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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1989-1990

Standards of accommodation for air travelReport of the Secretary-General

1. The present report covers travel undertaken during the period from 1 July 1988 to 30 June 1989. For this period, standards of accommodation for air travel were governed by General Assembly resolution 42/214 of 21 December 1987, which stipulated that all individuals, with the exception of the Secretary-General and the heads of delegations of the least developed countries to the regular and special sessions of the Assembly, whose travel was financed by United Nations organizations and programmes and who had previously been entitled to first-class accommodation, would be required to travel at the class immediately below first class. The resolution also stipulated that the Secretary-General was authorized to exercise his discretion in making exceptions to allow first-class travel on a case-by-case basis.

2. Bearing in mind the request contained in General Assembly decision 40/455 of 18 December 1985, which called for reporting on all expenditures by the United Nations for first-class travel, such expenditures are presented in three categories, in respect of (a) the travel of one member of each delegation attending sessions of the Assembly (least developed countries only); (b) the travel of one member of each delegation attending meetings of the Assembly at Geneva (least developed countries only); and (c) exceptions authorized by the Secretary-General.

3. Table 1 below sets out the expenditures arising from payment of travel expenses in respect of representatives of Member States within the limits authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 1798 (XVI) of 11 December 1962, as amended by resolutions 2245 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2489 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968 and 42/214.

Table 1. First-class travel to sessions of the General Assembly

(1 July 1988-30 June 1989)

	<u>No. of journeys</u>	<u>Total cost of travel</u> \$
(a) Delegation travel: Forty-third session of the General Assembly	32 a/	116 034
(b) Delegation travel: Plenary meetings of the forty-third session held at Geneva	36 a/	130 673
Total	68	246 707

a/ Includes only journeys of delegations whose claims have been submitted to date.

4. In respect of all exceptions made to the rules on standards of accommodation for air travel applicable to the specific period, the report provides detailed information on resultant additional costs of, and reason for, such exceptions. The report demonstrates for the first time over the entire reporting period the effect on limiting first-class travel under the provisions adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

5. During the period 1 July 1988 to 30 June 1989, the Secretary-General exercised his discretion in authorizing first-class travel as an exception in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 42/214 in 58 cases.

6. The details of the above-mentioned exceptions, presented in chronological order within category, are set out in tables 2 to 6 below. 1/

Table 2. First-class travel for medical conditions on the recommendation of the Medical Service and in cases of advanced age

(1 July 1988-30 June 1989)

<u>Designation of traveller</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Additional cost</u> \$
Committee member, Committee on Contributions	Lahore/New York/Lahore	1 212
Committee member, Committee on Contributions	Lahore/New York/Lahore	1 400

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Table 2 (continued)

<u>Designation of traveller</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Additional cost</u> \$
Chairman, Investments Committee	Chandigarh/Paris/Chandigarh	297
Chairman, Investments Committee	Chandigarh/New York/Chandigarh	1 862
Staff member, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Bangkok/Geneva	663
Attending physician with staff member, UNHCR a/	Bangkok/Geneva	663
Staff member, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Nairobi/Cairo/Brussels/ Paris/Nairobi	600
Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	New York/Quito/New York	608
Executive Director, UNFPA	.../Amman/Tunis/...	137
President, United Nations Administrative Tribunal	Delhi/New York/Delhi	1 900
Chairman, Investments Committee	Chandigarh/New York/Chandigarh	1 862
Chairman, Investments Committee	Chandigarh/Tokyo/Chandigarh	1 544
Staff member, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	New York/Barbados/New York	436
Total		13 184

a/ Not a staff member.

Table 3. First-class travel for immediate aides/security
officers accompanying the Secretary-General
during his official travel

(1 July 1988-30 June 1989)

<u>Designation of traveller</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Additional cost</u> \$
Immediate aides/security officers	12 journeys	15 836

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Table 4. Cases when it was determined that no lower-class seat was available and it was either not feasible to await a later flight owing to the exigencies of the service or it being cheaper to authorize the upgrading in relation to the related cost of additional subsistence allowance

(1 July 1988-30 June 1989)

<u>Designation of traveller</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Additional cost</u> \$
Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)	Amman/Baghdad	41
Assistant Secretary-General, UNEP	.../Cairo/Nairobi	300
Staff member, Internal Audit Division	.../Jakarta/Singapore/Manila/...	147
Participant in consultations a/	Luanda/Paris/...	284
Chairman, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)	Moscow/Frankfurt/...	207
Staff member, Offices of the Secretary-General	Paris/New York/...	1 119
Staff member, UNDP	Cairo/Doha/...	275
Staff member, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS)	.../Bombay/Nairobi	177
Staff member, UNHCR	Geneva/Paris/Maputo/...	725
Staff member, UNHCR	Geneva/Paris/Maputo/...	725
Staff member, Department of Technical Co-operation for Development	.../Dakar/Riyadh/...	272
Staff member, UNDP	.../Paris/Sana'a/...	500
Under-Secretary-General, Office for Special Political Affairs	.../Amman/Cairo/Addis Ababa/Luanda/...	268

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Table 4 (continued)

<u>Designation of traveller</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Additional cost</u> \$
Staff member, Office for Special Political Affairs	.../Amman/Cairo/Addis Ababa/Luanda/...	268
Staff member, United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (UNCTC)	Beijing/Frankfurt	1 103
Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	Geneva/Luanda/...	447
Member, International Narcotics Control Board (INCR)	Beijing/New York	<u>637</u>
Total		<u>7 495</u>

a/ Not a staff member.

