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### PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions of the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions, 1990

Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/72, which requires action by the General Assembly

#### Report of the Secretary-General

#### I. REVISED ESTIMATES RESULTING FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS FIRST AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS, 1990

1. This part of the report deals with the additional requirements resulting from resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions, 1990. In accordance with paragraph 3 of rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Council was provided, when required, with a statement of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of the resolutions. A summary table of all resolutions for which additional resources are being sought is contained in the annex to the present document.

2. The total estimated additional requirements arising out of resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council amount to \$656,200 for the year 1991, \$560,800 for the biennium 1992-1993 and \$2,240,700 for the biennium 1994-1995, totalling \$3,457,700. Of that total, an amount of \$632,200 relates to activities derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 and must, therefore, be considered in the context of the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund for 1990-1991.

3. The total requirements cover both conference-servicing (\$1,214,100) and other requirements (\$2,243,600) as shown below:

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992-1993</u>	<u>1994-1995</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Conference-servicing costs	24 000	60 300	1 129 800	1 214 100
Other costs	<u>632 200</u>	<u>500 500</u>	<u>1 110 900</u>	<u>2 243 600</u>
Total	<u>656 200</u>	<u>560 800</u>	<u>2 240 700</u>	<u>3 457 700</u>

4. The estimates of conference-servicing requirements referred to in paragraph 3 above were calculated on a full-cost basis. With regard to the year 1991, the cost estimates for the conference-servicing requirements (\$24,000) are based on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 29 (Conference and library services) of the programme budget and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity would need to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1990-1991. However, as indicated in paragraph 29.5 of the proposed programme budget, the 1990-1991 level of resources for temporary assistance for activities was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only activities that were programmed but also additional activities. In other words, provision was made in the programme budget not only for activities known at the time of budget preparation but also for activities that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of activities and conferences in the biennium 1990-1991 was consistent with the pattern of activities in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional cost would be incurred under section 29 of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolutions under consideration. As regards the requirements for the bienniums 1992-1993 (\$60,300) and 1994-1995 (\$1,129,800) respectively, they will be dealt with at the time of the preparation of the proposed programme budgets for those bienniums.

5. The estimates of requirements for items other than conference-servicing costs amount to \$632,200 for the year 1991. These relate to the additional requirements in the current biennium under sections 8, 9 and 13 of the programme budget. This amount is explained and summarized below by resolution and relevant budget section. The manner in which the amounts would be considered within the context of the contingency fund is dealt with in paragraph 18 of the present report.

Resolution 1990/11. Situation of Palestinian womenSection 8. Activities on global social development issues (\$31,000)

6. By paragraphs 5, 8 and 9 of the resolution, the Economic and Social Council decided that the group of experts that monitors and investigates the situation of Palestinian women and children inside and outside the occupied Palestinian territories should continue to do so in 1991 and report on the subject to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-fifth session.

7. The above-mentioned activities would entail additional costs in relation to travel of experts accompanied by three staff members to the site of events in order to receive on-site information, as well as for travel and per diem of witnesses in order that they might give testimony to the mission of experts in accordance with its mandate. The total costs of the activity is estimated at \$40,000, of which the cost of travel of staff and mission operating expenses can be met from the existing appropriation, leaving a balance of \$31,000 as additional requirements.

Resolution 1990/71. Activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational CorporationsSection 9. Transnational corporations (\$361,200)

8. By paragraphs 1 to 3 of section II of its resolution, the Council requested the Centre on Transnational Corporations to conduct research and prepare specific studies highlighting the role of transnational corporations in relation to environment and development, as well as on ways of promoting greater contribution by transnational corporations to preservation of the environment, including examining the feasibility of financial mechanisms that would encourage transnational corporations and other enterprises of a similar nature to contribute to the protection and enhancement of the environment of developing countries, as called for under paragraph 3 of the resolution.

9. The comprehensive and analytical study would be prepared by the Centre and would address the issues of assessment and review the major political, economic and environmental aspects of sustainable development affecting transnational corporations, as called for in General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989.

10. In the context of the preparation of that study, special attention would be placed on reviewing ways to increase the availability of environmentally sound technologies for developing countries and on encouraging and mobilizing transnational corporations and other commercial entities of a similar nature to protect and enhance the global environment while contributing to economic growth and development. To that end, the Centre would undertake a survey of the environmental policies of transnational corporations. Concurrently, the Centre would organize a four-day expert group meeting at Headquarters of senior officials from transnational corporations and representatives of Governments to review specific aspects of contributions by transnational corporations to the activities

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of the 1992 Conference on Environment and Development, as well as to develop channels and arrangements for transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries.

11. Throughout the process of preparation of the study, consultations would be conducted with officials of major transnational corporations, trade associations and related bodies, as well as with Governments, particularly Governments of developing countries, in order to develop policy options for the Commission and to encourage transnational corporations in related actions in the light of the policy recommendations of the Commission. Furthermore, in line with those objectives, a five-day ad hoc expert group meeting with participation of up to 30 experts from transnational corporations, Governments, specialized agencies and other organizations would be organized at Headquarters in order to assess and review various policy issues in that area and formulate recommendations to the Commission at its seventeenth session.

