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TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions  
adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its twentieth  
and twenty-first sessions held in Geneva

Report by the Secretary-General

1. At its twentieth and twenty-first sessions, held in Geneva from 17 to 26 March 1980 and 15 to 27 September 1980 respectively, the Trade and Development Board adopted resolutions and took decisions the implementation of which would involve additional costs in the biennium 1980-1981. These resolutions and decisions, together with the financial implications presented to the Board are contained in the annexes to documents A/35/15, volumes I and II.
  - A. Resolution 213 (XX). Trade and trade-related aspects of industrial collaboration arrangements
2. The Ad Hoc UNCTAD/UNIDO Group of Experts on Trade and Trade-related Aspects of Industrial Collaboration Arrangements which met in Geneva from 22 to 26 October 1979 considered that it would be useful to have a further meeting in Vienna at a date to be agreed upon by UNCTAD and UNIDO. Following consultations between the two secretariats, it was proposed that the second session of the Ad Hoc Group be held in Vienna from 6 to 17 October 1980.
3. At its twentieth session, the Trade and Development Board adopted resolution 213 (XX) which approved the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Group and requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in consultation with the Executive Director of UNIDO to convene the meeting of the Ad Hoc Group as soon as a corresponding decision was taken by the Industrial Development Board. In adopting the resolution, the Board took note of the statement of administrative and financial implications submitted

by the UNCTAD secretariat on the understanding that the required financial resources would be provided from within the existing resources of the two organizations.

4. The financial implications included \$40,000 for the travel and subsistence expenses of 20 experts and \$60,000 for conference servicing costs. No appropriation is being requested in respect of these costs which will be absorbed from within the existing appropriations for the biennium 1980-1981.

B. Resolution 216 (XX). Economic co-operation among developing countries

5. In adopting the above resolution, the Trade and Development Board decided that a total of up to four weeks of meetings should be allocated to economic co-operation among developing countries in order to convene meetings of governmental experts of regional groups, in particular of developing countries, between the Board's twentieth and twenty-first sessions.

6. Based on the assumption that these meetings would be held in Geneva, require one conference room, be serviced in four languages and require 200 pages of documentation, the conference servicing costs are estimated at \$153,800.

C. Decision 217 (XX). Protectionism and structural adjustment

7. In accordance with section A of the UNCTAD resolution 131 (V) to carry out annually a review of the patterns of production and trade in the world economy and, with section B of the same resolution, to review at sessions of the Board and its appropriate subsidiary bodies developments involving restrictions of trade, the Board adopted decision 217 (XX) to establish at its twenty-first session a sessional committee which would give priority consideration to these items as part of its work programme.

8. The establishment of a new sessional committee, in addition to those normally provided for sessions of the Board is estimated at cost \$118,900 for conference services assuming that the meetings would require one additional conference room, be serviced in six languages and require 100 pages of documentation.

D. Decision 218 (XX). Review of the calendar of meetings

9. During the Board's twentieth session, the UNCTAD secretariat submitted a note <sup>1/</sup> containing the revised draft calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1980 and the tentative schedule of meetings for 1981. In paragraph 3 (a) of the note, it was stated that the Working Group on Rules of Origin at its seventh session had referred to the desirability of holding another session before the end of 1980 and that the secretariat had tentatively included a one-week session of the Working Group in the draft calendar of meetings to be held in the last quarter of 1980.

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<sup>1/</sup> TD/B/L.555.

10. In its decision 218 (XX) the Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1980 and the tentative schedule of meetings for 1981 which included an eighth session of the Working Group on Rules of Origin at dates to be determined. Should this meeting be convened the cost of conference services is estimated at \$87,100.

11. The Trade and Development Board, at its twenty-first session, was informed that at the ninth session of the Special Committee on Preferences, the Special Committee had recommended that the Working Group on Rules of Origin should be reconvened in 1981. It suggested that the eighth session of the Working Group should be scheduled for 23 to 27 March 1981.

