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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1973

Form of presentation of the United Nations budget and the
duration of the budget cycle

Report by the Secretary-General

Corrigendum

1. Page 7, paragraph 19 (a), lines 3 and 4

Delete in rather general terms

2. Page 10, paragraph 22 (a)

The first two sentences should read

Within the Secretariat a small planning, programming and evaluation group would be established to ensure the development of uniform techniques. This group would be composed of a small number of specialists with experience in programme formulation, management procedures and programme analysis who would assist the programme managers in the various areas of the Secretariat in the formulation and costing of their proposed programme and budget and the subsequent application of control and evaluation procedures.

3. Page 10, paragraph 22 (b)

Paragraph 22 (b) should read

Periodic meetings of the heads of the principal units of the Secretariat responsible for programmes in the economic, social and human rights fields, as well as those in charge of administration, would be arranged for purposes of programme and budget review. As necessary, other senior officials would be invited to participate when matters concerning their particular area of responsibility are under consideration. At these meetings, which would be convened at least once a

year, under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General, the guidelines for a balanced and co-ordinated medium-term plan and biennial programme and budget would be developed. If this initiative is to succeed, each programme will have to be evaluated on its merits and the competing requirements of various departments and units will have to be reconciled within a budget level that is likely to be acceptable to the General Assembly. In carrying out their task, the participants would take the following factors into account:

- (i) Decisions of programme-formulation bodies, including changes in priorities that have an impact on work currently in process or considered for inclusion in the forthcoming programme and budget;
- (ii) An evaluation of the results achieved in each programme;
- (iii) The resources (human as well as financial) available and likely to be available to the Organization during the next programme and budget and planning periods for all sources (i.e., budgetary and extrabudgetary).

The staff for these meetings would be provided by the small planning, programming and evaluation group referred to under (a) above. The meetings would be convened from time to time to review the progress being made on current work.

4. Page 12, paragraph 27 (b), line 2

Delete in more general terms

5. Page 12, paragraph 27 (d)

Paragraph 27 (d) should read

Take note of the Secretary-General's plan to assign to a small number of programming, planning and evaluation specialists the task of assisting in the formulation of a co-ordinated and uniformly presented programme and budget, as well as to convene at appropriate intervals meetings composed of the heads of the main programme and budget areas, to consider and agree upon the medium-term plan and biennial programme and budget to be proposed;
