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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIAL 1982-1983

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Science and technology for development

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/36/L.144 as orally corrected

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

1. The Second Committee, at its 46th meeting held on 7 December 1981, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.144 as orally corrected. A statement of administrative and financial implications was orally presented and has subsequently been issued as document A/C.2/36/L.144.

2. In operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.144 as orally corrected, the General Assembly would decide to establish the long-term arrangements for the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development. Further, by operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to convene a pledging conference in the first quarter of 1982. The convening of such a conference would give rise to additional conference servicing costs estimated on a full-cost basis at \$52,400, as detailed in the annex below.

3. By operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that, without prejudice to the final agreement on the long-term institutional arrangements for the Financing System, the general operational provisions of the Interim Fund, including its resources, organization and management, as well as the procedures set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 34/218, would apply and be transferred to the Financing System during the transitional period. In consequence, the secretariat of the Interim Fund will become the secretariat of the Financing System during the transitional year under

the administration of the United Nations Development Programme. It is noted that the procedure followed for review and approval of the administrative budget of the secretariat of the Interim Fund was the submission of proposals of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme by the Secretary-General of the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), for review and approval. The Secretary-General intends to submit the Administrator's proposals for 1982 requirements to the Fifth Committee through the ACABQ at the present session of the Assembly. Such proposals would relate solely to extrabudgetary resources and no regular budget resources would be involved.

4. By operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that an Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Group of the Whole on the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development should hold two sessions in New York, the first, lasting one week, from 1 to 5 March 1982 and the second, lasting two weeks, from 12 to 23 April 1982. It is noted, in this connexion, that the General Assembly, by paragraph 1 of its resolution 35/5 of 20 October 1980 declared a temporary moratorium on the establishment of new intergovernmental organs. ^{1/} Should the General Assembly decide to adopt the decision to convene an Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Group of the Whole on the United Nations Financing System, an exception would thereby be made to the above-mentioned provision of General Assembly resolution 35/5.

5. The conference-servicing costs of the proposed meetings calculated on a full-cost basis would total \$294,300, as detailed in the annex to the present statement and summarized below:

	\$
First session, 1-5 March 1982	126,800
Second session, 12-23 April 1982	<u>167,500</u>
Total	<u>294,300</u>

It is assumed that the Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters would provide the technical servicing for these meetings. With regard to substantive servicing of the meetings, it is noted that no specific provision has been made in the draft on this matter. It will be recalled in this regard, however, that General Assembly resolution 34/218 had made provision for the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development to be supported by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation; the ad hoc intergovernmental group has a scope and mandate broadly similar to the Group of Experts. Substantive

^{1/} The Fifth Committee at its 63rd meeting on 4 December 1981 adopted the draft resolution in document A/C.5/36/L.26 whereby under operative paragraph 7 the General Assembly would decide to extend the moratorium until the end of 1982.

servicing for the meetings will therefore be provided by the Office of the Director-General, drawing as necessary on the resources and expertise of the secretariat of the Financing System and the Centre for Science and Technology for Development. The costs of such technical and substantive servicing would be absorbed within existing resources.

6. It is noted, by the latter part of operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution, that the General Assembly would decide that the time between the first and second sessions of the Ad Hoc Group should be fully utilized for consultations. The Secretary-General wishes to point out that, in accordance with firmly established practice, if conference servicing is required for such informal consultations, it would be made available on an "as and when available" basis. Accordingly, no additional expenditures are envisaged in respect of such servicing.

7. In summary, should the General Assembly adopt the resolution in document A/C.2/36/L.144 as orally adopted, additional conference-servicing costs calculated on a full-cost basis not exceeding an amount of \$346,700 would be required as follows:

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1. Pledging conference	52,400
2. First session of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Group	126,800
3. Second session of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Group	<u>167,500</u>
Total	<u>346,700</u>

These requirements will be reviewed in the context of a consolidated statement of total conference-servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session. Accordingly, no additional appropriation is being requested at this point.

ANNEX

Estimated costs of conference servicing of the pledging conference
 on the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology
 for Development (transitional year), first quarter, one day

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/ \$</u>	<u>cost b/ \$</u>	
I. <u>Pre-session</u>				
(1,600 words)				
(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)				
Translation	7 days	302/day	2 114	
Revision	2 days	315/day	630	
Typing	8 days	170/day	1 360	
Reproduction	26 800 page impressions	.010/page impression	268	
Distribution	6 700	.050/document	<u>335</u>	4 700
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u>				
Interpretation				
(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	28 days	375/day	10 500	
Supporting staff				
Conference officer	3 days	39/day	117	
Documents distribution clerk	1 day	39/day	<u>39</u>	10 700

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

b/ Totals rounded to nearest \$100.

