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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

Revised estimates resulting from decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions of 1981

Eleventh report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General in which he submits revised estimates attributable to certain resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions of 1981, (A/C.5/36/33 and Corr.1). The additional resources requested by the Secretary-General for 1982-1983 amount to \$298,100 gross, or \$285,500 net of staff assessment, for requirements other than for those for conference servicing. The related conference-servicing costs are estimated by the Secretary-General at \$5,251,700 (\$3,269,100 in 1982 and \$1,982,600 in 1983) on a full-cost basis. In paragraph 4 of his report, the Secretary-General states that the net additional conference-servicing requirements for 1982 will be consolidated in a statement to be submitted towards the close of the current session of the General Assembly.

2. The following table provides a summary of the revised estimates by section (excluding conference-servicing costs):

Revised estimates (excluding conference-servicing costs)

(US dollars)

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>Total</u>
Section 1	14,700	-	14,700
Section 4	-	11,300	11,300
Section 23	240,300	17,500	257,800
Section 28G	<u>1,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,700</u>
	256,700	28,800	285,500

3. The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General has not requested additional resources for items involving, in each case, financial implications of \$10,000 or less (A/C.5/36/33, para. 3). The Secretary-General intends to absorb the related amounts which total \$9,400 (A/C.5/36/33, annex I, paras. 23.5 and 23.32).

4. The Committee notes from paragraph 6 of the Secretary-General's report that:

"Any additional resource requirements that might arise from decisions or resolutions that the Economic and Social Council is expected to consider and adopt at its resumed second regular session would be distributed in an addendum to the present report."

Section 1. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination

Resolution 1981/31. Assistance to refugees in Somalia

5. The Secretary-General's request for \$14,700 under this heading would provide for travel and subsistence costs of an Under-Secretary-General or Assistant-Secretary-General and three Professional staff members who would undertake an assessment mission to Somalia for one week in January 1982. The Advisory Committee has no objection to this request.

Section 4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)

Resolution 1981/6. Tenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference
for Asia and the Pacific

6. The Secretary-General requests \$11,300 under this heading for the travel and subsistence costs of the three substantive staff members from New York who would be required to service this two-week conference in Bangkok. The Advisory Committee has no objection to this request.

Section 23. Human rights

7. Under this section the Secretary-General submits the financial implications of one resolution and 10 decisions of the Economic and Social Council. The additional non-conference servicing resources being requested are estimated at \$257,800 as follows:

	Revised estimates under section 23		
	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) Decision 1981/137	121,100	17,500	138,600
(b) Decision 1981/138	36,200	-	36,200
(c) Decision 1981/139	38,600	-	38,600
(d) Decision 1981/149	<u>44,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,400</u>
	240,300	17,500	257,800

Decision 1981/137. Violation of human rights in southern Africa:
mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts

8. This decision of the Economic and Social Council approved the decision of the Commission on Human Rights (resolution 5 (XXXVII)) to renew the mandate of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts and requested the Secretary-General to provide every assistance and the resources required to enable the Ad Hoc Working Group to discharge its responsibilities in accordance with its terms of reference. In paragraph 23.17 of annex I to his report, the Secretary-General states that the related non-conference-servicing requirements are estimated at \$138,600. The Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of this request.

Decision 1981/138. Situation of human rights in Chile

9. The non-conference-servicing requirements arising as the result of this decision are estimated at \$36,200 (para. 23.22 of annex I to the Secretary-General's report).

10. The Committee notes from paragraph 23.23 that, given the confidentiality of the work carried out by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Chile, the Secretary-General is making all efforts to assign existing permanent staff of the Division of Human Rights to assist the Special Rapporteur. The Secretary-General is requesting \$21,100 for temporary assistance to replace regular staff assigned to the Special Rapporteur. Bearing in mind that some \$197,000 has already been requested for general temporary assistance in section 23 of the proposed programme budget for 1982-1983, 1/ and the possibility that regular staff may be redeployed to accommodate special assignments, the Committee recommends that such requirements as may arise as the result of assignment of regular staff to the Special Rapporteur pursuant to decision 1981/138 be met from within the resources already approved by the Fifth Committee in first reading.

Decision 1981/139. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance

11. In paragraphs 23.27-23.29 of annex I to his report, the Secretary-General indicates that the non-conference-servicing requirements related to this decision are estimated at \$38,600 for travel and subsistence and temporary assistance.

12. Of this amount \$33,800 is for temporary assistance. For the reason given in paragraph 10 above, the Advisory Committee recommends that such requirements as may arise be met from within the resources requested under section 23 of the proposed programme budget.

Decision 1981/149. Realization of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of the special problems faced by developing countries in their efforts to achieve those rights

13. Under the terms of this decision, the Economic and Social Council inter alia approved the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to establish a working group of 15 governmental experts and approved the Commission's request that the working group hold three meetings at Geneva, two in 1981 and the third in 1982. The Council requested the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the working group. In paragraph 23.37 of annex I to his report (A/C.5/36/33), the Secretary-General estimates that the non-conference-servicing costs of the third meeting of the working group, to be held in January 1982, will amount to \$44,400 for travel and subsistence of members. The Committee recommends approval of this estimate.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/36/6), vol. II, table 23.10.

Section 28G, Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Division -
International Computing Centre, Geneva (United Nations share)

Decision 1981/139. Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

14. The Secretary-General estimates that an amount of \$1,700 will be required under section 28G as the United Nations share of the costs for rental of two video display units in connexion with the activities of the working group. Related financial implications under section 23 are described in paragraph 12 above. The Advisory Committee recommends that the amount of \$1,700 be absorbed from within the resources already approved in first reading under section 28G of the proposed programme budget for 1982-1983.

Recapitulation

15. The Advisory Committee recommends that the following additional amounts attributable to resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions of 1981 should be approved for 1982-1983:

	<u>US dollars</u>
Section 1	14,700
Section 4	11,300
Section 23	<u>202,900</u>
	228,900

16. As the result of the Committee's recommendations in paragraphs 10 and 12 above, there will be no additional requirements under section 31 (Staff assessment).
