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Women refugees

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.52

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

- 1. Under paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.52, the General Assembly would request the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees to prepare a report for the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women at its third session as well as for the World Conference, which would: (a) review the situation of women refugees the world over, and (b) make recommendations concerning measures which could be undertaken by Member States, the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to assist women refugees, taking into account the requirements of the regions concerned.
- 2. For the purpose of estimating the financial implications of the draft resolution the following assumptions have been made:
- (a) The High Commissioner in preparing the report would avail himself of the services of consultants.
- (b) The consultants would prepare the report on the basis of information provided by the regional and field offices of the High Commissioner and on the basis of the results of field visits to be undertaken to the areas affected by flow of refugees with the specific purpose of reviewing the situation of women refugees.
- (c) Professional and secretarial assistance would be necessary during the preparation of the report.

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- (d) The High Commissioner or a representative of his would present the report to the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference at its third session as well as to the World Conference.
- 3. The costs connected with the preparation of the study would be partially borne by the regular budget of the United Nations and partially by the voluntary funds of the Office of the High Commissioner.
- 4. The estimated costs to be borne by the regular budget are the following:

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Temporary assistance at the General Service level for three months	5,400
Consultancy services (total of six work months) plus two trips to Asia and Latin America	28,300
Travel of the High Commissioner to the third session of the Preparatory Committee and to the World	
Conference	3,200
Total	36,900

- 5. The voluntary funds would provide for additional Professional and secretarial assistance for the preparation of the study (1 P-3 and 1 GS for three months), for the travel of consultants to Africa and the Middle East, and for contractual services to obtain photo documentation.
- 6. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.52, an additional appropriation of \$36,900 would be required under section 21 (Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees) of the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981.