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REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME BUDGET 1984-1985
ON A SECTOR BY SECTOR BASIS

Programme: Environment

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PROGRAMME STAFFING TABLE
(PROFESSIONAL AND GENERAL SERVICE POST REQUIREMENTS)

Organizational unit: ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

Programme : ENVIRONMENT

	Regular budget*		Extrabudgetary sources		Total	
	1982-83	1984-85	1982-83	1984-85	1982-83	1984-85
<u>Professional category</u>						
USG						
ASG						
D-2						
D-1						
P-5	-	-	1	1	1	1
P-4	-	-	1	1	1	1
P-3						
P-2/1						
Total	-	-	2	2	2	2
<u>General Service category</u>						
	-	-	1	1	1	1
Grand total	-	-	3	3	3	3

* While there is no regular budget post shown under this programme, the programme receives substantial input from the regular budget of the natural resources programme. In the following biennium 1986-1987 regular budgetary resources will be transferred to this programme.

ENVIRONMENT

A. Programme

This programme, which was included in the 1984-1985 medium-term plan, is carried out by the Environment Unit^{a/} and comprises the following programme elements:

- 1.1 Identification of major sources of pollution in the ECWA region;
- 1.2 Environmental concerns in the ECWA region;
- 1.3 Environmental impact of energy production and use in the ECWA region;
- 1.4 Co-ordination and advisory services to the ECWA secretariat and member countries in the field of environment.

Under the first element it is envisaged that, with the co-operation of the water subprogramme of the NRST division, a report will be prepared highlighting environmental guide-lines for water development projects in the region with special emphasis on the preservation of water quality as part of the protection measures to be taken for controlling water pollution.

Under the second element, a broader scope of environmental topics according to scale of priority in the ECWA region will be the subject of an in-depth investigation. This activity is both relevant and important to the developing ECWA countries where urbanization, industrialization and other intensive socio-economic developments are pursued without adequate appreciation of environmental dimensions.

Under the third programme element, a study will highlight the environmental considerations necessary for developing an environmentally-sound energy policy. Special attention will be given to means of enhancing co-operation among ECWA countries in this field.

^{a/} It is envisaged that from 1 January 1984 onwards this Unit will be administered by the Natural Resources, Science and Technology Division.

Under the fourth element, co-ordination and advisory services will be provided to:

- (a) Various ECWA divisions and units;
- (b) All ECWA member countries upon their request;
- (c) UNEP projects and activities in the region.

Subprogramme 1: Environmental problems and concerns in the ECWA region:

(a) Resource requirements:

	<u>Thousands of US dollars</u>	<u>Percentage of programme total</u>
Regular budget	20.0	100.0
Extrabudgetary	351.7	100.0

- (b) Reference: Medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989
(A/37/6) ch. 12, paras. 12.81-12.87.

(c) Programme elements:

1.1 Identification of major sources of pollution in the ECWA region**

Final output: A report to the Commission on "Environmental Guide-lines for Water Development Projects in the ECWA Region", first quarter of 1985.

This programme element will be carried out with the co-operation of the water resources subprogramme. The report will be presented for the guidance of administrators and planners who are required to integrate environmental considerations into projects. Expected starting and completion dates are: First quarter of 1984 and first quarter of 1985.

** Lowest priority.

Estimated work-months and other resources required for 1984-1985

	<u>Regular budget</u>	<u>Extrabudgetary resources</u>
Professionals	-	12 WM
General Service	-	8 WM
Consultants	2 WM (\$ 10,000)	1 WM (\$ 5,000)
Travel	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000
Others	-	-

1.2 Environmental concerns in the ECWA region*

Final output: The mandate given to the Environmental Co-ordination Unit (ECU) stipulates that it should "keep under review the state of the environment in the ECWA region". Since there is a very broad spectrum of environmental issues, it has been agreed that each year an annual "State of the Environment" report should deal with a subject of common interest to the member States. To this end, a report on critical environmental issues will be submitted at the end of each year. Expected starting and completion date: First quarter to last quarter of each year.

Estimated work-months and other resources required for 1984-1985

	<u>Regular budget</u>	<u>Extrabudgetary resources</u>
Professionals	-	12 WM
General Service	-	8 WM
Travel	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000
Others	-	-

* Highest priority.