Table 5. Eminent persons who provided major participation free of charge in conferences, meetings and special missions or entertainers who donated their services free of charge to the Organization, with loss of personal income

(1 July 1988-30 June 1989)

<u>Designation of traveller</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Additional cost</u> \$
Former President of the Federal Republic of Germany	Hamburg/Paris/New York/London/...	1 994
Eminent artist, Goodwill Ambassador, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Geneva/Nairobi/Geneva	1 480
Eminent artist, Goodwill Ambassador, UNICEF	.../Bangkok/Tokyo	153
Eminent personality, UNDP	Amman/Cairo/Amman	37

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Table 5 (continued)

Designation of traveller	Itinerary	Additional cost \$
Former Prime Minister of Australia	Melbourne/Geneva/Melbourne	1 356
Former Prime Minister of Australia	Melbourne/Geneva/Melbourne	1 356
Former Prime Minister of Australia	Melbourne/Washington/New York/ Melbourne	2 612
Former Prime Minister of Australia	Melbourne/Delhi/London/Paris/ London/Brussels/London/Rome/ Cairo/Lagos/London/Melbourne	<u>3 318</u>
Total		<u>12 306</u>

Table 6. Cases in which individuals had to face long trips involving consecutive overnight flights without one night of rest in between, or left the office directly to travel overnight and went directly to work upon arrival the next day

(1 July 1988-30 June 1989)

Designation of traveller	Itinerary	Additional cost \$
Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	New York/Paris/...	853
Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	New York/Paris/...	952
Under-Secretary-General Department of Disarmament Affairs	New York/Lima/New York	924
Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	New York/Addis Ababa/New York	1 510

Table 6 (continued)

<u>Designation of traveller</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Additional cost</u> \$
Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	New York/Santiago/New York	1 492
Executive Director UNICEF	.../Paris/Jeddah...Addis Ababa/Nairobi...Harare/Lusaka/...	452
Executive Director UNICEF	.../London/Nairobi...Khartoum/Amsterdam/New York	1 787
Executive Director UNICEF	.../Cairo/Khartoum...Nairobi/London	1 085
Total		9 055

7. In addition, the Secretary General authorized business class as an exception during the period 1 July 1988 to 30 June 1989 in the following cases:

Table 7. Medical condition on the recommendation of the Medical Service

(1 July 1988-30 June 1989)

<u>Designation of traveller</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Additional cost</u> \$
Staff member, United Nations Office at Geneva	.../Geneva/New York	728

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Table 8. Cases when it was determined that no lower-class seat was available and it was either not feasible to await a later flight owing to the exigencies of the service or cheaper to authorize the upgrading in relation to the related cost of additional subsistence allowance

(1 July 1988-30 June 1989)

<u>Designation of traveller</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Additional cost</u> \$
Staff member, UNCHS	Nairobi/Paris/Nairobi	90
Staff member, UNHCR	Geneva/New York/...	127
Staff member, UNHCR	Geneva/New York/...	127
Staff member, UNHCR	Geneva/New York/...	127
Staff member, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	.../Panama/Santiago	269
Staff member, Office of General Services	New York/Geneva/...	244
Chairman, Advisory Committee for the Co-ordination of Information Systems of Administrative Committee on Co-ordination	Geneva/New York/...	97
Consultant, UNCTAD a/	...New Delhi/Bangkok/...	26
Executive Secretary, International Civil Service Commission (ICSC)	Montreal/New York	26
Staff member, ICSC	Montreal/New York	26
Staff member, ICSC	Montreal/New York	26
Total		1 185

a/ Not a staff member.

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Table 9. Eminent persons who provided major participation free of charge in conferences, meetings and special missions or entertainers who donated their services free of charge to the Organization, with loss of personal income

(1 July 1988-30 June 1989)

<u>Designation of traveller</u>	<u>Itinerary</u>	<u>Additional cost</u> \$
Eminent person, participant in meeting	London/Geneva/London	120
Eminent person, participant in meeting	Jacksonville/Geneva/ Jacksonville	712
Eminent person, participant in meeting	Moscow/Geneva/Moscow	214
Eminent person, participant in meeting	New Delhi/Geneva/New Delhi	150
Eminent person, participant in meeting	Bogota/Geneva/Bogota	<u>212</u>
Total		<u>1 408</u>

8. A breakdown by category of all the exceptions granted during the reporting period is provided in table 10 below.

Table 10. Summary of exceptions

(1 June 1988-30 June 1989)

	<u>No. of trips</u>	<u>Cost</u> \$
<u>First class</u>		
Medical grounds	13	13 184
Security officers/immediate aides accompanying the Secretary-General during his official travel	12	15 836
No lower class available	17	7 495

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Table 10 (continued)

	<u>No. of trips</u>	<u>Cost</u> \$
Eminent persons	8	12 306
Consecutive overnight flights	<u>8</u>	<u>9 055</u>
Subtotal	<u>58</u>	<u>57 876</u>
<u>Business class</u>		
Medical grounds	1	728
No lower class available	11	1 185
Eminent persons	<u>5</u>	<u>1 408</u>
Subtotal	<u>17</u>	<u>3 321</u>
Total	<u>75</u>	<u>61 197</u>

9. The total additional outlays made by the Organization as a result of exceptions to the applicable provisions during the period 1 July 1988 to 30 June 1989 was \$61,197.

Notes

1/ The points of ellipsis in a given itinerary indicate that some legs of the itinerary were by the regular standard of accommodation and no exception was involved.
