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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

Revised estimates under sections 6 and 29 of the programme budget
related to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
Discrimination Against Women

1. Additional resources are required for convening a meeting in 1982 of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women ^{1/} and subsequently for annual meetings of a new Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women also beginning in 1982. The Convention, which was adopted and opened for signature and ratification pursuant to the adoption of General Assembly resolution 34/180, entered into force on 3 September 1981.
2. Prior to the adoption of General Assembly resolution 34/180, a statement of administrative and financial implications was presented (A/C.5/34/94) which indicated that no appropriation was required pending the entry into force of the Convention but that future expenditures would be required for conference servicing, travel and the payment of honoraria. The requirement for the United Nations to provide for these expenditures is based on paragraphs 8 and 9 of Article 17 of the Convention whereby, under paragraph 8, "The members of the Committee shall, with the approval of the General Assembly, receive emoluments from United Nations resources on such terms and conditions as the Assembly may decide, having regard to the importance of the Committee's responsibilities", and, under paragraph 9, "The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall provide the necessary staff and facilities for the effective performance of the functions of the Committee under the present Convention".
3. By paragraph 4 of Article 17 of the Convention, the Secretary-General is required to convene, at United Nations Headquarters, a meeting of States Parties to elect the members of the Committee which is to be established under paragraph 1

^{1/} The full text of the Convention constitutes the annex to General Assembly resolution 34/180.

of Article 17 of the Convention for the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the Convention.

4. Under paragraph 1 of Article 20 the Committee shall normally meet for a period of not more than two weeks annually in order to consider reports submitted. Further, by paragraph 2 of the same Article, the meetings of the Committee shall normally be held at United Nations Headquarters or any other convenient place as determined by the Committee.

5. In view of the above, the Secretary-General proposes to convene a one-day meeting of States Parties in March 1982 at Headquarters and a two-week meeting of members of the Committee in 1982 and in 1983. The cost of conference servicing for the three meetings during the 1982-1983 biennium is as detailed in the annex and would be as follows:

| | \$ |
|---|----------------|
| One-day meeting in 1982 to elect members of the Committee | 67,400 |
| One-week first regular meeting in 1982 of the Committee | 520,000 |
| One week second regular meeting in 1983 of the Committee | <u>557,300</u> |
| Total | 1,144,700 |

6. Substantive servicing of the annual meetings would be provided by two staff members from the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs. Travel costs are estimated at \$10,700 as detailed below:

| | <u>1982</u> | <u>1983</u> | <u>1982-1983 2/</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Section 6 DIESA | 5,184 | 5,509 | 10,700 |

7. The initial 18 members of the Committee would, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 17 of the Convention, serve in their individual capacities and hence they would be entitled to the payment of travel and per diem. Costs in this connexion are estimated as follows:

2/ Rounded to nearest \$100.

(a) Travel

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| (i) 1982: 18 members x (one return air fare at a world average cost of \$1,760) | 31,680 at 1982 rates |
| (ii) 1983: 1983 rates = 31,680 x 1.07 = | <u>33,897</u> at 1983 rates |
| Subtotal for 1982-1983 | <u>65,577</u> |

(b) Per diem

| | |
|---|---------------|
| (i) 1982: 18 members x 14 days x \$123.20 = | 31,046 |
| (ii) 1983: 1983 rates = 31,046 x 1.07 = | <u>33,219</u> |
| Subtotal for 1982-1983 | <u>64,265</u> |

(c) Total of travel and per diem

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| (i) Travel 1982-1983 | 65,577 |
| (ii) Per diem 1982-1983 | <u>64,265</u> |
| Total 1982-1983 | <u>129,800</u> ^{3/} |

8. By paragraph 8 of Article 17 quoted above in paragraph 2, members of the Committee would receive emoluments. It is recalled that the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in paragraphs 6 through 9 of its report (A/34/7/Add.24), considered the question of honoraria for the members of the Committee, and recommended that the question be considered by the General Assembly in the context of the comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations at which time the Secretary-General should submit a proposal related to the future Committee. However, at the thirty-fifth session when the matter was considered prior to the adoption of resolution 35/218 concerning honoraria, the need for the Secretary-General to make a proposal concerning the matter was overlooked. Accordingly, it is now proposed that the matter be resolved at this session in the light of resolutions 34/180 and 35/218.

^{3/} Rounded to the nearest \$100.

