engage four consultant experts for a period of two months at a cost of \$51,000. Inasmuch as the part relating to the Centre in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 already includes provision for a study on various aspects of nuclear weapons to be submitted in 1980, 5/ the Committee is not convinced that all the additional consultancy services requested will be needed. Accordingly the Committee recommends that the estimate be reduced by \$25,000, i.e., to \$26,000.

F. Document A/C.5/34/63

Study on the relationship between disarmament and development
(draft resolution A/C.1/34/L.34)

13. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General is requested to take appropriate action to provide the resources and expertise necessary for the successful completion of the study on the relationship between disarmament and development. The group of experts on the subject are expected to complete their final report by September 1981. To that end, the Secretary-General requests a total of \$258,500 for three research assistants at the P-4 level and one General

5/ Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (A/34/6), para. 2.39 (c) (iii).

Service Secretary for 20 months each (A/C.5/34/63, paras. 4-6). Since the part relating to the Centre in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 already provides for the continuation of the study on the relationship between disarmament and development, ^{6/} the Committee is of the view that the request for general temporary assistance is over-estimated. The Committee recommends that the estimate be reduced by the equivalent of one P-4 post for 20 months (\$76,900) and of one General Service post for 10 months (\$13,900), i.e., by \$90,800.

G. Document A/C.5/34/64

Israeli nuclear armament (draft resolution A/C.1/34/L.12/Rev.1)

14. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General is requested, with the assistance of experts, to prepare a study on Israeli nuclear armament to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session. A progress report on the work of the group of experts is to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session. In order to implement the draft resolution, the Secretary-General requests \$160,000 for fees, travel and subsistence of five consultants for six months each (A/C.5/34/64, para. 3). The Advisory Committee recommends that the estimate be approved.

H. Document A/C.5/34/65

Nuclear capability of South Africa (draft resolution
A C.1/34/L.30/Rev.1)

15. In operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution the Secretary-General is requested, with the assistance of experts, to prepare a comprehensive report on South Africa's plan and capability in the nuclear field, and to submit the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session. For that purpose the Secretary-General proposes to hold two meetings in 1980 of six experts and to hire a consultant at the D-1 level for two months to co-ordinate the work of the experts. The additional resources requested amount to \$36,000 (\$25,600 for travel and subsistence of the experts and \$10,400 for the consultant's fee). The Committee concurs with the estimate.

I. Document A/C.5/34/69

Study of the institutional arrangements relating to the process
of disarmament (draft resolution A/C.1/34/L.30)

16. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General is requested, with the assistance of qualified governmental experts, to carry out a comprehensive

^{6/} Ibid., para. 2.39 (c) (i).

study assessing present institutional requirements and future estimated needs in the United Nations management of disarmament affairs and outlining possible functions, structure and institutional framework that could meet those requirements and needs, including legal and financial implications, and formulating recommendations for possible later decisions on the matter. The final report is to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

17. In order to implement the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes to invite 20 governmental experts to participate in four separate meetings of a total duration of six weeks (one week for the first and the last meetings and two weeks for the second and the third meetings.) The cost of travel and subsistence (at the D-1 level) is estimated at \$140,900. For the reason indicated in paragraph 9 above, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Secretary-General review the proposed schedule so as to achieve economies in the number and/or duration of the meetings. On this basis, it recommends that the related estimate be reduced by \$20,000.

Recapitulation

18. The Advisory Committee's recommendations in paragraphs 5, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 17 above would reduce the Secretary-General's estimates of \$926,900 under section 2B by \$169,000, i.e., to \$757,900. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolutions A/C.1/34/L.12/Rev.1, A/C.1/34/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.1/34/L.20/Rev.1, A/C.1/34/L.21, A/C.1/34/L.30, A/C.1/34/L.34, A/C.1/34/L.36, A/C.1/34/L.39/Rev.1, and A/C.1/34/L.40 recommended by the First Committee, additional requirements of \$757,900 would arise under section 2B of the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981, as follows:

Section 2B

<u>Draft resolution</u>	<u>Estimate recommended by the Advisory Committee</u> (United States dollars)
A/C.1/34/L.21	134,700
A/C.1/34/L.36	-
A/C.1/34/L.20/Rev.1	67,000
A/C.1/34/L.19/Rev.1	45,600
A/C.1/34/L.40	26,000
A/C.1/34/L.34	167,700
A/C.1/34/L.12/Rev.1	160,000
A/C.1/34/L.39/Rev.1	36,000
A/C.1/34/L.30	120,900
Total	<u>757,900</u>

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19. The Fifth Committee may also wish to inform the General Assembly that the conference-servicing costs related to the above draft resolutions would be reflected in the consolidated statements of conference-servicing costs to be submitted to the General Assembly at its current session and also at its thirty-fifth session. In the light of the Advisory Committee's observations in paragraphs 6 and 7 above, the conference-servicing costs related to the draft resolutions listed in paragraph 18 above, which the Secretary-General will take into account in preparing the consolidated statement for 1980, would amount to \$1,939,400 on a full-cost basis.
