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Report of the Secretary-General submitted in pursuance of Commission resolution 1985/26

Addendum

(The present document contains information on technical assistance to the Government of Uganda, in accordance with resolution 1985/27 of the Commission on Human Rights.)

1. By its resolution 1985/27 of 11 March 1985, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to continue his contacts with the Government of Uganda within the framework of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights and, while providing all possible assistance to the Government of Uganda, also to identify and bring to the attention of that Government external sources of assistance which it may draw upon. The Commission on Human Rights also invited all States, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, as well as humanitarian and non-governmental organizations, to lend their support and assistance to the Government of Uganda in its efforts to guarantee the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission at its forty-second session on progress made in the implementation of this as well as of previous resolutions on assistance to Uganda in the field of human rights.
2. In conformity with that resolution, the Secretary-General, on 5 and 26 July 1985, addressed letters to the Permanent Representatives of Uganda in Paris and New York respectively, informing them of Commission resolution 1985/27 and expressing his willingness to examine the feasibility of organizing in Uganda in the near future a training course on the application of international human rights standards for relevant government officials if this were to meet with the concurrence of the Ugandan Government. In a note verbale dated 26 July 1985 addressed to the President, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Finance of the Republic of Uganda, the Secretary-General also informed the Government that the Centre for Human Rights

had decided, on priority basis, to invite it to consider submitting two nominations for fellowships offered by the Centre as part of the programme of technical assistance and that, if the Ugandan Government was willing to respond to this invitation, such nominations should be submitted as soon as possible so that the processing of such fellowships could be undertaken forthwith.

3. In accordance with that resolution, the Secretary-General, on 18 September 1985, also addressed a note verbale to all States, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, as well as humanitarian and non-governmental organizations requesting them to lend their support and assistance to the Government of Uganda in its efforts to guarantee the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

4. As at 10 December 1985, the following positive replies have been received from the following international organizations.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
(Current and planned assistance)

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1. Operational projects

PFL/UGA/001	Re-establishment of Applied Research and Extension on Prevention of Post-harvest Losses Cost: \$US 484,000 Duration: 3 years
GCP/UGA/021/ITA	Agricultural Mechanization for Food Crop Production in Masindi and Gulu Districts Cost: \$US 2,300,000 Duration: 24 months
UTF/UGA/023/UGA	Assistance to the Bank of Uganda Cost: \$US 738,100 Duration: 3 years
UGA/74/002	Assistance to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Makerere University, Kampala Cost: \$US 2,286,259 Duration: 10 years
UGA/80/016	Assistance to Antipoaching Activities in the National Parks Cost: \$US 1,114,882 Duration: 3 years 9 months
UGA/80/018	Assistance to Dairy Production Cost: \$US 766,283 Duration: 4 years Prodoc for Phase II being prepared following UNDP/FAO Evaluation Mission of May 1985
UGA/83/003	Rehabilitation and Strengthening of National Parks Cost: \$US 553,085 Duration: 2 years 8 months

UGA/84/010	Assistance in the formation of a Vertebrate Pests Unit	
	Cost: \$US 603,330	Duration: 3 years
UGA/84/011	National Census of Agriculture	
	Cost: \$US 21,000	Preparatory Assistance
TCP/UGA/4508	Planning support for horticulture development	
	Cost: \$US 92,000	Duration: 5 months
TCP/UGA/4509	Assistance to the Cocoa Industry	
	Cost: \$US 66,000	Duration: 12 months
TCP/UGA/4511	Production and Control of Poultry Vaccine	
	Cost: \$US 100,000	Duration: 12 months
TCP/UGA/4512	Support to Women Farming Groups (Training)	
	Cost: \$US 20,038	Duration: 12 months
TCP/UGA/4513	Rabbit Production	
	Cost: \$US 20,038	Duration: 12 months

2. Emergency assistance

Emergency food aid was approved in April/May 1985 in favour of 94,500 people. The allocation was for 2,980 MT of maize and 298 MT of pulses at a total estimated cost of \$US 1,061,010 including internal transport.

Emergency assistance for the resettlement of displaced persons was financed under FAO's Technical Co-operation Programme (total cost: \$US 230,000) and executed during 1985. The project involved the supply of maize, groundnut and beanseeds.

3. Missions

A United Nations Inter-Agency WCARRD Follow-up Mission took place in January 1985. In 1984 a Fisheries Formulation Mission and an ICARA Project Formulation Mission took place.

