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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE
INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions A
and B recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee (A/34/29, para. 21)

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

1. The report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean (A/34/29) submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/68 contains, inter alia, the recommendations to the General Assembly on the adoption of two draft resolutions A and B on the implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace.

2. Under the terms of the draft resolutions the General Assembly, inter alia, would:

Renew the general mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee;

Decide to convene a conference on the Indian Ocean during 1981 at Colombo, Sri Lanka;

Request the Ad Hoc Committee to undertake the preparatory work for the convening of the Conference and to hold its preparatory sessions at United Nations Headquarters in New York and at least two such sessions, including the final one, in Mauritius;

Request the Secretary-General to make the necessary provision for the Conference, including the essential background information, relevant documentation and summary records, and to render all necessary assistance to the expanded Ad Hoc Committee, including the provision of summary records and interpretation in the languages of the General Assembly, as required.

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3. In compliance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 31/140, calculations of the costs of the Conference and the required preparatory meetings are made on the basis that such meetings will be held at the location of the substantive secretariat, namely, Headquarters, New York. Consequently, any additional costs arising from the holding of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean undertaking preparatory work for the Conference and the Conference on the Indian Ocean itself away from Headquarters will be borne by the host country under the provisions of the same resolution.

Conference servicing

4. The assumptions under which the Secretary-General would provide services to the Ad Hoc Committee and the Conference are indicated below.

(a) Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean

- (1) The Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean would hold three sessions during 1980 and two in 1981.
- (2) The duration would be one week for the first session, two weeks for the second session, three weeks for the third session and two weeks each for the fourth and fifth sessions.
- (3) Interpretation would be provided in six languages for two meetings daily.
- (4) Documentation for the combined sessions would be 350 pages for pre-session, 375 pages for in-session and 275 pages for post-session documentation in 1980, and 400, 350 and 225 pages respectively in 1981.

(b) United Nations Conference on the Indian Ocean

- (1) The Conference would meet for four weeks in 1981.
- (2) Four meetings per day for the first 1 1/2 weeks and six meetings per day for the remainder of the Conference, with interpretation in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).
- (3) Documentation would be provided in six languages for pre-session (200 pages), in-session (350 pages) and post-session (150 pages) documentation.

5. While the draft resolutions call for the provision of summary records, the attention of the First Committee is drawn to the decision of the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee 1/ at its 76th meeting on 23 November 1979. At this meeting, the General Assembly decided, for an experimental period of one year, to dispense with the provision of summary records to its subsidiary organs. Consequently, no summary records will be provided to

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the Ad Hoc Committee during 1980. The provision of summary records to the Ad Hoc Committee and the Conference in 1981 will depend on decisions to be taken after the experimental period.

6. Accordingly, the costs of conference servicing will be as follows:

	<u>Preparatory sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean</u>			<u>Conference on the Indian Ocean</u>	
	<u>1980 (Three sessions)</u>	<u>1981 (Two sessions)</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Interpretation	177,200	118,200	295,400	313,100	608,500
2. Translation, revision and typing	381,800	370,800	752,600	259,100	1,011,700
3. Reproduction and distribution	39,500	38,500	78,000	27,600	105,600
4. Travel and other costs	180,700	100,100	280,800	118,600	399,400
5. General Services (sound engineering, security and general operating expenses)	30,000	20,000	50,000	55,500	105,000
Total	809,200	647,600	1,456,800	773,900	2,230,700
Inflation	-	38,800	38,800	46,400	85,200
Total Conference Services	809,200	686,400	1,495,600	820,300	2,315,900

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Public information

7. To publicize the Conference on the Indian Ocean and the meetings of the preparatory committee, the Department of Public Information would require additional staff as follows:

- One P-4 for 4 weeks;
- One P-3 for 12 weeks;
- One G-5 for 4 weeks;
- One G-4/1 for 4 weeks.

The cost of this staff is estimated in an amount of \$12,100. The publication and distribution of booklets in the official languages would also require an additional appropriation amounting to \$15,000.

Department of Political and Security Council Affairs

8. Temporary assistance at the P-4 level would be required for a period of six months each in 1980 and 1981 to assist in the preparatory work for the Conference. The associated salary cost is estimated at \$40,500.

9. In summary, the adoption of the draft resolutions A and B contained in document A/34/29 would involve expenditures in an amount of \$2,383,500.