12. The activities called for in paragraph 3 of the resolution would accordingly focus on the following three subjects:

(a) Development during the 1990-1991 biennium of operational principles for transnational corporations in environmental preservation and protection and their subsequent discussion in consultations with representatives of transnational corporations and specialized agencies and at the ad hoc expert group meeting. Furthermore, the criteria for sustainable development prepared by the Centre in 1989 in the context of the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/25 would be distributed to all interested parties;

(b) Preparation during the 1990-1991 biennium of information guides and directories on hazardous technologies and their environmentally safer alternatives;

(c) Further elaboration in consultation with all interested parties of the feasibility of establishing an environment fund to be financed by transnational corporations that would include consultations during the biennium 1990-1991 with representatives of transnational corporations, preparation on the basis of the 1989 findings on the subject of a draft prospectus outlining alternative arrangements for the environment fund, namely venture capital window arrangements, mutual fund window arrangements and voluntary window arrangements, as well as its terms of reference, field of activities and the related disbursement criteria, and undertaking fund raising activities.

The report on progress made during the biennium 1990-1991 on the above three issues would be submitted by the Centre to the Commission at its seventeenth session.

13. The costs of the activities outlined in paragraphs 9 to 12 above would be as follows:

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	<u>Total</u> \$
(a) <u>Comprehensive and analytical study</u>	
(i) Consultant services	33 100
(ii) Travel of staff (consultation missions)	37 500
(iii) Two <u>ad hoc</u> expert group meetings	75 000
(iv) General temporary assistance for secretarial and substantive conference-servicing support	<u>20 000</u>
Subtotal	<u>165 600</u>
(b) <u>Development of operational principles, distribution of the criteria</u>	
(i) Consultant services	5 300
(ii) <u>Ad hoc</u> expert group meeting	25 000
(iii) Travel of staff (consultation missions)	6 500
(iv) External printing and distribution	5 000
(v) General temporary assistance for secretarial and substantive conference-servicing support	<u>6 600</u>
Subtotal	<u>48 400</u>
(c) <u>Information guides and directories on hazardous technologies and their alternatives</u>	
(i) Consultant services, including travel	33 100
(ii) General temporary assistance for secretarial support	<u>16 600</u>
Subtotal	<u>49 700</u>
(d) <u>Feasibility of financial mechanisms (environment fund)</u>	
(i) Consultant services	64 900
(ii) Travel of staff (consultation missions)	12 000
(iii) External printing	6 000
(iv) General temporary assistance	<u>45 100</u>
Subtotal	<u>128 000</u>
Total	<u>391 700</u>

14. The requirements estimated in paragraph 13 above are recapitulated as follows:

	<u>Total</u>
	\$
(a) Consultants	136 400
(b) <u>Ad hoc</u> expert groups	100 000
(c) Travel of staff	56 000
(d) External printing and distribution	11 000
(e) General temporary assistance	<u>88 300</u>
Total	<u>391 700</u>

15. It is estimated that the above costs could be partially met from within existing appropriations approved under section 9 of the 1990-1991 programme budget, namely: the 1991 funds relating to consultants and ad hoc expert groups in the amount of \$19,500 could be utilized for the purpose. Furthermore, the external printing and distribution costs (\$11,000) as estimated above, could be met from within the overall resources programmed under section 9 of the 1990-1991 programme budget for the operational costs of the Centre. The remaining costs totalling \$361,200 represent the additional requirements under section 9 of the 1990-1991 programme budget.

Resolution 1990/75. Final review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, 1986-1990

Section 13. Economic Commission for Africa (\$240,000)

16. By paragraph 4 of its resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to make available to the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) the financial resources required for special multi-sectoral missions to be sent to all States members of the Commission in accordance with paragraph 3 of the resolution, to collect up-to-date information on the implementation of the Programme of Action. The implementation of the resolution would require the dispatching of 10 missions from the Commission's secretariat, composed of three staff members each. Each mission would visit five countries of the region, spending seven days in each country. The estimated cost of these multisectoral missions would amount to \$240,000 for travel and per diem. Owing to the fact that the activity is not programmed in the 1990-1991 programme budget, the cost would represent additional requirements under section 13.

