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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Expansion of the conference facilities of the Economic
Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/36/L.67

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

1. The Second Committee, at its 40th meeting held on 16 November 1981, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.67. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.2/36/L.44).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.67 of 12 November 1981, the General Assembly would, inter alia, request the Secretary-General to undertake as a matter of urgency a study of the adequacy of the conference facilities at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to meet the demands thereon as a result of the Commission's enlarged membership and increased activities, and would further request the Secretary-General to report the findings of the study, together with his suggestions, through the Commission at its seventeenth session and through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.
3. Should the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.67 be adopted by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General would carry out an initial investigation and examination within existing resources, as indicated in Economic and Social

Council resolution 1981/65 of 24 July 1981. Accordingly, should the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.67 be adopted, no additional appropriation would be requested under section 13.

4. It should, however, be noted that the nature of the report of the Secretary-General on accommodation at ECA may be influenced by the decisions yet to be taken by the General Assembly on the Joint Inspection Unit's report on building construction procedures of the United Nations organizations 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on construction procedures. 2/

1/ A/36/297 and Add.1.

2/ A/36/643.