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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

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and Information Systems Division - Inter-Organization Board for
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Report of the Secretary-General

I. Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems - 1982
budget estimates

1. The Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC), at its first regular session in 1981, decided to continue the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems (IOB) as a clearing house and forum for exchange of experience but without operational functions and, accordingly, without a director and an operational secretariat (decision 1981/3). The Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC), at its twenty-first session, commented 1/ on the decision of ACC and recommended 2/ that ACC review its decision 1981/3.

2. The Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1981, adopted resolution 1981/63 wherein it, inter alia, endorsed the recommendation of CPC that ACC should review its decision 1981/3 (para. 1); requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982, including the agreed recommendations of ACC on methods of enhancing the effectiveness of the co-ordination of information systems in the United Nations system, bearing in mind the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (para. 3); requested ACC to include in the recommendations called for in paragraph 3 a

1/ A/36/38, paras. 39-44.

2/ Ibid., para. 447.

detailed proposal for ensuring the cost-effective compatibility of computerized information systems, including the continued elaboration of vocabularies of common terminology (para. 4); and requested the Secretary-General, as Chairman of ACC, to engage immediately, within the limits of existing resources, independent recognized experts to prepare recommendations which would assist in developing the proposals and recommendations mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 (para. 5).

3. With a view to the implementation of Council resolution 1981/63, the Secretary-General, as Chairman of ACC, has appointed two independent recognized experts to assist ACC in developing the proposals and recommendation requested by the Council. The experts expect to begin their investigations and studies in late October 1981. They are requested to complete their task as expeditiously as possible, and to submit their recommendations if possible by the end of February 1982. Every effort will be made to prepare, in the light of the experts' recommendations, the report requested in resolution 1981/63, in time for submission to the Council at its first regular session of 1982. However, should the experts request more time to examine the wide range of complex issues raised in the resolution, a progress report would be submitted to the Council at that session, the final report being then submitted to the Council at its second regular session of 1982. ACC also decided to continue in service the staff of the IOB secretariat until the first regular session of 1982 of ACC and to approve, on a contingency basis, a budget for the IOB secretariat for the year 1982, at the level of 1980-1981, subject to standard adjustments for inflation and currency fluctuations, on the understanding that the use of funds beyond the first regular session of ACC in 1982 would be decided upon by ACC at that session.

4. The IOB budget estimates for 1982, amounting to \$674,300, are presented below.

Table 1. Budget estimates
(Thousands of US dollars)

<u>Objects of expenditure</u>	<u>1980-1981 appro- priation</u>	<u>Resource requirements for 1982</u>		
		<u>At 1981 prices</u>	<u>Inflation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Established posts	579.0	310.1	11.3	321.4
Temporary assistance	24.0	11.9	0.6	12.5
Consultants	264.1	130.4	6.5	136.9
Common staff costs	149.1	80.7	2.8	83.5
Representation allowance	1.2	0.6	-	0.6
Travel on official business	89.2	44.0	2.2	46.2
Contractual services	117.0	57.8	2.9	60.7
General operating expenses	24.0	11.9	0.6	12.5
Total	<u>1,247.4</u>	<u>647.4</u>	<u>26.9</u>	<u>674.3</u>

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Table 2. Staffing table

	<u>1980-1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>Professional category and above</u>		
D-2	1	1
D-1	-	-
P-5	2	2
P-4	-	-
P-3	-	-
P-2/1	1	1
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Total	4	4
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<u>General Service category</u>		
Principal level	-	-
Other levels	3	3
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Total	3	3
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Grand total	7	7
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II. Revised estimates under section 28G. Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Division - Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems (United Nations share)

5. The estimated share of the United Nations in the cost of IOB is \$280,500, representing approximately 41.6 per cent of the total estimated cost of \$674,300. It will be recalled that a provisional amount of \$527,600 reflecting the level of resources approved for the 1980-1981 biennium was included in the 1982-1983 proposed programme budget (A/36/6, paras. 28G.12 and 28G.13) for the United Nations share pending the review of the budget proposals of the Board by ACC. Consequently, the provisional amount of \$527,600 may be reduced by \$247,100 to \$280,500.
