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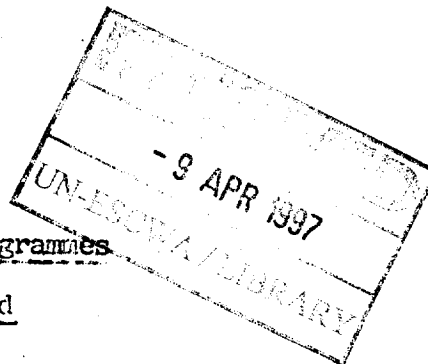
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Items 7 (a) and (b) of the provisional agenda

A. The Financial Status of the Commission's Programmes

B. Financial Statement on the Voluntary Fund



REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

A. The Financial Status of the Commission's Programmes

1. In its resolution 45 (IV) the Commission requested the Executive Secretary to submit a financial report for the period between the sessions of the Commission. This report is submitted in accordance with that request. However, in view of the adoption by the United Nations of a biennial programme budget system, the information provided hereunder, for the Commission secretariat's regular budget appropriations are for the biennia 1976/77 and 1978/79. The abbreviated form of the data provided below constitutes part of the official records of the General Assembly.

(a) 1976-1977 biennium budget: The appropriations for this biennium totalled \$ 9,514,180 of which \$ 8,990,003 were expended;

(b) 1978-1979 biennium budget: The appropriations for the present biennium amount to \$ 10,566,000 of which \$ 2,267,862 were expended during the period 1 January to 30 June 1978, thus leaving an unencumbered balance of \$ 8,298,138 as of 1 July 1978.

2. In addition to the appropriations in the regular budget (Section 10) specifically for the Commission, funding was available to it for the activities, and in the amounts (in US dollars) listed below:

<u>Source</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
UN REGULAR BUDGET		
Section 15 - Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation		
Section 22 - Staff Training Activities	382,822	376,400
Section 27 - Transnational Corporations	210	5,300
	78,000	112,200
UN EXTRA-BUDGETARY		
Technical Co-operation Projects		
United Nations Fund for Population Activities	393,000	402,819
UNDP Project - Arab Planning Institute	363,060	483,615
Voluntary Fund for the UN Decade for Women	190,237	402,219
ECWA/FAO Joint Agriculture Division (JNEA)	-	57,940
Multilateral Trade Negotiations	44,100	28,000
Special Account for Programme Support Costs - Locally Administered	202,500	182,700
	65,915	30,131
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	1,719,844	2,081,324
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3. The Note on the 1978-1979 Programme Budget -- Item 6(c) of the Provisional Agenda - (E/ECWA/60) indicates that four professional and three local level posts, at an annual cost of \$ 250,000 were not approved by the General Assembly. The annual cost of restoring these posts could perhaps be met by strengthening the Voluntary Fund.

B. Financial Statement on the Voluntary Fund

4. In accordance with operative para 4 of Resolution 45 (IV) the following financial statements are attached:

- (a) Combined Status of Trust Funds as at 31 December 1977 (Appendix I);

(b) Combined Status of Trust Funds as at 30 June 1978 (Appendix II);

(c) Statement of Utilization of Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities (Appendix III).

5. In compliance with operative paragraphs 1 and 3 of the resolution, the Executive Secretary visited most of the ECWA Member States and held discussions with the authorities concerned regarding their possible contributions to the ECWA Voluntary Fund. Encouraging promises have been given by several of these countries and it is hoped that their concrete financial support to the Fund will be known in the near future. Moreover, the Executive Secretary made contacts with possible donors from outside the region. In this respect, it is gratifying to report the positive action taken by the Government of the Netherlands in making its contributions to the implementation of the Commission's work programme in 1978. Other ECWA requests are also under consideration for possible approval by the Netherlands.

6. It is the sincere hope of the Executive Secretary that other governments would also react positively to such requests, particularly to restore reductions made by the General Assembly in ECWA's proposed programme budget submission with regard to staffing requirements mentioned in para 3 above.

APPENDIX I

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
COMBINED STATUS OF TRUST FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1977

(EXPRESSED IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS)

