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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.2/35/L.112

Twenty-second report of the Advisory Committee on
Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement (A/C.5/35/65) submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/35/L.112 which was adopted by the Second Committee at its 46th meeting on 20 November 1980.

2. The relevant provisions of the draft resolution are discussed in paragraphs 2 to 9 of the Secretary-General's statement. The Secretary-General estimates in paragraph 10 of his statement the requirements which would arise out of the draft resolution as follows:

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Travel and subsistence of regional commissions' staff to attend Preparatory Committee sessions (see para. 2 (b) of the Secretary-General's statement)	32,000
Travel and subsistence of staff on assignment to participate in the preparation of the Conference (see para. 3 of the Secretary-General's statement)	20,000
Travel and subsistence of regional commissions' staff to participate in the meeting of the Synthesis Group as part of the continuation of regional preparations for the Conference (see para. 5 of the Secretary-General's statement)	13,000
Assistance to developing countries in the preparations for the Conference (see para. 6 of the Secretary-General's statement)	260,000
Participation in the Conference of representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly and of representatives of national liberation movements (see para. 10 of the Secretary-General's statement)	16,300
Subtotal	<u>341,300</u>
Full cost of conference services:	
Meeting of the Synthesis Group	437,100
Third session of the Preparatory Committee	740,800
Fourth session of the Preparatory Committee	725,000
Translation, reproduction and distribution of national summaries (see para. 7 of the Secretary-General's statement)	208,100
The Conference	1,676,800
Interregional and pre-conference consultations	141,400
Subtotal	<u>3,929,200</u>
Total	<u><u>4,270,500</u></u>

3. As can be seen from the table above, aside from the estimates of the full cost of Conference services, the largest element of estimated additional expenditure (\$260,000) relates to assistance to developing countries. This estimate is discussed in paragraph 6 of the statement:

"It will be recalled that for 1980 the General Assembly had approved an amount of \$700,000, as compared to a request of \$975,000 (A/C.5/34/96, para. 7), for the provision of technical advisory services, on the understanding that, should developments in 1980 warrant it, the Secretary-General might submit revised estimates to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session. Based on the interest expressed to date and forecasts of the needs of developing countries, the Secretary-General estimates that an additional 40 work months of technical advisory services would be required to assist in the completion of the national papers and other preparations at the national level for the Conference at an estimated cost of \$6,500 per work month, totalling \$260,000."

4. The Advisory Committee has not been convinced that the "interest expressed to date and forecasts of the needs of developing countries" would require an additional \$260,000 over the \$700,000 already provided. Moreover, the Committee notes that paragraph 11 of draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.112 directs that the technical assistance to be provided should use "inter alia, to the greatest extent possible existing resources ..."

5. Under the circumstances the Committee recommends that efforts should be made to meet requirements for assistance to developing countries in the preparations for the Conference from within existing resources. If necessary, when the total expenditure for the Conference becomes known, an additional appropriation may be considered by the General Assembly in the context of the final performance report for 1980-1981.

6. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.112, recommended by the Second Committee, additional appropriations totalling \$81,300 would be required for the biennium 1980-1981 as follows:

Section 4	\$ 16,300
Section 10	11,500
Section 11	16,000
Section 12	12,500
Section 13	13,000
Section 14	12,000
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Total	\$ 81,300

As indicated by the Secretary-General in paragraph 12 of his statement, "no additional appropriation is sought at this time under section 29, inasmuch as the

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Conference-servicing requirements presented in this statement at full-cost basis in the total amount of \$3,929,200 will be reviewed in the context of a consolidated statement on total conference-servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of its current session."