Contingency fund

17. In summary, the requests contained in the three resolutions described above would give rise to additional requirements in the following sections of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991:

Budget section	Temporary assistance	Consultants and <u>ad hoc</u> expert groups	Travel of representatives	Travel of staff	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
8. Activities on global social development issues					
- Situation of Palestinian women	-	-	31 000	-	31 000
9. Transnational corporations					
- Activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations	88 300	216 900	-	56 000	361 200
13. Economic Commission for Africa					
- Final Review and Appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (1986-1990)	-	-	-	240 000	240 000
Total	88 300	216 900	31 000	296 000	632 200

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18. As indicated above, no provision has been approved in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 to undertake the activities enumerated above, for which it is estimated that an amount of \$632,200 is required. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 and in effect starting with the biennium 1990-1991, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the 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. Should such adjustment be impracticable, any additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. In this connection, a consolidated statement of all activities that are eligible for resources from the contingency fund will be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

19. In the event that it would not be possible to accommodate the new activities called for in the above resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council from the contingency fund, the scope of activities programmed under sections 8, 9 and 13 of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, except those of high priority, would have to be modified and some activities deferred to the next biennium in order to offset the additional requirements (\$632,200).

20. In conclusion, subject to the guidelines of the contingency fund, additional appropriations of \$632,200 are requested as follows:

	\$
Section 8	31 000
Section 9	361 200
Section 13	<u>240 000</u>
Total	<u>632 200</u>

## II. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1990/72, WHICH REQUIRES ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21. At its second regular session of 1990, held at Geneva, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1990/72 entitled "Future of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning". In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Council was provided with a statement of programme budget implications (E/1990/84/Add.2) prior to the adoption of the resolution.

22. By paragraph 2 of the resolution, the Council:



"Called upon the General Assembly, as a matter of urgency, to approve the inclusion of four key posts for the Institute in the United Nations regular budget, namely, the Director, the Chief of Administration and Finance and two senior lecturers, in line with the recommendation contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/62 of 26 July 1985, to enable the Institute to carry out its approved work programme and functions on a continued and sustained basis as stipulated in its Statute;"

23. The African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) was established at Dakar by ECA resolution 58 (IV) of 1 March 1962. In accordance with its Statute, the Institute centres around the following types of activities: training, research, advisory and consultancy services, as well as support activities such as the organization of conferences, seminars and workshops.

24. Under its Statute, the Institute is financed by annual contributions from African States and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The contributions of African States were initially established at a fixed level with subsequent revisions of that level. The current annual level of those contributions is established in the amount of \$1.6 million by ECA Conference of Ministers resolution 433 (XVII) of 30 April 1982. This total contribution is assessed among 50 African countries according to a specific formula based on each country's capacity to pay. UNDP's contribution is provided for within the framework of its successive programming cycles. All of the above contributions are utilized for financing the operations of the Institute, including payment of emoluments to its staff. Over the past few years, the contributions from member States have fallen short of their assessed annual levels to such an extent that the Institute has in fact been depending mainly on UNDP support. UNDP is considering the possibility of withdrawing from the financing of the Institute's activities.

25. The posts referred to in resolution 1990/72 are the following:

- (a) Director of the Institute, at the D-1 level;
- (b) Chief of Administration and Finance, at the P-5 level;
- (c) Two senior lecturers, each at the P-4 level.

26. The inclusion of the above four posts in the regular budget would result in additional requirements for 1991 under section 13 of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 in the amount of \$392,200 for salary and common staff costs. Moreover, an amount of \$99,200 would be required for staff assessment under section 31 (Staff assessment), to be offset by an equal amount of income under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

27. No posts can be identified within section 13 of the 1990-1991 programme budget that could be redeployed to the Institute should the General Assembly decide to include the four posts in the regular budget.

28. Therefore, should the General Assembly concur with the Economic and Social Council and approve the inclusion of the above four posts in the regular budget, effective 1 January 1991, an additional appropriation in the amount of \$392,200 would be required under section 13 of the 1990-1991 programme budget, subject to the criteria governing the operation and use of the contingency fund. Moreover, an amount of \$99,200 would be required for staff assessment under section 31 (Staff assessment), to be offset by an equal amount of income under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

29. In the event that it would not be possible to accommodate the costs of these posts from the contingency fund, the posts would not be included in the programme budget.

Annex

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES OF PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF RESOLUTIONS  
ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN 1990

(In United States dollars)

Resolution number	Title	Statement of programme budget implications	Other costs			Conference-servicing costs				
			1991	1992-1993 a/	1994-1995 a/	Total	1991	1992-1993 a/	1994-1995 a/	Total
1990/11	Situation of Palestinian Women	E/1990/25/Add.1	31 000	-	-	31 000	24 000	-	-	24 000
1990/12	World Conference on Women in 1995	E/1990/25/Add.1	-	496 300	1 110 900	1 607 200	-	-	1 129 800	1 129 800
1990/21	Implementation of United Nations Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	E/1990/31	-	4 200	-	4 200	-	60 300	-	60 000
1990/71	Activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations	E/1990/26/Add.1	361 200	-	-	361 200	-	-	-	-
1990/75	Final Review and Appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Deve- lopment, 1986-1990	E/1990/84/Add.4	240 000	-	-	240 000	-	-	-	-
Total			632 200	500 500	1 110 900	2 243 600	24 000	60 300	1 129 800	1 214 100

a/ At 1990 rates.