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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Under agenda item 100, the Fifth Committee considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983. The Committee recommends a gross appropriation of \$ _____ and an estimate for income (other than income derived from staff assessment) of \$ _____. The net expenditure for the biennium 1982-1983 is thus estimated at \$ _____.
2. With regard to the Working Capital Fund, the Committee recommends that the Fund should be increased to the level of \$100 million.
3. The Committee also recommends an estimate of \$ _____ as staff assessment for transfer in the course of the biennium 1982-1983 to the Tax Equalization Fund, from which credits are distributed to Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955.
4. For its examination of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983, the Committee had before it, as basic documents, the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983 submitted by the Secretary-General, 1/ the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983 2/ and the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-first session. 3/ Revised estimates for various appropriation sections were considered on the basis of subsequent reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
5. The general debate on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983 was held at the 8th, 10th and 12th to 19th meetings, on 8 and 12 to 22 October 1981, and is reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/36/SR.8, 10 and 12 to 19).
6. Oral statements were made by the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at the 8th meeting on 8 October 1981 (A/C.5/36/SR.8).
7. The reservations expressed by delegations with respect to certain items of expenditure included in the budget estimates are reflected in the relevant summary records of the Committee.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/36/6 and Corr.1).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/36/7).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 38 (A/36/38).

8. Individual sections of the proposed programme budget were considered in first reading by the Committee during the meetings indicated below:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Meetings</u>
<u>Expenditure sections</u>	
1	19th and 20th
2	20th and 27th
3	20th
4	21st
5A	21st
5B	21st
6	29th and 30th
7	32nd
8	22nd
9	32nd, 46th and 47th
10	28th
11	26th
12	28th
13	33rd, 34th and 35th
14	31st
15	32nd and 37th
16	38th
17	38th
18	25th
19	25th and 26th
20	22nd
21	39th
22	22nd
23	39th
24	41st
25	22nd
26	41st
27	41st and 42nd
28	22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th
29	44th, 45th, 62nd, 64th and 65th
30	22nd
31	65th
32	43rd and 45th
<u>Income sections</u>	
1	65th
2	46th
3	46th

II. FIRST READING OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES

9. The results of the decisions taken by the Committee at the first reading on individual expenditure and income sections were as follows:

Section	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
<u>Expenditure sections</u>		(In thousands of US dollars)		
PART I.	<u>Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination</u>			
	1. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination	33 534.4	84	2
			0	
PART II.	<u>Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities</u>			
	2. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities ..	72 140.9	Approved without a vote	
PART III.	<u>Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization</u>			
	3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization	15 841.1	89	1
			1	
PART IV.	<u>Economic, social and humanitarian activities</u>			
	4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	1 431.6	Approved without a vote	
	5A. Office of the Director- General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	3 019.2	Approved without a vote	
	5B. Centre for Science and Technology for Development	3 658.1	Approved without a vote	

/...

Section	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
<u>Expenditure sections</u>		(In thousands of US dollars)		
6. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	45 310.6	72	1	9
7. Department of Technical Co-operation for Development	15 966.2	Approved without a vote		
8. Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters	3 222.9	Approved without a vote		
9. Transnational corporations	9 073.2	Approved without a vote		
10. Economic Commission for Europe	26 888.4	Approved without a vote		
11. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	31 533.0	Approved without a vote		
12. Economic Commission for Latin America	60 349.3	Approved without a vote		
13. Economic Commission for Africa	35 525.2	Approved without a vote		
14. Economic Commission for Western Asia	16 192.3	90	1	1
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	56 851.0	80	1	18
16. International Trade Centre	9 429.3	Approved without a vote		
17. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	83 103.8	Approved without a vote		

Section	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
<u>Expenditure sections</u>		(In thousands of US dollars)		
18. United Nations Environment Programme	13 029.2	Approved without a vote		
19. United Nations Centre for for Human Settlements (Habitat)	9 705.5	Approved without a vote		
20. International drug control	6 822.0	Approved without a vote		
21. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	30 670.3	Approved without a vote		
22. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator	5 251.3	82	9	2
23. Human rights	10 249.0	Approved without a vote		
24. Regular programme of technical co-operation ...	32 258.5	60	10	5
PART V.	<u>International justice and law</u>			
25. International Court of Justice	9 718.9	Approved without a vote		
26. Legal activities	12 851.2	Approved without a vote		
PART VI.	<u>Public information</u>			
27. Public Information	60 549.9	83	1	18
PART VII.	<u>Common support services</u>			
28. Administration, finance and management	281 002.3	Approved without a vote		
29. Conference and library services	234 448.0	Approved without a vote		

Section	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
<u>Expenditure sections</u>		(In thousands of US dollars)		
PART VIII. <u>Special expenses</u>				
30. United Nations bond issue	17 220.3	73	14	1
PART IX. <u>Staff assessment</u>				
31. Staff assessment	226 900.9	Approved without a vote		
PART X. <u>Capital expenditures</u>				
32. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	17 300.9	Approved without a vote		
<u>Income sections</u>				
1. Income from staff assessment	230 830.6	Approved without a vote		
2. General income	33 820.3	Approved without a vote		
3. Revenue-producing activities	17 968.0	Approved without a vote		

10. The paragraphs which follow under this heading reflect action taken by the Committee on proposals made by delegations under certain sections in the course of first reading with respect to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983 4/ and the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon. 5/

4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (A/36/6 and Corr.1).

5/ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/36/7).

Section 1. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination

11. At the 20th meeting, on 23 October 1981, a separate vote was conducted in respect of section 1A.7 (Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People) and section 1B.3(b) (Special Unit on Palestinian Rights, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs). The Committee approved the inclusion of provisions amounting to \$71,800 under section 1A.7 and \$1,082,600 under section 1B.3(b), by 57 votes to 3, with 16 abstentions. The Committee then approved in first reading an appropriation of \$33,534,400 for section 1 as a whole, by 84 votes to 2.