12. In its decision 225 (XXI) the Board approved a revised calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1980, a calendar of meetings for 1981, and tentative schedules of meetings for 1982 and 1983. According to this decision, the eighth session of the Working Group on Rules of Origin would be convened from 27 April to 1 May 1981.

E. Decision 225 (XXI). Review of the calendar of meetings

13. The calendar of meetings for 1980-1981 approved by the Board in the above decision contained several new items which emanated either from recommendations of its subsidiary bodies or from United Nations conferences. In accordance with rule 31 of its rules of procedure, the Board considered the administrative and financial implications relating to those new meetings presented in document TD/B/L.567/Add.2 as orally amended by the UNCTAD secretariat.

14. The Board also considered holding consultations for two days in anticipation of the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology. Conference servicing costs are estimated to be \$14,100 on the assumption that the consultations would be held in Geneva, require one conference room, be serviced in six languages and require 10 pages of documentation.

15. By its decision 17 (IX) the Committee on Invisibles and Financing Related to Trade recommended to the Trade and Development Board the convening of an intergovernmental group of experts on an export guarantee facility. This decision was endorsed by the Board at its 544th meeting on 27 September 1980. On the assumption that the intergovernmental group would hold two sessions for a total of two weeks in Geneva in 1981, require two conference rooms, be serviced in six languages and require 140 pages of documentation, the cost of conference servicing is estimated to be \$168,000.

16. The calendar of meetings approved by the Board in its decision 225 (XXI) included the convening of a special session of the Committee on Shipping to deal with the question of open registry fleets and two sessions of a group of experts to study the problems faced by developing countries in the carriage of bulk cargoes, as requested by the Committee on Shipping in that Committee's resolutions 41 (IX) and 42 (IX), adopted at its ninth session held in Geneva from 1 to 13 September 1980.

Both resolutions were endorsed by the Board at its 544th meeting held on 27 September 1980. The special session of the Committee on Shipping is estimated to cost \$183,400 based on the assumption that it will be held in Geneva, require three conference rooms, be serviced in six languages and require 170 pages of documentation. Conference servicing costs for the two sessions of the group of experts are estimated to amount to \$71,900. It is assumed that the group will meet in Geneva in 1981 for a total of two weeks, be serviced in four languages and require 100 pages of documentation.

17. In order to consider and adopt the report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, the Trade and Development Board decided to include in the calendar of meetings for 1981 the holding of a one-day resumed session of the Board in May 1981. It is estimated that this one day meeting would cost \$10,200 for conference services.

#### F. Summary

18. The conference servicing costs in this submission are presented on a full-cost basis, that is, as if none of the requirements can be provided out of the resources appropriated under the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981. The total amount involved, calculated at an exchange rate of 1.73 Swiss francs per United States dollar, is \$808,400 as broken down in the annex to this document. No additional requirements are requested in this report since actual supplementary needs with respect to meetings in 1980 will be examined, and revised appropriations requested, if necessary, under section 29 in the first performance report on the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981. As regards conference servicing requirements for meetings scheduled in 1981, these will be considered in the context of a consolidated statement to be submitted towards the end of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in which the Secretary-General will report on the level of additional conference resources to be requested in the light of the pattern of conferences for the year 1981 as approved by the General Assembly.

AnnexA. Resolution 216 (XX)Meetings of governmental experts on economic co-operation among  
developing countries, Geneva, 1980 (four weeks)

	<u>Total workload (days)</u>	<u>Daily rate \$</u>	\$	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Interpretation (in four languages)</u>				
Salaries	364	213		<u>77 532</u>
<u>Documentation (in four languages 200 pages)</u>				
Salaries - Translation	168	185	31 080	
Revision	56	210	11 760	
Typing	188	69	<u>12 972</u>	<u>55 812</u>
<u>Reproduction</u>				
				<u>6 867</u>
<u>Distribution</u>				
				<u>5 133</u>
<u>Other conference staff</u>				
Conference officers	28	77	2 156	
Meeting-room attendants and guards	84	45	3 780	
Technicians: interpretation and sound recording	56	45	<u>2 520</u>	<u>8 456</u>
Grand total:				<u><u>153 800</u></u>

