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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD 1986-1987

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

International Conference on the Relationship
between Disarmament and Development

Programme budget implications of the draft decision contained
in document A/C.1/41/L.78

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

A. Requests contained in the draft decision

1. At its 45th meeting, on 14 November 1986, the First Committee adopted without a vote the draft decision contained in document A/C.1/41/L.78. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.1/41/L.80.
2. Under the terms of the draft decision contained in document A/C.1/41/L.78, the First Committee, on the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development 1/ and in conformity with General Assembly decision 40/473 of 20 June 1986, recommends that the Assembly should decide to hold the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 24 August to 11 September 1987 and to convene the Preparatory Committee for one more session from 21 April to 1 May 1987.
3. It will be recalled that, in accordance with General Assembly decision 40/473, the Conference was postponed until 1987.

B. Relationship of proposed requests to approved programme of work

4. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt the recommendation contained in document **A/C.1/41/L.78**, the activities referred to above would fall under chapter 1, Political and Security Council Affairs, programme 2, Activities of the Department **for Disarmament** Affairs, of **the medium-term** plan for the period 1984-1989, and section **2B**, Disarmament Affairs activities, **subprogramme 1**, Deliberation and **negotiation**, **programme** element 1.9, Relationship between disarmament and development, of the approved programme budget for **1986-1987**.

C. Activities by which the proposed requests should be implemented

5. Should the General Assembly decide to follow the recommendation of the First Committee contained in document **A/C.1/41/L.78**, the Secretary-General, in order to implement that decision, would provide substantive and conference services in **respect** of one additional session of **the** Preparatory Committee and the International Conference. It is envisaged that conference-servicing would **be** required with respect to the following:

(a) One two-week session of **the** Preparatory Committee (**10** working days), with one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon, including interpretation and documentation in the six official **languages** of the General Assembly;

(b) A three-week International Conference for all **Member States** in 1987 with two meetings in the morning and two in the afternoon, **including** interpretation and documentation in the six official languages of the General Assembly.

6. The Department for Disarmament Affairs would continue to serve as the secretariat for the Preparatory Committee and for the International Conference. The Department would also continue to assist the Secretary-General of the Conference in carrying out the task provided for in paragraphs 19 to 21 of the **report** of the Preparatory Committee. **2/** In that connection, the activities already carried out in 1986 include the substantive servicing of **three** sessions of the Preparatory Committee, **preparing** 15 technical papers, the **convening** and substantive servicing of a panel of eminent personalities in the field of disarmament and **development** and issuing the Panel's Joint Declaration as a United Nations publication.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1986-1987

7. **The** activities of the proposal involving the permanent staff of the Department for Disarmament Affairs fall under programme element 1.9 of subprogramme 1 of section **2B** of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. No modifications to that programme element are required.

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E. Additional requirements at full cost

8. The conference-servicing requirements at full cost (see annex for breakdown) arising from the session of the Preparatory Committee and the Conference are as follows:

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(a) Two-week session of the Preparatory Committee	341 600
(b) Three-week session of the Conference	758 500

F. Potential for absorption

9. No programme element under any subprogramme within section 28, Department for Disarmament Affairs, of the approved programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 is proposed for curtailment, postponement or termination to implement the draft decision.

G. Request for additional appropriation

10. Following the adoption of General Assembly resolution 40/155 on the relationship between disarmament and development, an appropriation of \$231,300 was approved under section 2B of the 1986-1987 budget for the financing, inter alia, of the activities referred to in paragraph 6 above. No additional appropriation under section 2B would be required. Conference-servicing requirements related to the convening of the International Conference in New York in 1986 were considered in the context of the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements for 1986 and reflected under section 29 of the 1986-1987 budget. Every attempt would be made to accommodate the conference-servicing requirements of the Conference in 1987 from within permanent resources. Therefore, only the conference-servicing requirements related to the additional session of the Preparatory Committee in New York would have to be considered at this stage. The related estimates of conference-servicing costs of \$341,600 are provided on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be made available from existing resources. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, a consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements will be submitted, through which net additional resources will be requested in the light of the calendar of conferences for the year 1987 as finally approved by the General Assembly.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 51 (A/41/51), paras. 31-33.

2/ Ibid., Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 51 (A/40/51).

Annex

ESTIMATED COST OF **CONFERENCE-SERVICING THE ADDITIONAL SESSION**
OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
(Draft decision **A/C.1/41/L.78**)

	1987 session of the Preparatory Committee (New York, 2 weeks) <u>\$</u>	1987 Conference (New York, 3 weeks) <u>\$</u>
I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u>		
(50 pages, 5 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S)	58 100	
(150 pages, 10 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S)		172 100
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u>		
(Interpretation, A,C,E,F,R,S)	88 800	266 300
III. <u>In-session documentat ion</u>		
(100 pages, 2 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S)	114 100	
(200 pages, 15 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S)		226 300
IV. <u>Post-session documentat ion</u>		
(50 pages, 2 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S)	56 800	58 100
(50 pages, 5 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S)		
V. <u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>	23 800,	<u>35 700</u>
Total	<u>341 600</u>	<u>758 500</u>
