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Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.2/34/L.122

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

1. The Committee already has before it a statement of financial implications in document A/C.2/34/L.105 which was prepared in respect of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/34/L.79 and Corr.1. This statement is also applicable to the draft resolution in document A/C.2/34/L.122 subject to the following amendments and remarks.
2. Part II of the new draft resolution is more specific with regard to the periodicity of proposed meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee. However, a number of imponderables remain and accordingly paragraphs 2 through 6 of the statement of financial implications would still apply.
3. Part III of the draft resolution in A/C.2/34/L.122 remains essentially unchanged from that in A/C.2/34/L.79, with the exception of the proposal that the grade of head of the new entity would be at the level of Assistant Secretary-General instead of Under-Secretary-General. Thus the figure of \$84,000 shown in paragraph 10 under part (a) should be replaced by \$76,300, and then consequently the total of \$136,300 would be replaced by \$128,600. Similarly the grand total shown after (b) would read as \$375,900 instead of \$383,600. Paragraphs 11, 12 and 13 of the statement would stand without amendment.
4. Part V of the new draft resolution requests the Secretary-General to prepare a study. It is expected that it will be possible to absorb the costs associated with this study within existing resources.

5. Part VI of the new draft resolution contains in paragraph 8 (b) proposals for a group of experts which was earlier made in paragraph 5 of part V of the draft resolution in document A/C.2/34/L.79/Corr.1. The costs estimated in paragraphs 15 and 16 of the financial implications statement remain as shown. The conference servicing costs referred to in paragraph 17 of the administrative and financial implications statement would amount to \$381,700. Paragraph 8 (e) of the new draft would request that the Secretary-General call a pledging conference and also provide the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme with the necessary resources for initial preparatory activities. This latter requirement has been covered in document A/34/587/Add.2 and paragraph 18 of the financial implications statement. The conference servicing costs in respect of the proposed pledging conference are estimated at \$48,600.

6. In summary the total figure shown in paragraph 19 of the financial implications statement in document A/C.2/34/L.105 should be amended to read as \$2,006,500 instead of \$2,014,200. As noted in paragraph 19 this figure excludes conference servicing costs.