	<u>TRUST FUND FOR</u> <u>ECWA REGIONAL</u> <u>ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>GOVT. OF</u> <u>NETHERLANDS</u>	<u>GOVT. OF QATAR</u> <u>(STUDY OF</u> <u>PALESTINIANS)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
I. STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES				
<u>AND UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE</u>				
ASSETS				
CASH	554596			554596
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	3584			3584
DUE FROM UNITED NATIONS				
GENERAL FUND		20528	142758	163286
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>558180</u>	<u>20528</u>	<u>142758</u>	<u>721466</u>
LIABILITIES AND UNENCUMBERED				
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>				
LIABILITIES				
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	-	-	-	-
UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS	43575	-	-	43575
RESERVE FOR REPATRIATION GRANT	468	-	-	468
DUE TO UNITED NATIONS				
GENERAL FUND	76345	-	-	76345
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>120388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120388</u>
UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE				
BALANCE AVAILABLE 1 JAN. 1976	606314	-	-	606314
ADD: NET EXCESS OF INCOME OVER				
EXPENDITURE (SEE BELOW) (168522)	<u>(168522)</u>	<u>20528</u>	<u>142758</u>	<u>(5236)</u>
BALANCE AVAILABLE 31 DEC. 1977	<u>437792</u>	<u>20528</u>	<u>142758</u>	<u>601078</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND				
UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE	<u>558180</u>	<u>20528</u>	<u>142758</u>	<u>721466</u>
II. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				
<u>FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-77 ENDED</u>				
<u>31 DECEMBER 1977</u>				
INCOME				
FUNDS ALLOCATED	-	48250	142758	191008
INTEREST INCOME	69705	-	-	69705
TOTAL INCOME	<u>69705</u>	<u>48250</u>	<u>142758</u>	<u>260713</u>
EXPENDITURE				
SALARIES & COMMON STAFF COSTS	125868	23424	-	149292
TRAVEL	42491	894	-	43385
OPERATING EXPENSES	12186	-	-	12186
ACQUISITIONS	11126	-	-	11126
FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, OTHER	46556	-	-	46556
ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD	-	3404	-	3404
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>238227</u>	<u>27722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>265949</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	(168522)	20528	142758	(5236)

APPENDIX II
UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
COMBINED STATUS OF TRUST FUNDS AS AT 30 JUNE 1978
 (EXPRESSED IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS)

	TRUST FUND FOR ECWA REGIONAL ACTIVITIES	GOVT. OF NETHERLANDS	GOVT. OF QATAR (STUDY OF PALESTINIANS)	TOTAL
I. STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE				
ASSETS				
CASH				
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	467230	-	-	467230
DUE FROM UNITED NATIONS GENERAL FUND	4589	-	-	4589
	-	10145	135703	145848
TOTAL ASSETS	471819	10145	135703	617667
LIABILITIES AND UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE				
LIABILITIES				
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	-	1454	558	2012
UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS	23973	-	4602	28575
RESERVE FOR REPATRIATION GRANT DUE TO UNITED NATIONS GENERAL FUND	468	-	-	468
	25962	-	-	25962
TOTAL LIABILITIES	50403	1454	5160	57017
UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE				
BALANCE AVAILABLE 1 JAN. 1978	437792	20528	142758	601078
ADD: NET EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE (SEE BELOW)	(16376)	(11837)	(12215)	(40428)
BALANCE AVAILABLE 30 JUNE 1978	421416	8691	130543	560650
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE	471819	10145	135703	617667
II. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD OF THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979 ENDED 30 JUNE 1978				
INCOME				
FUNDS ALLOCATED	-	-	-	-
INTEREST INCOME	12607	-	-	12607
TOTAL INCOME	12607	-	-	12607
EXP EXPENDITURE				
SALARIES & COMMON STAFF COSTS	14272	10383	11228	35883
TRAVEL	12845	-	52	12897
OPERATING EXPENSES	332	-	-	332
FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, OTHER	1534	-	-	1534
ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD	-	1454	935	2389
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	28983	11837	12215	53035
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	(16376)	(11837)	(12215)	(40428)

APPENDIX III

TRUST FUND FOR ECWA REGIONAL ACTIVITIES
STATEMENT OF UTILIZATION
AS AT 30 JUNE 1978
(EXPRESSED IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS)

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ALLOTMENT</u>
ECWA Regional Documentation Centre	53061
ECWA Science and Technology Work Programme	73558
Annual Statistical Abstract of the Arab World	78315
Consultant services to the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen	3308
Study on "Brain Drain"	31424
Geological survey in the Yemen Arab Republic	1604
Workshop on production accounts, commodity balance and input-output analysis at current prices	30297
Joint Meeting on Food Security	5000
Regional Adviser in Agricultural Projects Identification, Formulation and Evaluation	63200
Regional Adviser in legal aspects of natural resources	77100
Arab Regional Centre for the Transfer and Development of Technology	8200
ECWA's Regional Water Meeting	40000
Study of an integrated transport and communications network in the ECWA region	29100
Completion of a Directory of Information and Documentation Facilities in the Arab Countries	8900
	<u>503067</u>

The donors to the Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities were:

(a) Government of Iraq	\$ 300,000
(b) Other institutions:	
i) Arab Fund for Economic & Social Development	\$ 144,000
ii) Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	\$ 144,000
	<u>288,000</u>
	\$ 588,000

The donations are centrally administered as a single fund at UN Headquarters.

The figures above represent the sums allotted by UN Headquarters and/or the actual expenditures incurred on completed projects.