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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION: INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

Preparation for an international development strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 48th meeting, on 9 December 1988, the Second Committee adopted by a recorded vote of 114 to 0, with one abstention, draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1. In view of time constraints, the Committee was provided with an extract from the statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. In operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1, the General Assembly would decide to establish an ad hoc committee of the whole for the preparation of the new international development strategy and would request the ad hoc committee to submit a progress report to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session for its consideration with a view to finalizing the strategy in time for adoption in 1990.

3. In operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the Committee for Development Planning is invited to continue its activities related to the preparation of the strategy in support of the work and consideration of the ad hoc committee.

4. In operative paragraph 3, the Assembly would invite the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and other organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to include in their agendas during 1989 items regarding their contributions to the preparation of the international development strategy.

5. In operative paragraph 4, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the executive heads of the other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system would be requested to contribute effectively to the preparatory process for the strategy by providing all appropriate input, including relevant documentation, using comprehensive analytical studies.

6. In operative paragraph 5, the Secretary-General would be requested to entrust the overall co-ordination of the contributions of the relevant secretariats of the United Nations system in the formulation of the strategy to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation.

E. Relationship of the proposed requests
to the approved programme of work

7. The activities requested in draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1 would fall under chapter 10, programme 1, Global development issues and policies, subprogramme 1, Development perspectives, of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 ^{1/} as extended through 1991. ^{2/} The objectives include, inter alia, an analysis of the global socio-economic situation and long-term trends and perspectives, which would contribute to the formulation of objectives and priorities for a fourth United Nations development decade. In the preparation of the inputs for the new strategy, an analysis of long-term socio-economic trends in the global economy would feature prominently. Subprogramme 6, Monitoring and assessment of emerging trends and problems, of programme 1 has as one of its main objectives the assessment of socio-economic developments, particularly those of intersectoral and international character; the analysis of international economic co-operation policies, social trends and emerging issues, and the synthesis of development issues, drawing upon all relevant parts of the United Nations system with interdisciplinary research on topics and methodologies that are of relevance to analysis and policy formulation. Those will also contribute significantly to the substantive preparation of the new development strategy. Chapter 16, International trade and development finance, programme 1, Money, finance and development - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), subprogramme 2, Interrelationships among trade, development, money and finance and contribution to the implementation of the international development strategy, of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, extended to cover 1990-1991, would also be relevant.

8. The activities requested are directly related to those being undertaken under section 6A, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, under the programme entitled "Global development issues and policies" - specifically, subprogramme 1, Development perspectives, programme element 1.1, Long-term

socio-economic perspective studies, and subprogramme 6, Monitoring and assessment of emerging trends and problems. The activities requested in operative paragraph 4 also fall under section 15, UNCTAD, programme 1, Money, finance and development, subprogramme 2, Interrelationships among trade, development, money and finance and contribution to the implementation of the international development strategy, programme element 2.2, Contribution to the international development strategy, of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. 3/

C. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

9. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, an ad hoc committee of the whole for the preparation of the new international development strategy would be established. It is envisaged that the Committee would hold five sessions in New York in 1989 and 1990, as follows:

- (a) A three-day organizational session in March 1989;
- (b) A two-week session in June 1989;
- (c) A two-week session in September 1989;
- (d) A two-week session in January 1990;
- (e) A two-week session in June 1990.

10. In order to facilitate the work of the ad hoc committee and the Committee for Development Planning, reports would be submitted containing the inputs from the United Nations system for the development of the new international development strategy.

11. It should be noted that the holding of the two-week session in September 1989 would necessitate an exception to General Assembly resolution 42/243, section I, paragraph 6, instructing all subsidiary organs to complete their reports for the following session of the Assembly no later than 1 September.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1988-1989

12. Should draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1 be adopted, the following modifications would have to be made to the programme of work of section 6A, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, under the programme entitled "Global development issues and policies", for the biennium 1988-1989:

- (a) Under subprogramme 1, Development perspectives, programme element 1.1, Long-term socio-economic perspective studies, an additional output (iii), entitled "Report to the Committee for Development Planning on the formulation of the new international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade (second quarter, 1989)", would be included;

(b) Under subprogramme 6, Monitoring and assessment of emerging trends and problems, a new programme element 6.6 would be added, entitled "The international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade", with the following output: "Reports to the Ad Hoc Committee and the General Assembly on the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade (third quarter, 1989)".

E. Additional requirements at full cost

13. It is estimated that at least 72 Professional work-months would be required under section 6A, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, to carry out the new activities arising from draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1.

14. Conference-servicing costs (see annex for breakdown) arising from the sessions of the ad hoc committee of the whole are estimated as follows:

	1989	1990
	\$	\$
(a) Organizational session - March 1989	120 200	
(b) Two-week session - June 1989	227 600	
(c) Two-week session - September 1989	212 300	
(d) Two-week session - January 1990	-	234 700
(e) Two-week session - June 1990	-	234 700
Total	<u>560 100</u>	<u>469 400</u>

F. Potential for absorption

15. In order to undertake the new activities requested in draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1, under section 6A, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, resources would be redeployed from programme elements 2.1 and 6.3 of subprogramme 2, Policies for broad-based development, and subprogramme 6, Monitoring and assessment of emerging trends and problems, respectively, of the programme entitled "Global development issues and policies". In light of the above, no additional resources are requested at this time under that section of the programme budget for 1988-1989. However, the programme of activities and the related outputs under the above programme elements would have to be modified accordingly.

16. Cost estimates for conference-servicing indicated in paragraph 14 above are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the requirements would be met from within the permanent capacity of the Department of Conference Services and would require additional resources for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the permanent capacity of the Department needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the

calendar of conferences to be approved by the General Assembly. However, as indicated in paragraph 29.6 of the programme budget, the 1988-1989 requirements under temporary assistance for meetings were estimated on the basis of a five-year average of appropriations and actual expenditure for the period 1982-1986 and included in the Secretary-General's initial estimates. In other words, provision has been made in the programme budget for meetings not only known at the time of the preparation of the budget but also expected to be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the current biennium are consistent with the pattern experienced over the five years 1982-1986. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional cost would be incurred under section 29 of the budget for the biennium 1988-1989 in respect of meetings to be held in 1989 as a result of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.40/Rev.1. With regard to meetings to be held in 1990, provision would be made in the programme budget for the next biennium accordingly.

Notes

- 1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1); and ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/39/6 and Corr.1).
- 2/ A/43/6 and Corr.1.
- 3/ A/42/6 (Sect. 15).

Annex

**ESTIMATED COST OF CONFERENCE SERVICES FOR FIVE SESSIONS OF
 THE AD_HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN
 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE FOURTH UNITED
 NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE**

	Organi- zational session (3 days) <u>1989</u>	First session (New York, two weeks) <u>1989</u>	Second session (New York, two weeks) <u>1989</u>	Third session (New York, two weeks) <u>1990</u>	Fourth session (New York, two weeks) <u>1990</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Pre-session documentation</u>					
(120 pages, 5 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	24 700	24 700	24 700	25 700	25 700
<u>In-session documentation</u>					
(120 pages, 10 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	24 700	24 700	24 700	25 700	25 700
<u>Meeting servicing</u>					
(Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	27 600	92 100	82 900	96 200	96 200
<u>Post-session documentation</u>					
(120 pages, 5 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	24 700	24 700	24 700	25 700	25 700
<u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>	18 500	61 400	55 300	61 400	61 400
Total	120 200	227 600	212 300	234 700	234 700