4. Planned activities

Support to Agricultural Planning (Trust Funds or UNDP)
 Rural Afforestation for Food, Fuel and Environmental Production (Trust Funds)
 Rehabilitation of Nyabyeya Forestry College (Trust Funds)
 Purchase of Agricultural Equipment (Trust Funds)
 Rehabilitation of National Dairy Training (Trust Funds)
 Agricultural Marketing Extension and Marketing Planning Support (UNDP)
 Tsetse Control in Southwest Uganda (UNDP)
 Establishment of a Plant Protection and Quarantine Service (UNDP)
 Southwest Regional Rural Development (IFAD and Belgian Survival Fund)
 Masaka Co-operative Union Fruit Processing Plant (TCP)
 Small-scale irrigation and Swamp Reclamation (TCP)

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE

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[1 November 1985]

Assistance to Uganda (1983-1985)

Since the last report on this subject (as reflected in document E/CN.4/1984/45, pages 17-20), the ILO kept contact with the Government, as well as employers and workers organizations in Uganda through advisory and programming missions from ILO Headquarters and ILO field offices. As a result of this continuing contact a number of the ILO-assisted activities mentioned in the previous report have been extended and a number of new projects started. These include:

UGA/80/002: Labour Intensive Programme

The programme made a good progress and has now been extended to 31 December 1985. There are possibilities that it will continue through 1987 staffed mainly (after 1985) with United Nations volunteers. The budget of the programme for the period 1980-1985 was \$US 1,310,247.

The programme provided immediate employment and income for the target groups. It also assisted in the training of technicians of involved ministries at national, district and community levels in basic project planning, design, implementation and evaluation. The project emphasizes the utilization of labour-intensive construction techniques. The programme benefited from inputs by ILO/UNDP Inter-regional projects INT/80/044 and INT/84/044: Assistance to Crash Labour-intensive Employment Programme. The input from these inter-regional projects was \$US 673,181 and was mostly in the form of payment of salaries to workers.

The programme is also closely related to the ILO/NETH/RAS/80/02: Support to the Uganda Crash Labour-intensive Programme which provided equipment and contributed to labour costs and training. The Netherlands assistance in this project was \$US 2,471,780 during the period 1983-1985.

UGA/78/008: National Vocational Training

This project which has been operational for some time has ended in September 1985. However, a recent evaluation mission proposed a follow-up project, that is, Survey of Industrial Training Needs, which has already been approved. Within the framework of this project the EEC agreed to finance two courses, each of two months duration on preventive maintenance and supervision for 90 foremen and supervisors in the coffee, tea and general service industries.

The UNDP contribution to the project was \$US 2,199,113.

UGA/82/002: Assistance to the Food Relief Department

This project was started in 1982 with a budget of \$US 1,106,281 for the period 1982-1984. The objective of the project was to improve the management capacity of the Food Relief Department Staff in the transport, storage and handling of goods, as well as in repair and maintenance of the vehicle fleet.

Assistance to the National Organization of Trade Unions (NOTO)

The ILO has been assisting NOTO under its Workers Education Programme (Regular Budget). For the period 1983-1984, the ILO assistance to NOTO was \$US 127,035. This assistance was in the form of training in workers education and included national courses, expert assistance and the participation of Uganda trade union officials in regional trade union training seminars.

UGA/84/004: National Manpower Survey

The ILO Regional Adviser in Labour Statistics visited Uganda in 1982 and submitted a proposal for this project. The project has now been approved and started operations in March 1985. The objective of the project is to strengthen the national capacity in manpower planning and assessment. The project has expert and international fellowship components.

The ILO is planning to undertake a number of programming missions to Uganda in connection with the forthcoming UNDP country programme (1987-1991). During earlier project identification missions the Government of Uganda has shown interest in ILO assistance in the following fields:

1. Revolving Loan Fund and Advisory Services for Entrepreneur Vocational Training Graduates, Directorate of Industrial Training

This proposal builds on the success of the existing Kampala-based self-employment training programme, (the "Accelerated Programme") developed as part of the UNDP/ILO Project UGA/78/008. The present document proposes to improve this programme through lessons learnt after two years of experimentation by the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT), Ministry of Labour.

The new project incorporates the following new components:

- (a) a hand tool scheme, which is considered essential;
- (b) a revolving loan fund established between the ILO and a recognized Uganda bank;
- (c) the establishment of a field advisory/monitoring service to DIT graduates establishing their businesses; and
- (d) various refinements of the entrepreneurial training component of the project.

2. Management Training and Advisory Centre (MTAC)

This proposal was developed during a mission of an ILO consultant in March-April 1985. The consultancy recommended the strengthening of the MTAC (under the Ministry of Industry) to carry out entrepreneurship development activities in Uganda, particularly, to promote and assist the creation of new businesses.

