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Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa  
(1991-2000)

Programme budget implications of the draft decision contained  
in document A/C.2/46/L.64

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with  
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft decision

1. Under the terms of draft decision A/C.2/46/L.64, the General Assembly would:

(a) Endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/81 of 26 July 1991 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000);

(b) Agree to provide adequate resources within the context of the biennium 1992-1993 for the full implementation of that resolution.

2. By its resolution 1991/81, the Economic and Social Council, inter alia,

(a) Requested the Conference of African Ministers of Industry to submit to the General Assembly, at its forty-sixth session, the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, which is currently being finalized, together with the recommendations concerning the practical modalities of its implementation and monitoring and including modalities for the mobilization of funds needed to finance the programme at the national, subregional, regional and international levels;

(b) Recommended that the General Assembly provide the Economic Commission for Africa with adequate resources to enable it to assist African countries and organizations effectively in the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

(c) Requested the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to take follow-up action to promote national, subregional and regional activities in support of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and submit a report on the implementation of that resolution to the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa at its eighteenth meeting.

**B. Description of activities proposed in the draft decision and their estimated requirements at full cost**

3. The above proposals fall under major programme VI (Regional cooperation for economic and social development), programme 30 (Regional cooperation for development in Africa), subprogramme 19 (Transport and communication), of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 1/ This subprogramme was given high priority.

4. The programme of activities for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa was adopted in June 1991 at the meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts of the Whole on Industrialization in Africa and the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry. During the biennium 1992-1993, the activities will be oriented towards strengthening the technological and entrepreneurial capabilities of African countries at the national, subregional and regional levels. Particular attention will be paid to small-scale, cottage and rural industries. Efforts will be made to strengthen subregional and regional institutions for industrial development in the fields of technology, standardization, production and management.

5. The particulars of the programme were available at the time of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and have been utilized for the development of subprogramme 11 (Industrial development in Africa) of section 23 (Economic Commission for Africa). 2/ The resources proposed for the biennium in that subprogramme amount to \$9,703,200, including both regular budget and extrabudgetary components. Moreover, the resources programmed for ECA under section 12 (Regular programme of technical cooperation) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 would be utilized for the promotion of cooperation between technological development institutions, small industry associations, chambers of commerce and industry and financial development institutions in the region.

6. In addition to the activities already programmed in the proposed programme budget, the following activities would be implemented:

(a) Four subregional meetings of three working days each on the identification of subregional and country priorities in the context of the Decade for country representatives would be held in various parts of the continent;

(b) A workshop for industrial and transport experts of three working days for the purpose of coordination of activities of the Second Industrial Development Decade and the Second Decade for Transport and Communications in Africa would be organized in 1992.

The programme would be guided and monitored by the Conference of African Ministers of Industry, assisted by the Intergovernmental Committee of the Whole on Industrialization in Africa and the Committee on the Follow-up to the Industrial Development Decade Programme.

7. The estimated requirements at full cost for these additional activities would be:

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(a) Subregional meetings:

Travel and DSA costs for two staff members attending each subregional meeting	31 700
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Consultants (specialized expertise in industry to prepare a consolidated assessment of priorities of the sector in each subregion (eight work months))	24 000
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(b) Servicing of meetings of the Committee on the Follow-up to the Industrial Development Decade Programme (temporary assistance for meetings)	45 000
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(c) General temporary assistance (equivalent to 12 work months at P-3 level) for the preparation of subregional meetings and workshop	<u>79 700</u>
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Total	<u>180 400</u>
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**C. Modifications required in the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993 and estimated additional requirements**

8. The following activities would be added to the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, under section 23:

**Subprogramme 11. Industrial Development in Africa**

**Activities:**

**4. Operational activities:**

(a) **Advisory services:** four subregional meetings on subregional and country priorities in the context of the implementation of the Second Industrial Development Decade;

(b) **Group training:** workshops on coordination of the activities under the Second Industrial Development Decade and the Second Decade for Transport and Communications in Africa.

9. The resources requested under section 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 would partly cover the additional costs involved: the temporary assistance for meetings (\$45,000) could be absorbed from within the overall provision made for this purpose. The remaining costs (\$135,400) represent the additional requirements under this section to be treated in the context of the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund.

**D. Contingency fund**

10. Under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 44/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. In addition, each statement of programme budget implications and each proposal for revised estimates should contain alternatives to the financing of the proposed new activities from the contingency fund.

11. In the event that the additional \$135,400 could not be financed from the contingency fund, it is proposed that the following low-priority activities under section 23 be postponed to the biennium 1994-1995:

**Subprogramme 10. Human settlements**

**Activities:**

2. **Published material:** non-recurrent publication: formulation of efficient land use planning within the framework of the urban economy (five work months of Professional staff).

Subprogramme 12. Trade development and cooperation

Activities:

1. Published material: non-recurrent publication: trade facilitation in rural areas with emphasis on trade financing, credit facilities and services in rural areas.

Subprogramme 14. Monetary and financial policies and strategies

Activities:

2. Published material: non-recurrent publication: measures needed to provide effective trade financing mechanisms for the revitalization of Africa's trade and its contribution to economic growth (six work months of Professional staff and one work month of General Service staff).

The costs associated with the above low-priority activities would be utilized for the financing of the activities called for in the draft decision under consideration.

E. Summary

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft decision A/C.2/46/L.64, the proposed programme of work under section 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 would be increased by the additional activities listed in paragraph 8 above.

13. An additional appropriation of \$135,400 would be required under section 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, subject to guidelines for the operation and use of the contingency fund.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

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