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STUDY OF THE PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution II
recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Sixth Special Session
(A/9556 (Part II), para. 19)

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 21st meeting, on 1 May 1974, the Ad Hoc Committee of the Sixth Special Session adopted a draft resolution on the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order (A/9556 (Part II), para. 19, draft resolution II).
2. Under the terms of section X, paragraph 2, the General Assembly would decide, as a first step in the Special Programme, to request the Secretary-General to launch an emergency operation to provide timely relief to the most seriously affected developing countries, as defined in the third preambular paragraph, with the aim of maintaining unimpaired essential imports for the duration of the coming 12 months and to invite the industrialized countries and other potential contributors to announce their contributions for emergency assistance or intimate their intention to do so by 15 June 1974 to be provided through bilateral or multilateral channels, taking into account commitments and measures of assistance announced or already taken by some countries. The Assembly would further request the Secretary-General to report the progress of the emergency operation to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session through the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session.
3. Under the terms of section X, paragraph 5 (A/9556 (Part II), para. 19, draft resolution II), the General Assembly would establish a special fund under the auspices of the United Nations, through voluntary contributions from industrialized countries and other potential contributors, as a part of the Special Programme, to provide emergency relief and development assistance, which will commence its operations at the latest by 1 January 1975.

4. Under the terms of section X, paragraph 6, the General Assembly would establish an Ad Hoc Committee on the Special Programme, consisting of Member States, to:

(a) Make recommendations on the scope, machinery, modes of operation etc. of the Special Fund, taking into account the need for:

- (i) Equitable representation on its governing body;
- (ii) Equitable distribution of its resources;
- (iii) Full utilization of the services and facilities of existing international organizations;
- (iv) The possibility of merging the United Nations Capital Development Fund with the operations of the Special Fund;
- (v) A central monitoring body to oversee the various measures being taken both bilaterally and multilaterally;

and, to this end, bearing in mind the different ideas and proposals made at the Sixth Special Session, including those made at the 2208th plenary meeting on 10 April 1974, as well as those made by Iran (A/AC.166/L.15), and comments thereon, and the possibility of utilizing the Special Fund to provide an alternative channel for normal development assistance after the emergency period;

(b) Monitor, pending commencement of the operations of the Special Fund, the various measures being taken both bilaterally and multilaterally to assist the most seriously affected countries;

(c) Prepare, on the basis of information provided by the countries concerned and by appropriate agencies of the United Nations system, a broad assessment of:

- (i) The magnitude of the difficulties facing the most seriously affected countries;
- (ii) The kind and quantities of the commodities and goods essentially required by them;
- (iii) Their need for financial assistance;
- (iv) Their technical assistance requirements, including especially access to technology.

5. The administrative arrangements related to the emergency operation and the establishment of the Special Fund referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above can be defined only when information is obtained regarding the scope of the operation, the proportion of bilateral to multilateral assistance and other relevant factors. In the present absence of this information, no forecast can be given on the

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structure and costs of the related administrative arrangements. The Secretary-General assumes, in this connexion, that such costs - in so far as they cannot be met within the presently approved level of appropriations - will be charged to the voluntary contributions received by the Secretary-General for both the emergency operation and the Special Fund.

6. As regards the Ad Hoc Committee on the Special Programme itself, it is assumed that it would meet for a three-week period at New York during May/June and hold two meetings a day within that period; that interpretation would be provided in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish; and that documentation would amount to a total of 150 pages (50 for pre-session documentation, 50 for in-session and 50 for the report of the Ad Hoc Committee). In the light of the criteria set out in General Assembly resolution 2538 (XXIV), no provision is made for summary records. On the basis of these assumptions, the total cost of the provision of conference services to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Special Programme is estimated at \$39,625 as follows:

| | <u>US dollars</u> |
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| Interpretation | 27,500 |
| Translation and typing of documentation | 10,125 |
| Internal reproduction supplies and services | 2,000 |
| | <u>39,625</u> |

7. In view of the very heavy programme of conferences scheduled to be held in May/June at Headquarters as well as at Geneva, and in view of the fact that most of the existing staff as well as the free-lance language staff in New York and Geneva have already been committed to other meetings, the General Assembly may wish to note that it may be extremely difficult for the Secretary-General to provide the necessary conference services to the Ad Hoc Committee during this period, unless some of the meetings that have already been approved for this period are rescheduled.

8. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution on the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order (A 9556 (Part II), para. 19, draft resolution II), the Secretary-General would assume that he is authorized to incur expenditures of \$39,625 related to the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Special Programme. The Secretary-General would report on the action taken, and the related costs, to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, and would indicate, at the appropriate time, the extent to which it might prove necessary to appropriate additional funds to meet the costs involved.
