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Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.2/34/L.18

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

1. In paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/34/L.18 an open-ended Preparatory Committee for the Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy would be established and would meet for two sessions in 1980, using the working languages of the General Assembly.
2. It is understood that the first session would be organizational, lasting not more than five days, while the second, two-week session would be substantive, receiving the reports of the technical panels on their first round of meetings and making recommendations, inter alia, on the duration of the Conference, specific dates, invitations and draft agenda for the Conference and the work programme of the Preparatory Committee for 1981. It is estimated that the full cost of holding these two sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy in 1980 will be \$392,400.
3. The conference servicing requirements presented in the previous paragraph were calculated on a full cost basis which assumes no capacity for absorption on the part of the Department of Conference Services. These estimates will be reviewed in the context of a consolidated statement on total conference servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.
4. It will be necessary also to make provision for the travel of one representative from each of the five regional commissions to participate in these sessions, at a total cost of \$20,610.

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5. In paragraph 11 of the draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.18, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General and the organs, organizations and bodies within the United Nations system to provide all necessary assistance, in particular technical assistance, to developing countries, at their request, in the preparations for the Conference at the national, subregional, regional, interregional and global levels. Based on experience in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development which had a similar requirement for assistance at the national level, a total of 180 work-months of technical advisory services will need to be made available in order to respond to the likely requests from Member States in this connexion. The estimated cost of these services, including travel, is \$1,348,000.

6. The estimated total requirement arising from the draft resolution would be as follows:

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$
Travel of regional commission staff	20,610	-	20,610
Technical advisory services	1,036,000	312,000	1,348,000
Full conference servicing cost of the two Preparatory Committee sessions	392,000	-	392,000
	<u>1,448,610</u>	<u>312,000</u>	<u>1,760,610</u>
