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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/45/L.39

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

1. At its 38th meeting, held on 16 November 1990, the First Committee adopted by a recorded vote draft resolution A/C.1/45/L.39. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.1/45/L.58.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of section A, operative paragraph 9, of draft resolution A/C.1/45/L.39, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance that the Organization of African Unity (OAU) might seek regarding the convening, at Addis Ababa during 1991, of a meeting of experts to examine the modalities and elements for the preparation and implementation of a convention or treaty on the denuclearization of Africa.

B. Relationship of request to approved programme of work

3. The above request is related to chapter 1, Political and Security Council affairs activities, programme 2, Activities of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, of the current medium-term plan as revised 1/ and section 2B, Disarmament

affairs activities, subprogramme 1, Deliberation and negotiation, programme element 1.5, Follow-up and implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and other legislative bodies, in the approved programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. 2/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the assistance to be provided by the Secretary-General would consist in engaging eight experts who would hold a five-day meeting at Addis Ababa. The meeting would inter alia allow for an exchange of views with government representatives and members of OAU, with a view to exploring and developing modalities for the implementation of a treaty on the denuclearization of Africa. The Department for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, would provide appropriate substantive support services to those experts.

5. After consultation with OAU, it is the understanding of the Secretary-General that OAU would provide all conference-servicing facilities as well as other support services.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1990-1991

6. The activities called for by the draft resolution would fall under programme element 1.5 of subprogramme 1 of section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. Accordingly, no modifications to that programme element would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

7. The requirements to undertake the activities described in paragraph 3 above are estimated as follows:

	<u>1991</u>
	\$
(a) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for eight experts	28 800
(b) Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 1 staff member from the Department for Disarmament Affairs	<u>3 800</u>
Total	<u>32 600</u>

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F. Potential for absorption

8. It is estimated that of the additional requirements outlined in section E above, those relating to travel and subsistence for one staff member of the Department for Disarmament Affairs could be absorbed from within the appropriation approved under section 2B of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

G. Indication of additional requirements

9. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/45/L.39, it is estimated that additional requirements of \$28,800 would arise under section 2B of the approved programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, with respect to section A of that resolution.

H. Contingency fund

10. No provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 to undertake the activities enumerated in section C above, for which it is estimated that an amount of \$28,800 would be required.

11. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of projected activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the Assembly towards the end of the current session.

12. A review of the 1990-1991 work programme of the Department for Disarmament Affairs indicates that the resources attached to those programme elements which had been designated as of the lowest priority in the 1990-1991 programme budget, mostly in the area of the Training and Advisory Services Programme, are extremely modest. Termination of these elements would not release sufficient resources to cover the cost of implementing the draft resolution. Furthermore, the review of the medium-term plan for 1992-1997 ^{3/} points to high priority being given to assistance to developing countries on disarmament issues, which includes the Training and Advisory Services Programme. Accordingly, no activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 2B of the programme budget for 1990-1991 in order to implement the request contained in section A, operative paragraph 9, of draft resolution A/C.1/45/L.39. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs required from the contingency fund, the activities described in paragraph 4 above would have to be postponed, as provided for in the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund adopted by the Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

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I. Conclusion

13. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/45/L.39, an additional appropriation of \$28,800 would be required under section 2B, Disarmament affairs activities of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1); *ibid.*, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/39/6 and Corr. 1); and *ibid.*, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/43/6).

2/ *Ibid.*, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

3/ A/45/6.
