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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGING

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/36/L.18/Rev.1, as orally revised

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

1. At its 29th meeting held on 23 November 1981, the Third Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/36/L.18/Rev.1 as orally revised. It had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications contained in document A/C.3/36/L.25. Paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of document A/C.3/36/L.25/Rev.1 were read to the Committee before the adoption of the vote.
2. In paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/36/L.18/Rev.1, as orally revised, the General Assembly would agree that two days of pre-conference meetings should be held in Vienna immediately before the World Assembly in order to reach agreement on all procedural matters to be dealt with on the opening day of the Assembly, subject to the condition contained in paragraph 8 of the draft resolution in which it is stated that paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the draft resolution would be implemented only to the extent that they can be financed by economies within the direct and apportioned resources requested by the Secretary-General in section 4B of his proposed programme budget for 1982-1983, or voluntary contributions which may be or may become available from the Fund of the World Assembly on Aging. Meeting servicing costs amounting to \$19,200 would arise in respect of the two-day pre-conference consultations.

3. In paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would approve, subject to the conditions in paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, the holding of three simultaneous meetings (a plenary and two main committees) throughout the duration of the World Assembly on Aging. Conference servicing costs amounting to \$95,200 would arise in respect of one additional simultaneous meeting per day.

4. In paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request, subject to the conditions in paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General to convene in Vienna two sessions of the Advisory Committee, if possible, from 1 to 5 February and from 3 to 7 May 1982, in order to finalize the preparations and documentation for the World Assembly on Aging. Additional requirements would arise in the amount of \$440,400 consisting of (a) conference-servicing requirements (\$201,600 for each session); (b) travel and subsistence of one staff member from the Office of the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (\$2,000 for each session); (c) travel and subsistence of two staff members from the Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters (\$4,400 for each session); (d) travel and subsistence of one representative from the following regional commissions: the Economic Commission for Africa (\$2,300 for each session); the Economic Commission for Latin America (\$3,500 for each session); the Economic Commission for Western Asia (\$1,800 for each session) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (\$4,600 for each session).

5. While the activities proposed in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the draft resolution would normally be a charge against the regular budget, the proviso in paragraph 8 that they be financed, if possible, from the regular budget is unlikely to be fulfilled as there are no unprogrammed provisions within the direct and apportioned resources requested in section 4B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium for 1982-1983. Accordingly, the required additional costs in the amount of \$554,800 will have to be met from voluntary contributions which may be or may become available from the Trust Fund for the World Assembly on Aging.

6. It was brought to the attention of the Third Committee that, while the Trust Fund for the World Assembly on Aging has received a cash contribution of \$250,000 and has recently received a pledge of an additional contribution of \$400,000 a total estimated amount of \$367,700 has already been earmarked for expenditures related to the extrabudgetary posts of the Secretariat during 1981 and 1982. Thus, only about \$282,300 could be available from the Trust Fund to meet the new additional estimated expenditures of \$554,800.

7. In summary, the requirements, by activity, are broken down as follows:

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Travel and subsistence of one staff member of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for the Department of international Economic and Social Affairs	4,000
Travel and subsistence of two staff members of the Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters	8,800
Travel and subsistence on one representative of the regional commissions:	
Economic Commission for Africa	4,600
Economic Commission for Latin America	7,000
Economic Commission for Western Asia	3,600
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	<u>9,200</u>
Sub-total	<u>37,200</u>
Full cost of conference services:	
Pre-conference consultations prior to the World Assembly	19,200
One additional simultaneous meeting per day for the World Assembly on Aging	95,200
Second session of the Advisory Committee	201,600
Third session of the Advisory Committee	<u>201,600</u>
Sub-total:	<u>517,600</u>
Total:	<u>554,800</u>