3. Secretarial training. The Government requested ILO assistance in designing and mounting an appropriate training programme based at the Uganda Commercial College.

4. Development of a National Industrial Training Rural Entrepreneurship Development Component

This proposal sets to establish a new training centre, probably in the West, with a low-cost strategy based on:

(a) choosing an existing site/workshops to refurbish (possibly the Kilembe mine workshops near Fort Portal);

(b) initially staffing the centre with trained personnel on transfer from DIT in Lugogo or Nakawa;

(c) concentrating on just one or two trades, initially with minimal equipment, made possible by focussing on those rural, hand-tool trades offering the greatest scope for self-employment in surrounding areas.

5. Third Highway Project

Discussions are already under way for ILO collaboration with the World Bank (IDA) in executing parts of the Third Highway Project. Part of the proposed ILO Project will be in the form of institutional assistance to the railways corporation. The project will attempt to reorient the general management and commercial practices of the corporation and to prepare a five year investment programme which will lay the groundwork for future investment in the transport sector.

UNESCO

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[27 November 1985]

I should like to inform you that whilst UNESCO's reply, as reproduced in document E/CN.4/1984/45, is still valid, the Organization has not been so far approached by the Government concerned to provide the assistance needed in training in various fields (prison officers, restoration of a law library etc.), as mentioned in our previous submission.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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[13 November 1985]

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WHO's assistance to the Government of Uganda during the biennium 1984-1985 is as follows:

A total sum of \$US 1,283,900 was mobilized by WHO from its regular budget for the implementation of health projects, particularly for the General Programme Development and Management, Health Services Development

(including primary health care), Communicable Disease Prevention and Control (including Expanded Programme on Immunization), Health Manpower Development, co-operation with the Faculty of Medicine (Makerere University) and fellowships. For health projects, UNFPA has mobilized in 1985 an amount of \$US 75,500 and \$US 3,332 was provided by Voluntary Funds for Health Promotion.

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

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[25 October 1985]

(Present status of UNCTAD's operational assistance to the
Government of Uganda)

1. The first phase of the project "External Sector Development" (UGA/80/021) was completed early in 1985 and the second phase (UGA/84/017) is expected to commence before the end of 1985 under the advance authorization arrangement. This project continued to provide assistance in such areas as the overall co-ordination of foreign trade planning and policy activities; import policy and management; export policy and planning; exchange rate policy; trade statistics and commercial intelligence; transit transportation; specialized consultancy services including export finance, facilitation of trade and customs procedures and training in the field of foreign trade. The second phase of the project will involve follow-up work of the above activities and will put special emphasis on institutional building and training.
2. The subregional project RAF/78/015 entitled "Assistance to the Land-locked Countries of Eastern and Central Africa", has continued to provide assistance for the improvement of the movement of goods and services along the Northern Corridor used by Uganda for its transit transport to the port of Mombasa. In this context, special reference should be made to the assistance that has been provided to the project countries being served by the Northern Corridor, including Uganda, in the preparation and conclusion of a subregional transit agreement.
3. Furthermore, a project entitled "Registration and Control of External Debt" (UGA/85/001) has been approved by the Government and is being backstopped by UNCTAD. It is designed to assist the Ministry of Finance in the establishment of a computerized system of registration and control of external debt. This system will permit the authorities to obtain timely reports on the status, composition and maturity profile of external debt with greater speed and flexibility than exist at present.

UNIDO

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[10 December 1985]

UNIDO's on-going and recently completed technical co-operation projects in Uganda, which in our view could have the effect of assisting the Government of Uganda in its efforts to guarantee the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedom, are listed below.

We shall keep you informed about any new projects to be designed and approved for implementation during the next biennium.

DEVELOPMENT OF UGANDA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (UDS) INDUSTRIAL
ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND STAFF (DP/UGA/74/007)

Expenditures: \$ 559,453

The project was established in 1974 to solve the problems of the industrial enterprises in Uganda which could be summarized as follows:

- (a) acute shortage of trained and competent accountancy staff;
- (b) absence of management accounting systems and controls; and
- (c) lack of management information which is a prerequisite for efficient running of an enterprise.

The project activities included the services of a management accounting adviser (project manager), for five years, a cost accounting adviser and a financial accounting adviser; purchase of two vehicles, two typewriters, four calculating machines and several textbooks; and nine long-term fellowships of 12 months each.

