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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

Revised estimates resulting from decisions of the Economic and  
Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions

Report of the Secretary-General

Corrigendum

1. In Table 1, Section 18, first line, the amounts of 3.5 and 3.8 in the columns headed 1976 and 1977 should be replaced by an amount of 7.3 in the 1977 column.
2. In Table 2, the amounts for General Temporary Assistance should be changed in the columns headed "Section 18" and "Total" from 20.0 and 436.8 to 10.7 and 427.5, respectively. The amounts for travel in the same two columns should be changed from 125.2 and 352.7, respectively, to 134.5 and 362.0, respectively.
3. The following should be substituted for paragraphs 18.1 through 18.8 of document A/C.5/31/23.

Section 18. Human rights

(Increase: \$153,220)

18.1 At its sixtieth session, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1990 (LX), whereby the President of the Council was authorized to appoint a committee of 16 members of the Council to act as the preparatory sub-committee of the Council on the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and also recommended that the General Assembly should, by way of exception to

resolution 2609 (XXIV) 1/ on the pattern of conferences, approve that half of the additional cost involved in holding the World Conference in Ghana be defrayed from the regular budget of the United Nations. 2/ It also adopted decision 145 (LX), whereby it endorsed resolution 3 (XXXII) of the Commission on Human Rights, extending the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Study of Reported Violation of Human Rights in Chile, and decision 146 (LX), endorsing the recommendation made by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 1 of its resolution 7 (XXXII) to authorize the officers elected at the thirty-second session of the Commission to hold preparatory meetings at least three days before the beginning of the thirty-third session.

18.2 Statements of financial implications were submitted to the Council indicating that the total costs of the resolution and decisions would be \$418,800, analysed for reference purposes as follows:

I. Resolution 1990 (LX)		
	World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	\$109,000
II. Decision 145 (LX)		
	Protection of human rights in Chile	303,800
III. Decision 146 (LX)		
	Long-term programme of work of the Commission on Human Rights	6,000
		<hr/> \$418,800 <hr/>

18.3 The estimates indicated above have been revised in the months since the decisions of the Economic and Social Council were taken, particularly in respect of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Study of Reported Violations of Human Rights in Chile. In this case, the Secretary-General sought and obtained the approval of

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1/ The resolution states, in paragraph 10, that "United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultations with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved".

2/ The main financial implications of this recommendation relate to the biennium 1978-1979, except for two planning visits per year scheduled for each year of the present biennium. The Secretary-General will submit appropriate statements of financial implications when the draft resolution proposed by the Council is discussed in the Third and Fifth Committees.

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the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for an advance from the Working Capital Fund under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3540 (XXX) relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures in the biennium 1976-1977; consequently, the amount requested below for this item reflects the amount approved by the Advisory Committee.

18.4 Estimates for conference servicing costs are included below for information purposes only. They are also recapitulated in annex II, 3/ but no appropriation is requested at this time pending the final decision of the Committee on Conferences on the 1976-1977 pattern of conferences.

I. Resolution 1990 (LX). World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (Increase: \$7,320)

18.5 In paragraph 4 of the resolution, the Economic and Social Council authorized the President of the Council, in consultation with regional groups, to appoint a sub-committee of the Council, comprising 16 members to act as the preparatory committee for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. It was originally intended that this preparatory committee would hold a two-week session in each of the years 1976 and 1977. It now appears more likely that both sessions will be held in 1977 at a cost of \$7,320 for the Division of Human Rights and \$109,180 for conference servicing.

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3/ See A/C.5/31/23.

Preparatory Sub-Committee of the Council  
(two two-week sessions in 1977)

		Human rights		Conference services	
		1976	1977	1976	1977
		\$	\$	\$	\$
I. (a)	<u>Interpretation</u>				
	Travel of interpreters	-	-	-	24 720
	Salary and daily subsistence	-	-	-	55 620
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	Subtotal A	-	-	-	80 340
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(b)	<u>Documentation</u>				
	<u>Pre-session</u>				
	Translation (contractual)	-	-	-	8 240
	Typing (contractual)	-	-	-	1 236
	Reproduction and distribution	-	-	-	4 120
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		-	-	-	13 596
	<u>In-session</u>				
	Translation and typing	-	-	-	-
	Reproduction and distribution	-	-	-	1 854
	<u>Post session</u>				
	Translation (contractual)	-	-	-	4 944
	Typing (contractual)	-	-	-	1 030
	Reproduction and distribution	-	-	-	5 562
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		-	-	-	11 536
	Subtotal B	-	-	-	26 986
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(c)	<u>Conference servicing staff</u>				
	Salaries of 1 Conference Officer and 1 Documents Officer	-	-	-	1 854
(d)	<u>Substantive staff</u>				
	Travel and per diem of 2 substantive staff	-	7 320	-	-
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	Total	-	7 320	-	109 180
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II. Decision 145 (LX). Protection of human rights in Chile (Increase: \$143,400)

