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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

FOLLOW-UP TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAR DEL PLATA
ACTION PLAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/34/L.93

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

1. In paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/34/L.93, the General Assembly would decide to hold a special one-day meeting, during its thirty-fifth session, to launch formally the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, 1981-1990, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/31.
2. In operative paragraph 3 of that resolution 1979/31, the Council requests the Secretary-General to receive and process national reports, in time for them to be issued before the meeting. The Council further recommends, in operative paragraph 4, that donors of bilateral assistance and organizations providing multilateral assistance present, in time for the special meeting, reports giving their plans and possibilities to support countries in the implementation of the goals of the Decade. In operative paragraph 6, the Council recommends that the regional commissions present regional reviews of preparatory activities.
3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution in document A/C.2/34/L.93, administrative and financial implications in the amount of \$227,100 would arise in respect of conference servicing costs relating to translation, reproduction and distribution of pre-session documentation (370 pages in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and 1,250 pages of national reports in the language of submission only). This estimate is based on the following assumptions:

- (a) That the one-day meeting would be part of the regular schedule of meetings

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of the General Assembly during its thirty-fifth session and thus that no separate conference servicing arrangements would be required;

(b) That travel costs to New York of representatives attending the special meeting would be borne by their respective Governments;

(c) That each of the national reports would be received from Governments in one of the six official languages of the General Assembly for distribution by the United Nations without the need for translation;

(d) That all other documentation would be in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.
