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Note by the Secretary-General

1. With regard to the memoranda of the Chairman of the Second Committee addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, dated 17 November 1981, it will be recalled that at the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly, the Second Committee recommended to the Assembly the adoption of a proposal which became resolution 35/53 B of 5 December 1980, entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research: Financial support for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research", by which the General Assembly decided that a grant-in-aid should be provided, on an exceptional basis, from the budget of the United Nations to meet the current deficits as reflected in the budget estimates approved by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. In the related statements of administrative and financial implications contained in documents A/C.2/35/L.31/Rev.1 and A/C.5/35/43, which were submitted to the Second and Fifth Committees, respectively, the Secretary-General indicated that in the revised budget estimates of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for 1980, which were approved by the Board of Trustees, it was envisaged that as at 31 December 1980 the balance of the Institute's General Fund would show a deficit of \$305,700 and that in the budget estimates for 1981, it was forecast that as at 31 December 1981 an additional deficit of \$646,060 would materialize.

2. On the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 1/ the Fifth Committee, at its 39th meeting, on 28 November 1980, decided, 2/ by a recorded vote of 85 to 11, with 11 abstentions,

1/ Fourteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/35/7/Add.1-32), document A/35/7/Add.13, paras. 18-20)

2/ A/35/673.

to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee (which was later adopted as resolution 35/53 B), an additional appropriation of \$305,700 would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 as a grant-in-aid to UNITAR to meet the deficit for 1980. The Fifth Committee recommended further that the question of a grant-in-aid for 1981 should be considered by the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, in the light of the report to be submitted by the Executive Director of UNITAR.

3. In paragraph 159 of his report, ^{3/} the Executive Director of UNITAR stated that UNITAR had been able to reduce its 1981 deficit from the forecast amount of \$646,060 to \$312,050. He also stated in paragraph 151 of the same report ^{3/} that since the actual deficit of UNITAR in 1980 amounted to a total of \$346,242, which was partially offset by the grant-in-aid of \$305,700, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/53 B, a net deficit of \$40,542 was incurred for 1980. The deficit of \$40,542 over and above the \$305,700 deficit which was forecast in the statement of administrative and financial implications resulted from a shortfall in income due to the writing off of three pledges for contributions which were not honoured, a procedure recommended by the external auditors. ^{4/}

4. The total remaining deficit of UNITAR in the biennium 1980-1981 is therefore \$352,592. This estimate of the total remaining deficit is based on the following calculation:

^{3/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/36/14).

^{4/} See ibid., para. 151.

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Balance available 31 December 1980	(346,242) <u>5/</u>
Grant-in-aid called for by the General Assembly in resolution 35/53 B	305,700
Balance at 1 January 1981	(40,542)
Estimated income for 1981	<u>2,236,930</u> <u>6/</u>
Subtotal	2,196,388
Less: Estimated expenditures for 1981	<u>2,548,980</u> <u>6/</u>
Estimated balance (deficit) at 31 December 1981	<u>(352,600)</u> <u>7/</u>

5. Therefore, pursuant to its decision referred to in paragraph 2 above, the General Assembly is invited to consider the question of a grant-in-aid of \$352,600 under the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 to cover the remaining deficit of UNITAR.

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5D (A/36/5/Add.4), statement III.

6/ UNITAR/EX/R.69, statement No. 1.

7/ Rounded to the nearest \$100.