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### PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

#### THE COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS IN CYPRUS

#### Revised estimates under section 1. Over-all policy-making direction and co-ordination

1. Under the authority of General Assembly resolutions 32/128 of 16 December 1977, and 33/172 of 20 December 1978, the Secretary-General has been providing his good offices relating to missing persons in Cyprus. In his report to the General Assembly, A/36/702, dated 20 November 1981, on the Question of Cyprus, the Secretary-General refers to the agreement reached in Nicosia on 22 April 1981 for the establishment of a Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus.
2. As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, the Committee began its work in July 1981. In paragraph 11 of his report the Secretary-General makes the following statement:

"With regard to the question of missing persons, I have followed with concern the difficulties, mostly of a procedural nature, that have prevented the Committee on Missing Persons from embarking on the concrete task for which it was established. The intensive consultations and informal exchanges of views undertaken by my representatives for the past weeks appear to have improved the prospects of having the Committee resolve the outstanding procedural issues that have blocked its progress. I hope that the Committee will now convene for this purpose, and devote itself to the solution of this painful humanitarian issue in a spirit of good faith and mutual confidence. For this purpose financial and budgetary arrangements will have to be made to ensure the continuing work of the Committee."

3. The Committee consists of three members, one "humanitarian person" from each community and one official as a third member selected for this purpose by the International Committee of the Red Cross and appointed by the Secretary-General. In the light of the General Assembly resolutions referred to above, the United Nations is responsible for the financing of all costs relating to the member

appointed by the Secretary-General, his staff and the facilities necessary for the proper functioning of the Committee including office space, furniture and equipment, vehicles, communications and miscellaneous supplies and services.

4. In order to meet this obligation, the following assumptions are made:

(a) the third member of the Committee, at the equivalent of the D-2 level, would be assisted by two senior consultants and two General Service staff, one at the principal level, and a Field Service Officer;

(b) in view of the nature of the assignment, the members of the group would be on mission status and would be entitled to daily subsistence allowances;

(c) provision would need to be made for the travel of the third member of the Committee to Athens and Ankara;

(d) provision would need to be made for general operating expenses covering such items as rental of vehicles, office supplies and maintenance, communications, local services and an amount for contractual services for research work by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

5. Noting that the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) would make available facilities and supplies to the extent possible, the following costs are estimated for 1982:

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General temporary assistance (including common staff costs and subsistence)	84,600
Consultants' fees and travel	119,900
Contractual services	15,000
General operating expenses	47,200
Supplies and materials	<u>28,500</u>
Total	<u>295,200</u>

6. Therefore, bearing in mind the relevant paragraphs (8 and 11) of his report, in order to ensure the continuance of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus, the Secretary-General would require an appropriation of \$295,100 under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983. In addition, staff assessment of \$21,000 would be required under section 31, offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1.

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