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	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/ \$</u>	<u>cost b/ \$</u>	
III. In-session (2,000 words) (Languages: 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 impressions	280	
Distribution	5 600 documents	.050/document	<u>280</u>	5 500
IV. Post-session (2,400 words) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)				
Translation	10 days	302/day	3 020	
Revision	3 days	315/day	945	
Typing	11 days	170/day	1 870	
Reproduction	40 200 page impressions	.010/page impressions	402	
Distribution	6 700 documents	.050/document	<u>335</u>	6 600

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/ \$</u>	<u>cost b/ \$</u>	
V. Summary records				
(2 meetings, A,C,E,F,R,S)				
Précis writing	8 days	302/day	2 416	
Translation	28 days	302/day	8 456	
Revision	8 days	315/day	2 520	
Typing	50 days	170/day	8 500	
Reproduction	72 800 page impression	.010/page impression	728	
Distribution	11 200 documents	.050/ document	560	23 200
		Total I-IV		50 700
 <u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>				
Sound engineering			500	
Security, messenger and information services			900	
General operating expense			300	1 700
		Grand total		52 400

Estimated costs of conference-servicing of the Ad Hoc
 Intergovernmental Group of the Whole of the United
 Nations Financing System for Science and Technology
 for Development, New York, 1-5 March 1982

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/ \$</u>	<u>Cost b/ \$</u>	
I. <u>Pre-session</u> (Geneva)				
	(12,000 words)			
	(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)			
Translation	51 days	302/day	15 402	
Revision	17 days	315/day	5 355	
Typing	56 days	170/day	9 520	
Reproduction	201 000 page impressions	.010/page impression	2 010	
Distribution	6 700 documents	.050/document	335	32 600
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u>				
Interpretation (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)	161 days	375/day	60 375	
Supporting staff				
Conference officer	14 days	39/day	546	
Documents distribution clerk	7 days	39 days	273	61 200

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

b/ Totals rounded to nearest \$100.

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/ \$</u>	<u>Cost b/ \$ \$</u>	
III. <u>In-session</u> (4,800 words) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)				
Translation	20 days	302/day	6 040	
Revision	7 days	315/day	2 205	
Typing	22 days	170/day	3 740	
Reproduction	67 200 page impressions	.010/page impressions	672	
Distribution	5 600 documents	.050 documents	280	12 900
IV. <u>Post-session</u> (4,000 words) (Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)				
Translation	17 days	302/day	5 134	
Revision	6 days	315/day	1 890	
Typing	19 days	170/day	3 230	
Reproduction	67 000 page impressions	.010/page impressions	670	
Distribution	6 700 documents	.050/document	335	11 300
		Total I-IV		118 000

Requirements of the Office
of General Services

Sound engineering	2 700
Security, messenger and information services	1 300
General operating expense	<u>4 800</u> <u>8 800</u>
Grand total	<u>126 800</u>

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Estimated costs of conference-servicing of the Ad Hoc
 Intergovernmental Group of the Whole on the United
 Nations Financing System for Science and Technology
 New York, 12-23 April 1982

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/ \$</u>	<u>Cost b/ \$</u>	
I. <u>Pre-session</u>				
	(8,000 words)			
	(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)			
Translation	34 days	302/day	10 268	
Revision	11 days	315/day	3 465	
Typing	37 days	170/day	6 290	
Reproduction	134,000 page impressions	.010/page impression	1 340	
Distribution	6,700 docu- ments	.050/docu- ment	335	21 700
II. <u>Meeting services</u>				
Interpretation (A,C,E,F,R,S)	280 days	375/day	105 000	
Supporting staff				
Conference officer	28 days	39/day	1 092	
Documents distribution clerk	14 days	39/day	546	106 600

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

b/ Totals rounded to nearest \$100.

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	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/ \$</u>	<u>Cost b/ \$</u>	
III. <u>In-session</u>				
	(6,000 words)			
	(Languages: A,C,E,F,R,S)			
Translation	25 days	302/day	7 550	
Revision	8 days	315/day	2 520	
Typing	28 days	170/day	4 760	
Reproduction	84,000 page impressions	.010/page impression	840	
Distribution	5,600 docu- ments	.050/docu- ment	<u>280</u>	16 000
IV. <u>Post-session</u>				
	(2,000 words)			
	(Languages: 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	33,500 page impressions	.010/page impression	335	
Distribution	6,700 docu- ments	.050/docu- ment	<u>335</u>	<u>5 600</u>
		Total I-IV		149 900
 <u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>				
Sound engineering			5 400	
Security, messenger and information services			2 600	
General operating expenses			<u>9 600</u>	<u>17 600</u>
		Grand total		<u><u>167 500</u></u>
