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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

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/C.1/34/L.19/Rev.1

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

1. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.19 of 12 November 1979 the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note of the report of the 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 on its session in Geneva from 10 to 28 September 1979;

(b) Endorse the recommendations of the United Nations Conference to hold another session at Geneva for a period of up to four weeks, starting on 15 September 1980 with a view to its completing negotiations in conformity with General Assembly resolutions 32/152 and 33/70;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to provide necessary assistance to the United Nations Conference.

Conference services

2. The cost of providing conference services to this Conference is estimated at \$665,300. These estimates are based on the following assumptions:

(i) The Conference will be held in Geneva in 1980 and will last four weeks;

- (ii) Pre-session documentation (10 pages) and post-session documentation (100 pages) would be translated into all working languages, typed, reproduced and distributed at Headquarters;
- (iii) Interpretation would be provided for in all working languages during the first one-and-a-half weeks for four meetings daily and thereafter for six meetings;
- (iv) Summary records would be required for the plenary and the Committee of the Whole, which are not likely to meet simultaneously;
- (v) In-session documentation (100 pages) would be prepared in Geneva.

3. Detailed calculations of cost are contained in the annex to this report. The estimates are calculated on a full-cost basis. The extent to which these expenditures could be absorbed within resources available for conference services can only be determined in the context of the total conference servicing requirements for 1980.

#### Travel and subsistence

4. The holding of the Conference in Geneva would also require the sending from Headquarters to Geneva of a substantive secretariat which would include a representative of the Secretary-General, the Executive Secretary of the Conference, five political affairs officers at P-4/P-3 level and two legal affairs officers at the D-1 and P-4 level for 28 days. The relevant travel cost would amount to \$33,000.

5. Participation in the Conference of representatives of four national liberation movements would require an amount of \$12,600.

6. In summary, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution submitted in document A/C.1/34/L.19/Rev.1, additional expenditures of \$710,900 would be incurred, of which \$665,300 relates to conference servicing and \$45,600 to travel and subsistence.

ANNEX

COST OF CONFERENCE SERVICING

I. Services to be provided in Geneva

	<u>number of staff</u>	<u>number of days</u>	<u>rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Interpretation:</u>				<u>\$280 160</u>
Salaries (a) Four meetings daily for one-and-a-half weeks	40	10	206 82 400	
(b) Six meetings daily for two-and-a-half weeks	60	16	206 197 760	
<u>Meeting Services:</u>				<u>33 316</u>
(a) Conference officers	2	10	77 1 540	
Meeting-room attendants	8	10	45 3 600	
Technicians	6	10	45 2 700	
Messengers	2	10	45 900	
Cleaners	8	10	24 1 920	
(b) Conference officers	3	16	77 3 696	
Meeting-room attendants	10	16	45 7 200	
Technicians	9	16	45 6 480	
Messengers	2	16	45 1 440	
Cleaners	10	16	24 3 840	
<u>Documentation:</u>				<u>43 876</u>
<u>In-session</u>				
Salaries: Translation		140	171 23 940	
Revision		49	190 9 310	
Typing		154	69 10 626	
<u>Summary Records:</u>				<u>225 960</u>
Salaries: Translation		728	171 124 488	
Revision		168	190 31 920	
Typing		1 008	69 69 552	
Reference clerks		56	77	<u>4 312</u>
<u>Reproduction:</u> Documentation		56	45	<u>2 520</u>
Summary records		329	45	<u>14 805</u>
<u>Distribution</u>		161	45	<u>7 245</u>
TOTAL				<u>612 194</u>

2. Cost of providing pre- and post-session documentation,  
 to be prepared at Headquarters

	<u>No. of staff</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>No. of days</u>	<u>Cost \$</u>
<u>Pre-session documentation</u>				
(10 pages, 6 languages)				
Translators	5	163	3	2 445
Revisers	5	174	1	870
Typists - non-local	5	48	3	720
Typists - local	<u>1</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>90</u>
Total				4 125
<u>Post-session documentation</u>				
Translators	15	163	11	26 895
Revisers	5	174	7	6 090
Typists - non-local	15	48	11	7 920
Typists - local	<u>2</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>660</u>
Total				41 565
<u>Reproduction and distribution</u>				<u>7 422</u>
Total				<u>53 112</u>
Grand total		(rounded)		665 300

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