18.6 In this decision, the Economic and Social Council endorsed resolution 3 (XXXII) of the Commission on Human Rights, which extended the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Commission to study the reported violations of human rights in Chile, with particular reference to torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, and requested that the Council make arrangements for the provision of adequate financial resources and staff for the implementation of that resolution.

18.7 As mentioned in paragraph 18.3 above, the costs of the Ad Hoc Working Group in 1976 were met from the Working Capital Fund, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The costs shown below for human rights in 1976 were those recommended by the Advisory Committee in the event the Ad Hoc Working Group would not be permitted to visit Chile, which proved to be the case in 1976.

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Study of Reported Violations of Human Rights in Chile

	Human rights		Conference Services	
	1976	1977	1976	1977
	\$	\$	\$	\$
II. A. <u>Meeting in New York</u>				
<u>17-25 May 1976</u>				
(a) Travel and subsistence of five members:				
Travel (first class)	12,414	-	-	-
Subsistence	2,950	-	-	-
(b) Travel and subsistence of substantive staff	2,706	-	-	-
(c) Conference servicing costs: <u>a/</u>				
Interpretation and sound technicians	-	-	-	-
Transcription of taped evidence, press clippings and other related documentation	-	-	-	-
Subtotal A	18,070	-	-	-

a/ These costs were incurred within existing resources at Headquarters.

	Human rights		Conference services	
	1976	1977	1976	1977
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>B. <u>Field Mission to Mexico</u></b>				
<b><u>12-22 July 1976</u></b>				
(a) Travel and subsistence of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group:				
Travel (first class)	11 000	-	-	-
Subsistence	3 500	-	-	-
(b) Travel and subsistence of substantive and administrative staff:				
Travel	9 000	-	-	-
Subsistence	3 000	-	-	-
(c) Travel and subsistence of staff loaned by United Nations offices in Latin America and Headquarters	9 300	-	-	-
(d) Salaries of servicing staff recruited by ECLA in Latin America <u>b/</u>	10 700	-	-	-
(e) Travel and subsistence of witnesses (and experts from outside Chile)	5 000	-	-	-
(f) General operating expenses	8 000	-	-	-
Subtotal B	59 500	-	-	-
<b>C. <u>Meeting in New York</u></b>				
<b><u>23-30 July 1976</u></b>				
(a) Travel and subsistence of members of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group	8 930	-	-	-
(b) Travel and subsistence of witnesses	3 500	-	-	-
Subtotal C	12 430	-	-	-

b/ The cost estimate relating to this object of expenditure is shown in the column "Human rights" rather than "Conference services" as it relates to staff away from Headquarters or Geneva.

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	Human rights		Conference services	
	1976	1977	1976	1977
	\$	\$	\$	\$
D. <u>Meeting in Geneva 23 August-10 September 1976</u>				
(a) Travel and subsistence of the <u>Ad Hoc Working Group</u> :				
Travel (first class)	6 900	-	-	-
Subsistence	7 100	-	-	-
(b) Travel and subsistence of witnesses	12 000	-	-	-
(c) Conference servicing costs: <u>c/</u>				
Interpretation and sound technicians	-	-	-	-
Pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation (contractual translation, typing and reproduction in English, French and Spanish, 700 pages, restricted distribution)	-	-	-	-
Subtotal D	26 000	-	-	-
E. <u>Travel and subsistence of Chairman/Rapporteur of Working Group for mission to Headquarters, New York, at thirty-first session of General Assembly (3 weeks)</u>				
(a) Travel	2 600	-	-	-
(b) Subsistence	1 400	-	-	-
Subtotal E	4 000	-	-	-

c/ These costs were incurred within resources available to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