Section 4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)

12. At the 21st meeting, on 26 October, a separate vote was conducted in respect of the provision, under section 4A.2, of \$87,100 for the cost of travel of representatives to the sessions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination. The Committee approved the inclusion of this amount by 74 votes to 7, with 2 abstentions. The Committee then approved in first reading an appropriation of \$1,431,600 under section 4 as a whole, without a vote.

Section 6. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs

13. At the 29th meeting, on 3 November, the representative of Algeria proposed that the Committee approve the retention of two D-2 posts in the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, as proposed by the Secretary-General in his proposed programme budget 4/, one of which had been recommended for discontinuation by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 6.14 of its report. 5/

14. At its 30th meeting, also on 3 November, the Committee approved the proposal by 63 votes to 14, with 6 abstentions.

15. Also at the 30th meeting, the representative of Sierra Leone proposed that the Committee approve the establishment of a P-5 post, as requested by the Secretary-General in paragraph 6.58 of his estimates. 4/

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted this proposal without objection.

17. The Committee then approved, in first reading, an appropriation of \$45,310,600 under section 6 of the programme budget, by 72 votes to 1, with 9 abstentions.

Section 9. Transnational corporations

18. At the 32nd meeting, on 5 November, the representative of Egypt proposed approval of the reclassification from P-2 to P-3 requested by the Secretary-General in paragraph 9.8 of the proposed programme budget (A/36/6).

19. At the 47th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Egypt withdrew this proposal.

20. At the same meeting the Committee approved in first reading, without a vote, an appropriation of \$9,073,200 under section 9 of the programme budget.

Section 13. Economic Commission for Africa

21. At the 35th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of Egypt proposed that the Committee approve the three reclassifications requested by the Secretary-General in paragraph 13.1 of his proposed programme budget 4/ which the Advisory Committee, in paragraph 13.7 of its report, 5/ had not endorsed.

22. The Committee approved this proposal by 59 votes to 22, with 8 abstentions.

23. At the same meeting, the Committee approved without a vote, in first reading, an appropriation of \$35,525,200 under section 13 of the programme budget.

Section 14. Economic Commission for Western Asia

24. At the 31st meeting, on 4 November, a separate vote was conducted with regard to the provision of \$432,840 for subprogramme 1 (Data collection and analysis) of programme 8 (Population), under section 14 of the proposed programme budget. The Committee, by 87 votes to 2, approved the inclusion of this provision under section 14.

25. At the same meeting the Committee approved, in first reading, by 90 votes to 1, with 1 abstention, an appropriation of \$16,192,300 under section 14 as a whole.

Section 15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

26. At the 37th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee conducted a separate vote on the provision of \$98,200 requested by the Secretary-General in paragraph 15.91 of the budget estimates. The Committee approved inclusion of this provision by 86 votes to 1, with 10 abstentions.

27. At the same meeting, the Committee approved in first reading an appropriation of \$56,851,000 under section 15, by 80 votes to 1, with 18 abstentions.

Section 17. United Nations Industrial Development Organization

28. At the 38th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee conducted a separate vote on the provision of \$18,000 included in the amount requested by the Secretary-General in paragraph 17.11 of the budget estimates.

29. The Committee, by a recorded vote of 76 to 1, with 9 abstentions, approved the inclusion of this amount under section 17 of the programme budget. The result of the vote was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibuti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

30. Also at the 38th meeting, the Committee approved, without a vote, an appropriation in first reading of \$83,103,800 under section 17 of the programme budget.

Section 19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

31. At the 26th meeting, on 29 October 1981, the representative of the United States of America proposed to reduce by \$10,800 the amount requested for "Travel of representatives" on Table 19.7 of the proposed programme budget.

32. The Committee rejected this proposal by 91 votes to 1, with 12 abstentions.

33. The Committee then approved in first reading, without a vote, an appropriation of \$9,705,500 under section 19 as a whole.

Section 28. Administration, finance and management

34. At the 23rd meeting, on 27 October 1981, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed that the appropriation for this section be reduced by \$2,000,000 further to the reduction recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

35. At the 27th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of the USSR withdrew this proposal.

36. At the 24th meeting, on 28 October, the representative of the United Republic of Cameroon proposed that the reclassifications proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraph 28L.16 of the proposed programme budget 4/ be approved.
37. At the 27th meeting, on 30 October, the Committee approved this proposal by 56 votes to 27, with 7 abstentions.
38. At the same meeting the Committee approved in first reading, without a vote, an appropriation of \$281,002,300 under section 28 as a whole.

Section 29. Conference and library services

39. At the 62nd meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Cuba proposed that the Committee approve the reclassifications requested by the Secretary-General in paragraphs 29.29 (one P-5 to D-1) and 29.16 (one P-2 to P-3) of his proposed programme budget, 4/ which the Advisory Committee had not endorsed.
40. The Committee adopted this proposal at its 65th meeting, on 7 December, by 42 votes to 17, with 18 abstentions.
41. At the 63rd meeting, the representative of Algeria proposed that the number of posts to be authorized for the Arabic translation section at Headquarters be maintained at the level approved for 1980, i.e. at 73 posts.
42. At the 65th meeting, the Committee approved this proposal, requiring the establishment of five P-3 posts, by a recorded vote of 69 to 9, with 18 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, India, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Canada, Denmark, Germany, Federal Republic of, Israel, Italy, Japan, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Ireland, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Viet Nam.

43. At the same meeting, the Committee approved, in first reading, an appropriation of \$234,448,000 under section 29 of the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.
