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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Revised programme budget of the United Nations Industrial
Development Organization for 1981

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions A
and B contained in document A/C.2/35/L.118, as orally revised

Twenty-first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative
and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the revised estimates under section 17 (United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)) of the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 contained in a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/35/44 and Corr.1), and the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/35/66) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions A and B contained in document A/C.2/35/L.118, as orally revised, which were adopted by the Second Committee at its 46th meeting on 20 November 1980 (see A/35/592/Add.3, para. 40, draft resolutions III A and B).

A. Revised programme budget of UNIDO for 1981

2. In his note (A/C.5/35/44 and Corr.1), the Secretary-General submits revised estimates amounting to \$396,300 under section 17 (UNIDO) and \$78,100 under section 31 (Staff assessment). He states that the latter amount will be offset by an equivalent increase under income section 1. The Secretary-General relates his request to the decisions of the Third General Conference of UNIDO and to subsequent decisions of the Industrial Development Board.

3. In paragraph 7 of his note, the Secretary-General states that "in view of the constraints on the United Nations budget, all activities envisaged in the approved programme budget for 1980-1981 have been reviewed in order to determine which of

them might be discontinued or postponed because they carry a significantly lower priority than the proposed new activities, thereby freeing resources for redeployment". The Advisory Committee welcomes this approach.

4. In paragraph 53, the Secretary-General states that implementation of the revised work programme of UNIDO for 1981 will require 16 new posts (including 9 at the Professional level) as shown in the following table:

Programme area	Established posts		Total	Justification contained in A/C.5/35/44 and Corr.1
	Salaries	Common staff costs		
(Thousands of US dollars)				
Energy-related industrial technology (2 P-4, 2 G/S)	71.2	22.0	93.2	Paras. 8-10 and 13
Special measures for the least developed countries (1 P-4, 1 G/S)	35.6	11.0	46.6	Paras. 15-18 and 24
System of continuing consultations on the equitable distribution of world industry (1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 G/S)	64.4	20.0	84.4	Paras. 20-22 and 25
Development and transfer of technology (1 P-5, 1 P-3, 1 G/S)	60.2	18.7	78.9	Paras. 29-32 and 37
Institution building and training operations (2 P-4, 2 G/S)	71.2	22.0	93.2	Paras. 39, 40 and 46
Total (2 P-5, 6 P-4, 1 P-3, 7 G/S)	302.6	93.7	396.3	

The Secretary-General states in paragraph 54 that the estimates reflect a turnover deduction of 50 per cent for Professional posts and 35 per cent for General Service posts.

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5. A P-5 post has been requested for the system of continuing consultations on the equitable distribution of world industry to "provide team leadership for one of the groups into which the activities relating to sectoral consultations are organized, in view of the expanding workload" (A/C.5/35/44 and Corr.1, para. 25). The representatives of the Secretary-General informed the Advisory Committee that the P-5 post was for the metallurgy group and that staff resources currently assigned to that group comprised two posts at the Professional level (one P-4 and one P-3) and one General Service post. The Committee notes that no information has been provided in the Secretary-General's note on the extent of the increase in the number of consultation meetings to be held during 1980-1981 in this area. In the circumstances, the Committee is not convinced that the request for the P-5 post has been adequately justified and it therefore recommends approval of one P-4 and one General Service post. The Committee recommends approval of all the posts requested for the areas of energy-related industrial technology, special measures for the least developed countries, development and transfer of technology, and institution building and training operations (see table following para. 4 above).

6. The recommendation of the Advisory Committee in the preceding paragraph entails a reduction of \$37,800 in the Secretary-General's revised estimates for section 17 of the programme budget for 1980-1981, i.e., from \$396,300 to \$358,500. There would also be need for an appropriation of \$70,800 (instead of \$78,100 as requested by the Secretary-General) under section 31 (Staff assessment), to be offset by an increase in the same amount in the estimates of income under income section 1.

B. Administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions A and B contained in document A/C.2/35/L.118, as orally revised

7. The Secretary-General states in paragraph 3 of his statement (A/C.5/35/66) that the requirements for the implementation of draft resolution A have already been included in the revised programme budget of UNIDO for 1981 contained in his note in document A/C.5/35/44 and Corr.1 (see paras. 2 to 6 above).

8. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 and 3 of draft resolution B, the General Assembly would proclaim the 1980s as the Industrial Development Decade for Africa and support the establishment of a co-ordination unit/group within UNIDO for the Decade. In paragraphs 5 and 6 of his statement (A/C.5/35/66), the Secretary-General requests additional appropriations in the amount of \$78,900 for two Professional posts (one P-5 and one P-3) and one General Service post to form the nucleus of the co-ordination unit, and \$15,000 for the travel of the staff of the unit. The Secretary-General describes the proposed functions of the new posts in paragraph 5 of his statement (see also A/C.5/35/44 and Corr.1, para. 12).

9. The Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Secretary-General's request.

10. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee should inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolutions A and B contained in document A/C.2/35/L.118, as orally revised, and recommended by the

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Second Committee in its report (A/35/592/Add.3, para. 40, draft resolutions III A and B), there would be need for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$93,900 under section 17 (UNIDO) of the programme budget for 1980-1981. In addition, an amount of \$15,000 for staff assessment would have to be appropriated under section 31, to be offset by an equivalent amount of income under income section 1.
