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Preparation for the special session of the General Assembly in 1980

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/34/L.102

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

1. In operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/34/L.102, the General Assembly would decide to hold a special session on the implementation of the new international economic order at a high political level for two weeks at a suitable time between mid-August and mid-September 1980.

2. The total conference servicing costs of the special session of the General Assembly are estimated on a full-cost basis at \$827,100, on the basis of the following assumptions:

(a) the special session would be held in New York from 25 August to 5 September 1980 and would consist of plenary meetings and meetings of two working groups and an ad hoc committee;

(b) plenary meetings would be held twice daily throughout the duration, while each of the working groups would hold three meetings daily during the period of 26 August through 2 September. The ad hoc committee would hold a total of three to five meetings during the session;

(c) interpretation would be provided in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) to all the meetings;

(d) verbatim records would be provided to plenary meetings and summary records to meetings of the ad hoc committee;

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(e) documentation requirements for the special session as a whole are estimated as follows: 200 pages for pre-session, 150 pages for in-session and 50 pages for post-session documentation.

3. In paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the Committee of the Whole, in addition to making preparations for the global negotiations, should consider matters relating to the adequate preparation of the special session. At this stage, it is assumed that the meetings of the Committee of the Whole Established under General Assembly resolution 32/174, in its role as preparatory committee for the special session, could be accommodated in the calendar of conferences in 1980. Should this not be the case in the light of decisions to be taken by the Second Committee in the next few days regarding the preparatory activities relating to the special session, any additional conference servicing requirements would be indicated to the Fifth Committee in the context of its consideration of the calendar of conferences towards the end of the current session.

4. In paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would be requested to accord the highest priority to the special session and provide the necessary facilities and resources to all activities relating to it.

5. In paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would be requested to prepare the final version of the analytical report called for in General Assembly resolution 33/198, taking into account, inter alia, the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly adopted during its thirty-fourth session. It should be noted in this connexion that the draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.2/34/L.20, A/34/L.20, A/34/L.19, A/34/L.18, A/34/L.16 and A/C.2/34/L.34 request the Secretary-General to include in this analytical report a review of developments, including the implementation of the relevant resolutions, in a number of areas, including:

- (a) economic co-operation among developing countries;
- (b) the situation of the most seriously affected countries;
- (c) the situation of the developing island countries;
- (d) the situation of the land-locked countries;
- (e) the situation of the least developed countries; and
- (f) technical co-operation among developing countries.

6. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/198, the task of preparing the analytical report referred to above has been entrusted by the Secretary-General to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation. The above-mentioned requests involve a very considerable expansion in the scope of the analytical report and a corresponding increase in the staff time required for its preparation. Nevertheless, the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation will endeavour to meet these requests with the resources currently available to it.

7. In paragraph 9 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to extend all possible assistance to the meetings of the Group of 77, especially to its meetings at the ministerial level which may be held in the context of preparing for the special session of the General Assembly. On the basis of consultations held in this regard, it is anticipated that such meetings would be held twice for about one week each in 1980 (March and August). On the basis of the assumption that the meetings would be held at Headquarters and that the Secretariat would be required to provide interpretation in Arabic, English, French and Spanish, it is estimated that \$71,000 would be spent on a full-cost basis.

8. It is to be noted in this connexion that the representative of India in his capacity as Chairman of the Group of 77 had requested that this cost for interpretation services be absorbed as much as possible within existing resources, in the context of the work of the Committee of the Whole and the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly. However, since it would not be possible, at this stage, to make a determination on that point, this estimated cost of \$71,000 and the estimated conference servicing cost of \$827,100 indicated in paragraph 2 above, or a total amount of \$898,100, will be considered in the consolidated statement to be submitted shortly to the General Assembly, through which net additional resources for conference servicing would be requested in the light of the 1980 calendar of conferences as finally approved by the General Assembly.