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		Human rights		Conference services	
		1976	1977	1976	1977
		\$	\$	\$	\$
F.	<u>Meeting in Geneva January 1977</u> <u>(3 weeks)</u>				
(a)	Travel and subsistence of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group  (Travel costs will be reduced by appropriate amounts for those members of the Group who will travel to Geneva under their normal entitlements as members of the Commission):				
	Travel (first class)	-	6 900	-	-
	Subsistence	-	7 100	-	-
(b)	Travel and subsistence of witnesses	-	6 000	-	-
(c)	Conference servicing costs:				
	Interpretation and sound technician	-	-	-	19 800
	Pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation	-	-	-	35 000
	Temporary assistance for transcription of taped evidence, press clippings and other related services	-	-	-	3 300
	Subtotal F	-	20 000	-	58 100
G.	<u>Travel of Chairman/Rapporteur to</u> <u>Geneva at thirty-third session</u> <u>of the Commission on Human Rights</u> <u>(2 weeks) (provisional)</u>				
(a)	Travel	-	2 300	-	-
(b)	Subsistence	-	1 100	-	-
	Subtotal G	-	3 400	-	-
	Total	120 000	23 400	-	58 100

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	Human Rights		Conference services	
	1976	1977	1976	1977
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Summary of subtotals:				
A. Meeting in New York 17-25 May 1976	18 070	-	-	-
B. Field mission to Mexico 12-22 July 1976	59 500	-	-	-
C. Meeting in New York 23-30 July 1976	12 430	-	-	-
D. Meeting in Geneva 23 August- 10 September 1976	26 000	-	-	-
E. Travel of Chairman/Rapporteur to thirty-first session of the General Assembly	4 000	-	-	-
F. Meeting in Geneva January 1977	-	20 000	-	58 100
G. Travel of Chairman/Rapporteur to thirty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights	-	3 400	-	-
	120 000	23 400	-	58 100
1976 and 1977	<u>143 400</u>		<u>58 100</u>	

III. Decision 146 (LX). Long-term programme  
of work of the Commission on Human  
Rights (Increase \$2,500)

18.8 In its decision 146 (LX), the Economic and Social Council endorsed the recommendations made by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of its resolution 7 (XXXII) and, consequently, decided among other things to authorize the officers of the thirty-second session of the Commission to hold preparatory meetings at least three days before the beginning of the thirty-third session.

18.9 The Council was informed that the term of office of three of the five officers of the thirty-second session extended only through 1976 and that should they not be members of the thirty-third session of the Commission, provision would need to be made for their presence for at least three days in February 1977 in Geneva to enable the officers to hold their preparatory meetings. This would give rise to additional expenditures in 1977 detailed as follows:

	Human Rights		Conference services	
	1976	1977	1976	1977
	\$	\$	\$	\$
III. (a) Travel of representatives	-	2,500	-	-
(b) Conference costs:				
Interpretation and sound engineer	-	-	-	3,500
Total	-	2,500	-	3,500

18.10 In summary, and combining the requirements for 1976 and 1977, the total additional costs for which appropriations are requested under section 18, Human rights, and the conference servicing costs related thereto are \$153,220 and \$170,780, respectively, broken down as follows:

	<u>Human rights</u>	<u>Conference servicing</u>
I. Preparatory Sub-committee of the Economic and Social Council	7,320	109,180
II. Study of Reported Violations of Human Rights in Chile	143,400	58,100
III. Long-term programme of work of the Commission on Human Rights	2,500	3,500
	<u>153,220</u>	<u>170,780</u>

18.11 The amount requested above under section 18 may be recapitulated by object of expenditure as follows:

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	I. Preparatory Sub-Committee of ECOSOC	II. Reported violations of human rights in Chile	III. Long-term programme of work	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Temporary assistance	-	10,700	-	10,700
Travel of representatives	-	74,194	2,500	76,694
Travel of staff	7,320	24,006	-	31,326
Travel of witnesses	-	26,500	-	26,500
General operating expenses	-	8,000	-	8,000
Total	7,320	143,400	2,500	153,220

4. In annex II, paragraph 2, the amounts shown for the Preparatory Sub-Committee of the Economic and Social Council of \$53,000 in the 1976 column and \$56,180 in the 1977 column, should be changed to \$109,180 in the 1977 column. The totals become \$9,300 and \$677,830.

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