9. The question as to whether honoraria is to be paid as an exception to the basic principle recalled in resolution 3536 (XXX) that neither a fee or any other remuneration in addition to subsistence allowances and travel expenses shall normally be paid, would appear to have been determined at the point when the General Assembly adopted resolution 34/180. By paragraph 1 of the resolution the General Assembly adopted the Convention which includes the requirement for the payment of emoluments on such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may decide.

10. The terms and conditions may be reviewed in the light of the provisions of resolution 35/218 whereby the General Assembly decided on revised uniform rates at \$3,000 for members of entitled bodies and at \$5,000 for Chairmen or Presidents of such bodies. The Secretary-General suggests that it might be appropriate to set the emoluments of members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women at the same level as now applies to entitled bodies. If this is accepted, additional requirements for the biennium would be as follows:

| | \$ |
|---|-----------------------|
| Honoraria of Chairman, 1982 | 5,000 |
| Honoraria of Chairman, 1983 | 5,000 |
| Honoraria of members (17 x 3,000), 1982 | 51,000 |
| Honoraria of members (17 x 3,000), 1983 | <u>51,000</u> |
| Total | <u><u>112,000</u></u> |

11. After ratification of, or accession to, the Convention by the thirty-fifth State Party, the Committee should be expanded to 23 members under the terms of paragraph 1 of Article 17. This would require additional provision for conference servicing for a further meeting to elect the five additional members and also provision for their travel, per diem and honoraria. Should these requirements arise in the biennium, the necessary resources would be requested in the context of the performance report on the programme budget.

12. In summary, the following additional appropriations are requested subject to the approval of the suggestion of the Secretary-General in paragraph 9 concerning the payment of honoraria:

| | <u>\$</u> |
|---|----------------|
| (a) Travel of members (see paragraph 7 above) | 129,800 |
| (b) Honoraria (see paragraph 9 above) | 112,000 |
| (c) Travel of staff (see paragraph 6 above) | <u>10,700</u> |
| Section 6, TOTAL | <u>252,500</u> |

The conference-servicing requirements requested at this time amount to \$1,144,700. They are calculated on a full-cost basis which assumes no capacity for absorption on the part of the Department of Conference Services. These requirements will be reviewed in the context of a consolidated statement of total conference-servicing requirements to be submitted towards the end of this session of the General Assembly.

ESTIMATED COSTS OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING OF THE MEETING OF STATES
 PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
 DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, NEW YORK, MARCH, 1982 (ONE DAY)

| | <u>Total workload</u> | <u>Unit rate a/ \$</u> | <u>Cost b/ \$ \$</u> | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| <u>Pre-session</u> (16,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S) | | | | |
| Translation | 68 days | 302/day | 20 536 | |
| Revision | 23 days | 315/day | 7 245 | |
| Typing | 75 days | 170/day | 12 750 | |
| Reproduction | 268 000 page impressions | .010/page impression | 2 680 | |
| Distribution | 13 400 docu- ments | .050/docu- ment | 670 | 43 900 |
| <u>Meeting servicing</u> | | | | |
| Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S) | 28 days | 375/day | 10 500 | |
| Supporting staff | | | | |
| Conference officer | 1 day | 39/day | 39 | |
| Documents distribution clerk | 1 day | 39/day | 39 | 10 600 |
| <u>In-session</u> (2,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S) | | | | |
| Translation | 8 days | 302/day | 2 416 | |
| Revision | 3 days | 315/day | 945 | |
| Typing | 9 days | 170/day | 1 530 | |
| Reproduction | 28 000 page impressions | .010/page impression | 280 | |
| Distribution | 5 600 docu- ments | .050/docu- ment | 280 | 5 500 |
| <u>Post-session</u> (2,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S) | | | | |
| Translation | 8 days | 302/day | 2 416 | |
| Revision | 3 days | 315/day | 945 | |
| Typing | 9 days | 170/day | 1 530 | |

a/ Unit rates for interpretation, translation, revision and typing include the element of travel.

b/ Rounded to the nearest \$100.

| | <u>Total workload</u> | <u>Unit rate a/ \$</u> | <u>Cost b/</u> | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | | | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> |
| Reproduction | 33 500 page impressions | .010/page impression | 335 | |
| Document | 6 700 docu- ments | .050/docu- ment | 335 | 5 600 |
| | | | ----- | ----- |
| | Total | | | 65 600 |
| <u>Office of General Services requirements</u> | | | | |
| Sound engineering | | | 540 | |
| Security, messenger and information services | | | 960 | |
| General operating expenses | | | 260 | 1 800 |
| | | | ----- | ----- |
| | Grand total | | | <u>67 400</u> |