B. Decision 217 (XX)

Additional sessional committee of the Trade and Development Board  
 at its twenty-first session, Geneva, 15-27 September 1980

	<u>Total workload (days)</u>	<u>Daily rate \$</u>	\$	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Interpretation (in six languages)</u>				
Salaries	280	213		<u>59 640</u>
<u>Documentation (in six languages)</u>				
Pre-session (30 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	42	185	7 770	
Revision	14	210	2 940	
Typing	43	69	2 967	
			<u>2 967</u>	<u>13 677</u>
In-session (50 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	70	185	12 950	
Revision	24	210	5 040	
Typing	73	69	5 037	
			<u>5 037</u>	<u>23 027</u>
Post-session (20 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	28	185	5 180	
Revision	10	210	2 100	
Typing	30	69	2 070	
			<u>2 070</u>	<u>9 350</u>
<u>Reproduction</u>				<u>5 150</u>
<u>Distribution</u>				<u>3 850</u>
<u>Other conference staff</u>				
Conference officers	14	77	1 078	
Meeting-room attendants and guards	42	45	1 890	
Technicians: interpretation and sound recording	28	45	1 260	
			<u>1 260</u>	<u>4 228</u>
Grand total:				<u><u>118 922</u></u>

C. Decision 218 (XX)

Working Group on Rules of Origin, eighth session,  
Geneva, 27 April-1 May 1981

	<u>Total workload (days)</u>	<u>Daily rate \$</u>	\$	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Interpretation (in six languages)</u>				
Salaries	203	213		<u>43 239</u>
<u>Documentation (in six languages)</u>				
Pre-session (50 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	70	185	12 950	
Revision	24	210	5 040	
Typing	74	69	<u>5 106</u>	<u>23 096</u>
Post-session (30 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	42	185	7 770	
Revision	14	210	2 940	
Typing	44	69	<u>3 036</u>	<u>13 746</u>
<u>Reproduction</u>				<u>2 386</u>
<u>Distribution</u>				<u>1 283</u>
<u>Other conference staff</u>				
Conference officers	7	77	539	
Meeting-room attendants and guards	42	45	1 890	
Technicians: interpretation and sound recording	21	45	<u>945</u>	<u>3 374</u>
Grand total:				<u><u>87 124</u></u>

D. Decision 225 (XXVI)

1. Consultations prior to reconvening of United Nations Conference on an International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology, Geneva, 1981 (two days)

	<u>Total workload</u> (days)	<u>Daily rate</u> \$	\$	<u>Total</u> \$
<u>Interpretation (in six languages)</u>				
Salaries	40	213		<u>8 520</u>
<u>Documentation (in six languages - 10 pages)</u>				
Salaries - Translation	14	185	2 590	
Revision	5	210	1 050	
Typing	15	69	<u>1 035</u>	<u>4 675</u>
<u>Reproduction</u>				<u>212</u>
<u>Distribution</u>				<u>107</u>
<u>Other conference staff</u>				
Conference officers	2	77	154	
Meeting-room attendants and guards	6	45	270	
Technicians: interpretation and sound recording	4	45	<u>180</u>	<u>604</u>
Grand total:				<u><u>14 118</u></u>



D. Decision 225 (XXVI) (continued)

2. Intergovernmental Group of Experts on an Export Credit Guarantee Facility, two sessions, Geneva, 4-8 May 1981 and 20-24 July 1981