REHABILITATION OF MUKISA FOOD LIMITED (DP/UGA/81/001)

Total Allotment: \$ 509,974

The development of the food industry in Uganda as a commercial venture is still in the embryonic stage. Despite the establishment of the Mukisa Foods Limited, quality and production of food are of a low standard, with the result that the country imported heavily from neighbouring Kenya to meet increasing local demand. The development objective of the project is mainly assisting in the rehabilitation of the food industry by improving the manufacturing capabilities of Mukisa Foods Limited of biscuits and cereal products, thus reducing imports and at the same time saving much needed foreign exchange. In addition, the improvement of production techniques will provide in-service training for nationals at comparable international standards and at the same time provide employment opportunities at managerial, professional, skilled and semi-skilled levels.

The project is practically completed except for the fielding of a master baker (post 11-01). A candidate has already been selected and he would be fielded as soon as possible.

ASSISTANCE IN PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTION/PULP AND PAPER COMPANY (PULPCO)
(DP/UGA/81/008)

Total Allotment: \$ 396,500

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) improve Uganda's balance of payments through reduction of imported raw material; increasing the output of PAPCO to 30 MT/D; (b) increase the per capita consumption of paper; (c) use efficiently local raw materials; and (d) provide employment opportunities through expansion of paper production and marketing.

In 1973, the Government of Uganda established Pulp and Paper Company (PAPCO) Industries Limited under the direct control of the Uganda Development Corporation to plant soft wood forests and provide raw materials. UNDP assistance under two SIS short-term projects (SI/UGA/77/802 and SI/UGA/71/802) in 1975 and 1978 respectively have identified major problems such as partial operation, insufficient technical expertise and the increasing inflationary trend of the Ugandan economy facing the industry; and recommended the establishment of a pulp mill using local materials due to a shortage of imported pulp.

Experts' services consisted of 12.5 man-months of expertise in pulp and paper; 1.5 man-months each of consultancy services in pulp plant design and pulping technology, electrical engineering for pulp plants, power supply system for pulp plants and civil engineering. The purchase of a rosin cooker from the company GEEST will be implemented this year. The training component is envisaged to be implemented in 1986.

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PESTICIDE MANUFACTURING PLANT
(SI/UGA/82/801)

Expenditures: \$ 35,270

The objective of the project is to prepare a feasibility study for the establishment of a Pesticides Manufacturing Plant in Uganda. The setting up of a pesticide plant in the country would save part of the foreign exchange now being spent on the imports of pesticides. The plant would also generate more employment and incomes not only in the factory itself, but also at the sites of the raw materials, and through the development of the various ancillary and distribution services.

The project activities were carried out by Baldo and Company (Italy) who provided the services of a team of experts comprising a technologist, an economist and an assistant. The report was submitted to the Government in early 1984 and the project sponsors have been seeking funds for implementation.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SI/UGA/82/802)

Expenditures: \$ 79,626

The immediate objective of the project was the identification of input requirements - plant by plant, on the spot assistance regarding organizational and operational as well as selected technological problems. Information on input requirements of individual plants will be prepared suitable for distribution to the numerous donors/investors.

The population and economy of Uganda suffered heavily throughout the last decade primarily due to international isolation, general insecurity of life and property, breakdown of the East-African Community, price increase of petroleum products, etc. All these unfortunate developments led to the closing down of almost all industrial enterprises which could not operate due to shortage of imported raw materials, spares and equipment, shortage of expertise, decapitalization and emigration of expatriate and national semi-skilled personnel.

This SIS project was the initial technical assistance for the industrial rehabilitation of Uganda which provided about eight man-months of expertise for industrial engineering, financial analysis and short-term consultancy in three priority areas - animal feed, tyres and paper production/conversion. This project made clear that there is a great urgency as well as a great potential for the Ugandan industry to start working again towards normal operation.

This situation led to the approval of the project, DP/UGA/83/001 (\$274,570) which is the preparatory phase for the main phase of the UNDP/IPF technical assistance project for the industrial rehabilitation of Uganda.

ASSISTANCE FOR INITIAL OPERATION OF THE MOON ENTERPRISE PENCIL PLANT
(SI/UGA/82/803)

Expenditures: \$ 6,608

The immediate objective of the project was to assist in operating and maintaining a modern, recently installed wooden pencil production plant. The plant, located at Kibira Road in Kampala, Uganda, is designed to produce graphite and coloured pencils at a rate of about 370 gross/day during one shift. The equipment was supplied by Messrs. Ehrhardt, Nürnberg, West Germany, who also assigned two specialists for a limited period to assist during the installation of the plant. Whereas they have carried out some training, there was still a necessity for further assistance during start-up in view of the fact that all the operators were then very new as this is the first factory of its kind in the country. Suitable work methods and production supervision systems were also designed and implemented during the initial operation.