1.3 Environmental impact of energy production and use in the ECWA region*

Final output: A report to the Commission of a study on the inter-relation between environment and the pattern of energy production and use, first quarter 1986.

A study will be undertaken by the Environment Unit with particular emphasis on the assessment of alternative sources of energy as based on the assessment exercise of the energy programme. This report will be presented to the Commission for the guidance of policy-makers and planners in order to enable them to formulate energy conservation policies consistent with environmentally-sound energy production and use.

Estimated work-months and other resources required for 1984-1985

	<u>Regular budget</u>	<u>Extrabudgetary resources</u>
Professionals	-	12 WM
General Service	-	8 WM
Consultants	1 WM (\$ 5,000)	-
Travel	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
Others	-	-

1.4 Co-ordination and advisory services to the ECWA secretariat and member countries in the field of environment

Final output: Advisory services will be rendered upon request to assist the member States in the creation and management of the necessary national institutional arrangements to deal with national environmental problems. Follow-up of ECWA programmes will ensure that environmental dimensions have been taken well into account at the planning and implementation stages. These activities are in line with the UNEP goal of incorporating environmental awareness into the socio-economic development process on regional and global levels. Expected starting and completion dates: First quarter of 1984 to last quarter of 1985.

* Highest priority.

Estimated work-months and other resources required for 1984-1985

	<u>Regular budget</u>	<u>Extrabudgetary resources</u>
Professionals	-	12 WM
General Service	-	-
Travel	-	\$ 15,000
Consultants	-	-

B. Resource requirements

The Commission at its seventh session requested the secretariat to establish an environment programme from 1 January 1984 onwards. In pursuing resolution 81(VII) the secretariat included an environment programme within its medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989. The above budget proposals are formulated within the context of the Commission's first medium-term plan for activities pertaining to the environment. During the last two bienniums, UNEP has strengthened the environmental capabilities of the Commission by supporting financially an Environmental Co-ordination Unit within the Office of the Executive Secretary. It is envisaged that UNEP will continue to support the Commission's activities during the biennium 1984-1985. Hence, the activities carried out with the support of UNEP have been integrated in the budget proposals under review. At the same time, in line with the medium-term plan environment plan, the submitted programme proposals are more sector-oriented.

In order to achieve greater sectoral orientation to the environment activities of the Commission, the Environmental Co-ordination Unit will be attached from 1 January 1984 onwards to the Natural Resources, Science and Technology Division and be renamed the Environment Unit.

The above-outlined budget proposals are expected to be carried out with a staff establishment consisting of one P-5, two P-4 and two local-level posts. Of these UNEP is expected to contribute one P-5, one P-4 and one local-level post.

ECWA's contribution will therefore consist of one P-4 post. However, no request is submitted for the P-4 post since this post is included within the natural resources programme. Redeployment of this post to the environment programme is at this stage not feasible in view of the substantial redeployment already proposed from the natural resources programme. The activities of this programme will however, to a great extent be deployed (24 WM) towards environmental activities which will be carried out under the umbrella of the Environment Unit.

Consultants

Programme element 1.1: 3 WM are requested to formulate a matrix of environmental guidelines. 2 WM are requested under the regular budget.

Programme element 1.3: 1 WM is requested to study the highly technical aspect of the environmental impact of energy production and use.

Travel of staff

Programme element 1.1: \$ 3,000 is requested to prepare country case studies on water pollution. UNEP is expected to contribute \$ 4,000 towards this end.

Programme element 1.2: \$ 2,000 is requested for collecting information on specific themes (1984: energy, 1985: industry) to be included in the annual state of the environment report. UNEP is expected to contribute \$ 4,000 for the preparation of the report.

Programme element 1.3: \$ 3,000 under the regular budget and \$ 2,000 from extrabudgetary resources is required to allow for travel to selected ECWA countries for gathering information necessary for the study.

Programme element 1.4: UNEP is expected to provide \$ 15,000 for the execution of this element involving rendering advisory services and travel for co-ordination purposes (Meetings of Designated Officials for Environmental Matters, Governing Council of UNEP etc....).