	<u>Total workload (days)</u>	<u>Daily rate \$</u>	\$	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Interpretation (in six languages)</u>				
Salaries	203	213		<u>43 239</u>
<u>Documentation (in six languages)</u>				
Pre-session (50 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	70	185	12 950	
Revision	24	210	5 040	
Typing	74	69	<u>5 106</u>	<u>23 096</u>
Post-session (20 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	30	185	5 550	
Revision	10	210	2 100	
Typing	30	69	<u>2 070</u>	<u>9 720</u>
<u>Reproduction</u>				<u>2 695</u>
<u>Distribution</u>				<u>1 925</u>
<u>Other conference staff</u>				
Conference officers	7	77	539	
Meeting-room attendants and guards	42	45	1 890	
Technicians: interpretation and sound recording	21	45	<u>945</u>	<u>3 374</u>
Total for one meeting				<u>84 049</u>
Total for two meetings				<u><u>168 098</u></u>

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D. Decision 225 (XXVI) (continued)

3. Committee on Shipping, third special session,  
 Geneva, 27 May-5 June 1981

	<u>Total Workload (days)</u>	<u>Daily rate \$</u>	\$	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Interpretation (in six languages)</u>				
Salaries	400	213		<u>85 200</u>
<u>Documentation (in six languages)</u>				
Pre-session (100 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	140	185	25 900	
Revision	46	210	9 660	
Typing	150	69	<u>10 350</u>	<u>45 910</u>
In-session (40 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	56	185	10 360	
Revision	18	210	3 780	
Typing	60	69	<u>4 140</u>	<u>18 280</u>
Post-session (30 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	42	185	7 770	
Revision	14	210	2 940	
Typing	44	69	<u>3 036</u>	<u>13 746</u>
<u>Reproduction</u>				<u>8 755</u>
<u>Distribution</u>				<u>6 737</u>
<u>Other conference staff</u>				
Conference officers	10	77	770	
Meeting-room attendants and guards	60	45	2 700	
Technicians: interpretation and sound recording	30	45	<u>1 350</u>	<u>4 820</u>
Grand total:				<u><u>183 448</u></u>

D. Decision 225 (XXVI) (continued)4. Group of experts on the problems faced by developing countries in the carriage of bulk cargoes, two sessions, Geneva, 1981 (two weeks)

	<u>Total workload (days)</u>	<u>Daily rate \$</u>	\$	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Interpretation (in four languages)</u>				
Salaries	168	213		<u>35 784</u>
<u>Documentation (in four languages)</u>				
Pre-session (50 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	41	185	7 585	
Revision	14	210	2 940	
Typing	45	69	3 105	
			<u>13 630</u>	
In-session (20 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	18	185	3 330	
Revision	6	210	1 260	
Typing	22	69	1 518	
			<u>6 108</u>	
Post-session (30 pages)				
Salaries - Translation	25	185	4 625	
Revision	8	210	1 680	
Typing	23	69	1 587	
			<u>7 892</u>	
<u>Reproduction</u>				<u>2 566</u>
<u>Distribution</u>				<u>1 711</u>
<u>Other conference staff</u>				
Conference officers	14	77	1 078	
Meeting-room attendants and guards	42	45	1 890	
Technicians: interpretation and sound recording	28	45	1 260	
			<u>4 228</u>	
Grand total:				<u><u>71 919</u></u>

D. Decision 225 (XXVI) (continued)

5. Trade and Development Board, resumed twenty-second session to consider report of Working Party in Medium-term Plan and Programme Budget, Geneva, 11 May 1981

	<u>Total workload (days)</u>	<u>Daily rate \$</u>	\$	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Interpretation (in six languages)</u>				
Salaries	20	213		4 260
<u>Documentation (in six languages - 20 pages)</u>				
Salaries - Translation	14	185	2 590	
Revision	5	210	1 050	
Typing	15	69	1 035	4 675
<u>Reproduction</u>				
				514
<u>Distribution</u>				
				481
<u>Other conference staff</u>				
Conference officers	1	77	77	
Meeting-room attendants and guards	3	45	135	
Technicians: interpretation and sound recording	2	45	90	302
Grand total:				10 232

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