ESTIMATED COSTS OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
 ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN,
 NEW YORK, TWO WEEKS, 1982

| | <u>Total workload</u> | <u>Unit rate a/ \$</u> | <u>Cost b/ \$ \$</u> | |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------|
| <u>Pre-session</u> (100,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S) | | | | |
| Translation | 424 days | 302/day | 128 048 | |
| Revision | 141 days | 315/day | 44 415 | |
| Typing | 466 days | 170/day | 79 220 | |
| Reproduction | 1 675 000 page impressions | .010/page impression | 16 750 | |
| Distribution | 67 000 docu- ments | .050/docu- ment | 3 350 | 271 800 |
| <u>Meeting servicing</u> | | | | |
| Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S) | 280 days | 375/day | 105 000 | |
| Supporting staff | | | | |
| Conference officer | 14 day | 39/day | 546 | |
| Documents distribution clerk | 14 day | 39/day | 546 | 106 000 |
| <u>In-session</u> (30 000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S) | | | | |
| Translation | 127 days | 302/day | 38 354 | |
| Revision | 42 days | 315/day | 13 230 | |
| Typing | 140 days | 170/day | 23 800 | |
| Reproduction | 420 000 page impressions | .010/page impression | 4 200 | |
| Distribution | 22 400 docu- ments | .050/docu- ment | 1 120 | 80 700 |
| <u>Post-session</u> (20 000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S) | | | | |
| Translation | 85 days | 302/day | 25 670 | |
| Revision | 28 days | 315/day | 8 820 | |
| Typing | 93 days | 170/day | 15 810 | |

a/ Unit rates for interpretation, translation, revision and typing include the element of travel.

b/ Rounded to the nearest \$100.

| | <u>Total workload</u> | <u>Unit rate a/</u> \$ | <u>Cost b/</u> \$ \$ | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Reproduction | 335 000 page impressions | .010/page impression | 3 350 | |
| Document | 13 400 docu- ments | .050/docu- ment | 670 | 54 300 |
| | | | _____ | _____ |
| | | Total | | 512 800 |
| <u>Office of General Services requirements</u> | | | | |
| Sound engineering | | | 5 400 | |
| General operating expenses | | | 1 800 | 7 200 |
| | | | _____ | _____ |
| | | Grand total | | <u>520 000</u> |

ESTIMATED COSTS OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
 ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN,
 NEW YORK, TWO WEEKS, 1983

| | <u>Total workload</u> | <u>Unit rate a/ \$</u> | <u>Cost b/ \$</u> | |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| <u>Pre-session</u> (100,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S) | | | | |
| Translation | 424 days | 323/day | 136 952 | |
| Revision | 141 days | 337/day | 47 517 | |
| Typing | 466 days | 182/day | 84 812 | |
| Reproduction | 1 675 000 page impressions | .011/page impression | 18 425 | |
| Distribution | 67 000 docu- ments | .054/docu- ment | 3 618 | 291 300 |
| <u>Meeting servicing</u> | | | | |
| Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S) | 280 days | 401/day | 112 280 | |
| Supporting staff | | | | |
| Conference officer | 14 day | 42/day | 588 | |
| Documents distribution clerk | 14 day | 42/day | 588 | 113 500 |
| <u>In-session</u> (30 000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S) | | | | |
| Translation | 127 days | 323/day | 41 021 | |
| Revision | 42 days | 337/day | 14 154 | |
| Typing | 140 days | 182/day | 25 480 | |
| Reproduction | 420 000 page impressions | .011/page impression | 4 620 | |
| Distribution | 22 400 docu- ments | .054/docu- ment | 1 210 | 86 500 |
| <u>Post-session</u> (20 000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S) | | | | |
| Translation | 85 days | 323/day | 27 455 | |
| Revision | 28 days | 337/day | 9 436 | |
| Typing | 93 days | 182/day | 16 926 | |

a/ Unit rates for interpretation, translation, revision and typing include the element of travel.

b/ Rounded to the nearest \$100.

| | <u>Total workload</u> | <u>Unit rate a/</u> \$ | <u>Cost b/</u> \$ \$ | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Reproduction | 335 000 page impressions | .011/page impression | 3 685 | |
| Document | 13 400 docu- ments | .054/docu- ment | 724 | 58 200 |
| | | | ----- | ----- |
| | | Total | | 549 500 |
| <u>Office of General Services requirements</u> | | | | |
| Sound engineering | | | 5 800 | |
| General operating expenses | | | 2 000 | 7 800 |
| | | | ----- | ----- |
| | | Grand total | | <u>557 300</u> |
