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Programme budget performance of the United Nations
for the biennium 1980-1981

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

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SECTION 32. CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, IMPROVEMENT AND
MAJOR MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES

Table 32.1

(Thousands of US dollars)

(1) Regular budget						
Revised appropri- ation 1980-1981	Estimated additional requirements					Total revised estimate
	Inflation	Rates of exchange	Decisions of policy- making organs	Other changes	Total	
53 740.2	52.5	(556.4)	117.4	71.4	(325.1)	53 415.1

Table 32.2

Regular budget: distribution of revised estimates by programme
(Thousands of US dollars)

Programmes	Revised - appropriations 1980-1981	Estimated additional requirements					Total 1980-1981 revised estimates
		Inflation	Rates of exchange	Decisions of policy- making organs	Redeploy- ment	Other changes	
A. Construction							
United Nations Headquarters, New York	3 000.0	-	-	-	-	-	3 000.0
United Nations Office at Geneva	8 038.4	-	(442.5)	-	-	(442.5)	7 595.9
United Nations accommodations, Nairobi	3 918.0	-	-	-	-	-	3 918.0
Total A	14 956.4	-	(442.5)	-	-	(442.5)	14 513.9
B. Alterations and improvement							
United Nations Headquarters, New York							
(a) Headquarters expansion project	33 673.3	-	-	-	-	-	33 367.3
(b) Other projects	1 551.5	-	-	-	-	-	1 551.5
	35 224.8	-	-	-	-	-	35 224.8
United Nations Office at Geneva	852.1	24.7	(53.4)	-	-	28.7	852.1
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	57.5	-	-	-	-	-	57.5
Economic Commission for Africa	226.4	-	-	-	-	-	226.4
Vienna	33.4	-	-	-	-	-	33.4
Total B	36 394.2	24.7	(53.4)	-	-	28.7	36 394.2
C. Major maintenance							
United Nations Headquarters, New York	950.0	-	-	-	-	-	950.0
United Nations Office at Geneva	957.1	27.8	(70.5)	-	-	42.7	957.1
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	98.0	-	-	-	-	-	98.0
Economic Commission for Latin America	154.2	-	-	117.4	-	-	271.6
Economic Commission for Africa	230.3	-	-	-	-	-	230.3
Total C	2 389.6	27.8	(70.5)	117.4	-	42.7	2 507.0
Grand total	53 740.2	52.5	(566.4)	117.4	-	71.4	53 415.1

SECTION 32. CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, IMPROVEMENT AND MAJOR
MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES

A. Construction

United Nations Office at Geneva (Decrease: \$442,500)

32.1 Provision is made under this heading for annual installments in repayment, with interest, of the loan made by the Fondation des Immeubles pour les Organisations Internationales to assist in the initial financing of the extension of the Palais des Nations, which was completed in 1975. The dollar equivalent of these obligations, which were established in terms of Swiss francs, depends on the exchange rate in effect at the time payment is made.

32.2 Owing to variations in the exchange rate, an actual gain in the amount of \$432,600 was recorded in respect of payments made for the amortization of the principal in 1980 and 1981 and the interest payment in 1980. A further gain of \$9,900 is anticipated based on the understanding that the outstanding interest payment will be made at the rate of exchange of SwF 1.76 to \$US 1.00.

Construction of United Nations buildings in Nairobi, Kenya (No change)

32.3 The approved appropriation of \$3,918,000 was transferred from the regular budget to the construction account in 1980, and, consequently, any unexpended balance at the end of the biennium in that account will be carried forward to the next biennium.

B. Alteration and improvement

United Nations Headquarters, New York (No change)

32.4 The approved appropriation of \$33,673,300 was transferred from the regular budget to the construction account in 1980, and consequently any unexpended balance at the end of the biennium in that account will be carried forward to the next biennium.

United Nations Office at Geneva (No change)

32.5 Although variances for inflation (an increase of \$24,700) and the exchange rate (a decrease of \$53,400) result in a net decrease of \$28,700, this amount is needed for urgent work undertaken during the biennium for which no budgetary provision had been made. The work comprised (a) the installation of a set of two self-closing fire-doors in the underground tunnel linking the old building to the new one, in the middle of which is situated the main cafeteria; (b) redoing the waterproofing of the tunnel leading to the large warehouse of the Palais; and (c) transforming a part of the underground garage into a storage area to avoid payment of exorbitant storage fees to store the paper used by the printing services.

C. Major maintenance

United Nations Office at Geneva (No change)

32.6 Although variances for inflation (an increase of \$27,800) and the exchange rate (a decrease of \$70,500) result in a net decrease of \$42,700, this amount is required for (a) partial resurfacing of roads leading to "Le Bocage" and its annexes because of their advanced stage of deterioration and (b) masonry work on the façade of the council and library buildings in order to avoid their further deterioration.

Economic Commission for Latin America (Increase: \$117,400)

32.7 The increase of \$117,400 requested relates to the cost of the architectural and engineering study for the construction of a new building at Santiago, which was authorized by the General Assembly in section XV of its resolution 35/217.
