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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS OF
USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE
EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.1/34/L.19/Rev.1

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

1. The First Committee, at its 38th meeting held on 21 November 1979, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.19/Rev.1. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.1/34/L.41).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/34/L.19/Rev.1 the General Assembly would:
 - (a) Take note of the report of the United Nations Conference on Prohibitions or Restrictions of Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed To Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects on its session in Geneva from 10 to 28 September 1979;
 - (b) Endorse the recommendations of the United Nations Conference to hold another session at Geneva for a period of up to four weeks, starting on 15 September 1980 with a view to its completing negotiations in conformity with General Assembly resolutions 32/152 and 33/70;
 - (c) Request the Secretary-General to provide necessary assistance to the United Nations Conference.
3. The cost of providing conference services to this Conference is estimated at \$665,300. These estimates are based on the following assumptions:

- (i) The Conference will be held in Geneva in 1980 and will last four weeks;
- (ii) Pre-session documentation (10 pages) and post-session documentation (100 pages) would be translated into all working languages, typed, reproduced and distributed at Headquarters;
- (iii) Interpretation would be provided for in all working languages during the first one-and-a-half weeks for four meetings daily and thereafter for six meetings;
- (iv) Summary records would be required for the plenary and the Committee of the Whole, which are not likely to meet simultaneously;
- (v) In-session documentation (100 pages) would be prepared in Geneva.

Detailed calculations of conference servicing costs are contained in the annex to this report.

4. The holding of the Conference in Geneva would also require the sending from Headquarters to Geneva of a substantive secretariat which would include a representative of the Secretary-General, the Executive Secretary of the Conference, five political affairs officers at P-4/P-3 level and two legal affairs officers at the D-1 and P-4 level for 28 days. The relevant travel cost would amount to \$33,000.

5. Participation in the Conference of representatives of four national liberation movements would require an amount of \$12,600.

6. The estimated costs indicated in paragraph 3 above are based on full cost, at current rates. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, when the definitive pattern of conferences for 1980 is considered, it will be indicated in the consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements to be submitted at that time to what extent the costs in respect of conference servicing dealt with in this document can be absorbed within existing resources. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in A/C.1/34/L.19/Rev.1, additional appropriations will be required under section 2B for travel and subsistence in the total amount of \$45,600.

ANNEX

COST OF CONFERENCE SERVICING

I. Services to be provided in Geneva

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Interpretation:</u>				<u>\$280 160</u>
Salaries (a) Four meetings daily for one-and-a-half weeks	40	10	206	82 400
(b) Six meetings daily for two-and-a-half weeks	60	16	206	197 760
<u>Meeting Services:</u>				<u>33 316</u>
(a) Conference officers	2	10	77	1 540
Meeting-room attendants	8	10	45	3 600
Technicians	6	10	45	2 700
Messengers	2	10	45	900
Cleaners	8	10	24	1 920
(b) Conference officers	3	16	77	3 696
Meeting-room attendants	10	16	45	7 200
Technicians	9	16	45	6 480
Messengers	2	16	45	1 440
Cleaners	10	16	24	3 840
<u>Documentation:</u>				<u>43 876</u>
<u>In-session</u>				
Salaries: Translation		140	171	23 940
Revision		49	190	9 310
Typing		154	69	10 626
<u>Summary records:</u>				<u>225 960</u>
Salaries: Translation		728	171	124 488
Revision		168	190	31 920
Typing		1 008	69	69 552
Reference clerks		56	77	<u>4 312</u>

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Reproduction:</u> Documentation	56	45		2 520
Summary records	329	45		<u>14 805</u>
<u>Distribution</u>	161	45		<u>7 245</u>
TOTAL				<u>612 194</u>

2. Cost of providing pre- and post-session documentation,
 to be prepared at Headquarters

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Cost \$</u>
<u>Pre-session documentation</u>				
(10 pages, six languages)				
Translators	5	163	3	2 445
Revisers	5	174	1	870
Typists - non-local	5	48	3	720
Typists - local	1	30	3	90
Total	—	—	—	<u>4 125</u>
<u>Post-session documentation</u>				
Translators	15	163	11	26 895
Revisers	5	174	7	6 090
Typists - non-local	15	48	11	7 920
Typists - local	2	30	11	660
Total	—	—	—	<u>41 565</u>
<u>Reproduction and distribution</u>				<u>7 422</u>
Total				<u>53 112</u>
Grand total			(rounded)	<u>665 300</u>