The revised project to design the centre and to elaborate a proposal of its activities was approved by the UNIDO Programme Review Committee and is now being negotiated with Yugoslavia. It is expected that by the beginning of 1986, the new project will be implemented and it will serve as a basis for the actual establishment of the proposed Food Community Centre.

COMMUNITY FOOD PROCESSING CENTRE (SI/UGA/83/801)

Expenditures: \$ 8,611

The project aimed at assisting the country's economic and social development by means of incorporating the rural population into the country's modern economy, improving the use of agricultural resources in order to increase food supply and its shelf-life.

The consultant's report was well received by the Government and as a result, they have requested for a project preparatory mission. Such a mission would comprise of a food technologist, food processing engineer, laboratory technologist and an economist and would be commissioned for four weeks.

The backstopping section prepared the required project document and it was approved recently (November 1985) with a UNIDO contribution of \$15,000 to be spent on the travel and DSA of the experts involved in preparing the plan for the centre. The other costs, Dinar equivalent of \$US 20,000 are to be met by the Yugoslav authorities. This small project would be using Yugoslavian know-how to serve a developing country in a priority case.

I. On-going projects

DP/UGA/84/018 - Assistance to the Ministry of Industry/Iron and Steel Industry

The objective of the project is:

To strengthen the national economy and its self-sufficiency in raw materials for the iron and steel industry by more effective utilization of available raw materials and capital resources;

To reinforce and promote the country's capacity to develop metallurgical industries; and

To provide effective growth to iron and steel making by exploiting iron bearing deposits.

Project cost: \$US 208,000.

US/UC/UGA/85/168 - Consultancy for the creation of an Industrial Information Service

The objective is to advise the Ministry of Industry in setting up its Industrial Information Service.

Project cost: \$US 7,150.

RP/UGA/85/001 - Training in Textile Technology

The objective of the project is to upgrade the skills of a Uganda national in the area of Textile Technology so that the design and manufacture of new fabrics can be enhanced at the Nyanza Textiles Company.

Project cost: \$US 7,144.

II. Projects in the last stage of development

Establishment of a Food Processing Centre (continuation of a previous project)

The objective of the project is to design the Food Processing Centre, elaborate all the requirements, functions and a detailed plan for its installation and start-up operations.

Project cost: \$US 35,000.

BR/UGA/84/003 - Strengthening the Planning Unit of the Ministry of Industry

The objective of the project is to strengthen the capabilities of the Planning Unit in the Ministry of Industry so as to enable it to undertake sectoral and subsectoral planning activities including formulation of industrial policies and strategies, identifying industrial development projects, supervising their elaboration and appraising them, and monitoring plan and programme implementation.

Project cost: \$US 959,860.

UGA/84/016 - Assistance to the Ministry of Industry/Department for Small-scale Industries

The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and upgrade existing small-scale industrial enterprises, promote the establishment of new small-scale industrial enterprises and assist in the organization and development of the Department for Small-Scale Industries.

Project cost: \$US 724,050.

US/UGA/85/183 - Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Container Glass Factory

The objective is to carry out a feasibility study on the production of container glass and glass table-ware in Uganda.

Project cost: \$US 80,000.

RP/UGA/84/001 - IDDA Seminar on Industrial Strategies

\$US 31,000

The objective of the project was to provide a forum for an exchange of ideas among various agents of industrial development with a view to sensitizing them on the characteristics and objectives of the Programme for the implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA) and to assisting the Government in its effort to realign the objectives of the decade programme with the national development plan and industrial plan and selecting priorities in the industrial sector.

Assistance to Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern Africa PTA

Uganda is a member of this Subregional Organization and within the framework of UNIDO's overall assistance to PTA, Uganda has received assistance in the development of the iron and steel industry in the Subregion. UNIDO's technical co-operation projects include the following:

RP/RAF/85/611 - A Survey of the iron and steel industry within the PTA countries

RP/RAF/85/638 - In plant group training programme in the field of maintenance in iron and steel industry for Zimbabwe and other PTA countries.

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

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[22 October 1985]

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While the Lutheran World Federation is not engaged in projects with direct support to the judiciary or law enforcement sector of the Ugandan Government, we are none the less involved in several development projects which we believe will assist the people and Government of Uganda in the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Similar to the information which was provided you in 1983, I am enclosing a copy of our current (1985) and recently-approved future (1986) programme of assistance. */

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*/ Copy available for consultation at the Secretariat.