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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

Observance of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the  
Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/C.3/36/L.78 as orally revised

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

1. At its 66th meeting held on 30 November 1981, the Third Committee adopted without a vote the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/36/L.78 as orally revised, 1/ It had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications (A/C.3/36/L.79).
2. In operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would be requested "to initiate appropriate activities at the United Nations level, such as those indicated in the annex to the draft resolution, to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration".
3. In paragraph 2 of the annex to the draft resolution, it would be recommended that the following measures, among others, should be taken at the United Nations level:

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1/ The revision consisted of the deletion of subparagraph 2 (c) of the annex of draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.78.

(a) Organization of commemorative events at United Nations Headquarters, at the United Nations Office at Geneva and at the Vienna International Centre on or around 10 December 1983;

(b) Organization in 1983 at Geneva of a special international seminar to discuss the experiences of different countries in the implementation of international standards on human rights;

(c) Dissemination by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat of appropriate public information, broadcasting and audio-visual material designed to draw attention to, and emphasize the importance of, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the role played and work done by the United Nations to ensure the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(d) Issuance of updated versions in all official languages of the United Nations of the publications Human Rights: A compilation of International Instruments of the United Nations and United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights;

(e) The design and distribution of an appropriate United Nations poster to commemorate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

4. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt the draft resolution as orally amended, the Secretary-General would organize activities along the following lines:

(a) At United Nations Headquarters events would include artistic and other activities related to the promotion of human rights which have become the custom at Headquarters over the years. The costs of these activities are expected to be absorbed within existing resources.

(b) At the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Vienna International Centre, the occasion is expected to be celebrated with an appropriate commemorative event and with an exhibition. It is estimated that a total additional requirement of \$2,000 would be needed for the events at these two offices.

(c) A special international seminar would be organized for two weeks at Geneva in 1983 to discuss the experiences of the participating countries in the implementation of international standards on human rights. On the basis of past experience, it is expected that the seminar would be attended by 32 participants from various parts of the world selected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution. The estimated costs of travel and subsistence for the participants in this seminar would be \$121,600, (\$88,000 for travel and \$33,600 for subsistence). The Secretary-General intends to absorb these costs within the resources already provided for human rights activities in the biennium 1982-1983 under the regular programme of technical co-operation (section 24). The costs of conference-servicing to be provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva for this seminar are estimated to be \$314,300 on a full-cost basis, a detailed

breakdown of which is shown in the annex to the present document. These costs would be considered under the consolidated statement for conference-servicing costs to be presented to the General Assembly at a later stage in its current session.

(d) The Department of Public Information would produce and distribute material in various media designed to draw attention to the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the work done by the United Nations to ensure the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms. The Secretary-General would endeavour to absorb the cost of these activities within the resources already provided under section 27 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.

(e) Updated editions of the two publications United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights and Human Rights - a compilation of International Instruments in four of the official languages will be made available from within resources already provided in the regular budget for the biennium 1982-1983. Publication in two additional official languages as called for in the draft resolution would require an additional \$50,000 under section 23 since no provision was made for this activity in the 1982-1983 proposals.

(f) The Department of Public Information would produce a suitable poster to commemorate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights. The estimated additional requirement for the production or distribution of this poster would be \$25,000 under section 27.

5. On the basis of the programme of activities described in paragraph 4 (a) through (f) above, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.78 as orally amended, an additional appropriation in the total amount of \$77,000 would be required, exclusive of the conference-servicing requirements detailed in the annex to the present document. The required additional appropriation is broken down as follows:

United States dollars

(a) Commemorative events and exhibitions at Geneva and Vienna (Section 23):	
Public information contracts	2,000
(b) Publication of <u>United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights and Human Rights - A compilation of International Instruments</u> in two additional languages (section 23):	
Contractual services	35,000
External printing	<u>15,000</u>
Subtotal (section 23)	<u>52,000</u>
(c) Production of commemorative poster (section 27)	
External printing	<u>25,000</u>
Grand total	<u>77,000</u>

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Annex

International seminar on the experiences of participating countries  
 in the implementation of international standards on human rights  
 (Geneva, 1983)

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$	
<b>I. <u>Pre-session</u></b>				
(33,000 words)				
(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)				
a. Translation	140 days	297/day	41,584	
b. Revision	46 days	330/day	15,180	
c. Typing	154 days	85/day	13,090	
d. Reproduction	670,000 page impressions	.014 page impression	9,380	
e. Distribution	13,400 documents	.110 document	<u>1,474</u>	<u>80,700</u>
<b>II. <u>Meeting servicing (20 Meetings)</u></b>				
a. Interpretation (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	280 days	313/day	87,640	
b. Supporting staff: Conference officer	14 days	98/day	1,372	
Documents distribution clerk	14 days	56/day	<u>784</u>	<u>89,800</u>
<b>III. <u>In-session</u></b>				
(49,500 words)				
(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)				
a. Translation	210 days	297/day	62,380	
b. Revision	70 days	330/day	23,100	
c. Typing	231 days	85/day	19,635	
d. Reproduction	840,000 page impressions	.014/page impression	11,760	
e. Distribution	16,800 documents	.110/ document	<u>1,848</u>	<u>118,700</u>

a/ Totals rounded to nearest 100 dollars.

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$                      \$	
<b>IV. <u>Post-session</u></b>				
<b>(10,560 words)</b>				
<b>(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)</b>				
a. Translation	44 days	297/day	13,068	
b. Revision	14 days	330/day	4,620	
c. Typing	48 days	85/day	4,080	
d. Reproduction	214,400 page impressions	.014/page impression	3,001	
e. Distribution	6,700 documents	.110 document	737	<u>25,100</u>
	<b>Grand Total</b>			<u><u>314,300</u></u>

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a/ Totals rounded to nearest 100 dollars.