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Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda

- A. The Financial Status of the Commission's Programmes
B. Statement on the Financial Contributions Account ^{1/}

(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 bienna 1978/79 and 1980/81. The abbreviated form of the data provided below constitutes part of the official records of the General Assembly:

(a) 1978/79 biennium budget: The allotments for the present biennium amount to \$10,203,100 of which \$6,285,645 were expended during the period 1 January 1978 to 31 March 1979, thus leaving an unencumbered balance of \$3,917,455 as of 1 April 1979.

^{1/} Wherever this term appears in the Commission's documents it refers to the Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities which is the name under which the Financial Contributions Account appears in the published accounts of the United Nations.

(b) 1980/1981 biennium budget: \$ 13,279,000 has been requested for the forthcoming biennium, but this request is subject to review both by the United Nations Secretariat in New York and the General Assembly.,

2. In addition to the allotments for the 1978/1979 biennium 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>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
<u>UN REGULAR BUDGET</u>		
Section 15 - Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation	376,400	414,300
Section 22 - Staff Training Activities	14,200	5,900
Section 27 - Transnational Corporations	112,200	118,700
<u>UN EXTRABUDGETARY</u>		
Technical Co-operation Projects	403,691	512,288
United Nations Fund for Population Activities	483,615	519,525
UNDP Project - Arab Planning Institute	418,160	380,240
Voluntary Fund for the UN Decade for Women	57,940	121,250
ECWA/FAO Joint Agriculture Division (JNEA)	28,000	21,810
Multilateral Trade Negotiations	182,700	100,000
Special Account for Programme Support Costs -		
Locally Administered	70,551	16,280
Centrally Administered	76,000	—
	<u>2,223,457</u>	<u>2,210,293</u>

B. Statement on the Financial Contributions Account

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 1978 (Appendix 1);

(b) Statement of Utilization of the Financial Contributions Account (Appendix II).

5. In addition to the foregoing the Government of the Netherlands has offered to make available to ECWA, Dutch Florins 300,000 for extrabudgetary assistance for the execution of the ECWA work programme in 1979.

The receipt of these funds is subject to mutual agreement on the fields in which they may be used and the concurrence of the United Nations Secretariat in New York.

APPENDIX I

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
 COMBINED STATUS OF TRUST FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1978
 (EXPRESSED IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS)

	FINANCIAL CONTRI- BUTIONS ACCOUNT	GOVT. OF NETHERLANDS	GOVT. OF QATAR (STUDY OF) PALESTINIANS	YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC	TOTAL
I. STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE					
ASSETS					
Cash	440066	91231	126045	73948	731290
Accounts receivable	5608	-	-	-	5608
Due from United Nations	-	-	-	-	-
General fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>445674</u>	<u>91231</u>	<u>126045</u>	<u>73948</u>	<u>736898</u>
LIABILITIES AND UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-
Unliquidated obligations	56597	1316	-	-	57913
Reserve for repatriation grant	468	-	-	-	468
Due to United Nations	-	-	-	-	-
General fund	40234	-	-	-	40234
Total liabilities	<u>97292</u>	<u>1316</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98615</u>
UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE					
Balance available 1 Jan. 78	437791	20528	142758	-	601077
ADD: Net excess of income over expenditure (see below)	(39416)	69387	(16713)	73948	37206
Balance available 31 Dec. 78	<u>348375</u>	<u>89915</u>	<u>126045</u>	<u>73948</u>	<u>638283</u>
Total liabilities & unencumbered fund balance	<u>445674</u>	<u>91231</u>	<u>126045</u>	<u>73948</u>	<u>736898</u>
II. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD OF THE BIENNIIUM 1978-1979 ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1978					
INCOME					
Funds allocated	-	84008	-	73948	157956
Interest income	37932	-	-	-	37932
Miscellaneous income	19814	-	-	-	19814
Total income	<u>57746</u>	<u>84008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73948</u>	<u>215702</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Salaries and staff costs	42355	38933	14568	-	65856
Travel	63748	3892	52	-	67692
Contractual services	-	-	-	-	-
Fellowships, grants, other	32845	-	-	-	32845
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-
Operating expenses	8214	-	41	-	8255
Administrative overhead	-	1796	2052	-	3848
Total expenditure	<u>147162</u>	<u>14621</u>	<u>16713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>178496</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	(89416)	69387	(16713)	73948	37206

APPENDIX II
 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ACCOUNT
 STATEMENT OF UTILIZATION
 AS AT 31 MARCH 1979
 (EXPRESSED IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS)

PROJECT	ALLOTMENT
ECWA Regional Documentation Centre	53061
ECWA Science and Technology Work Programme	73558
Annual Statistical Abstract of the Arab World	79315
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	75200
Arab Regional Centre for the Transfer and Development of Technology	12524
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	12416
Study on an organizational Framework for regional co-operation and co-ordination	24600
Study on the establishment of Subsidiary Bodies of ECWA	10500
	<u>480987</u>

The donors to the Financial Contributions Account were:

(a) Government of Iraq	\$300,000
(b) Government of Saudi Arabia	\$300,000
(c) Other institutions:	
(i) Arab Fund for Economic & Social Development	\$144,000
(ii) Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	\$144,000
	<u>288,000</u>
	<u>\$888,000</u>

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

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