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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION: UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.143 as orally corrected

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

1. At its 46th meeting, held on 7 December 1981, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.143 as orally corrected. It had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications (A/C.2/36/L.129), which was prepared after the earlier draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.126, the financial implications of which apply to the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.143. The Committee also had before it a separate report of the Secretary-General (A/36/652), as well as the report of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (A/CONF.100/11).
2. In section I, paragraph 2, of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.143, the General Assembly would endorse the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy.
3. In section II, paragraph 3, of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide, without prejudice to the final institutional arrangements, (a) to establish an interim committee on new and renewable sources of energy, patterned on the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, which would hold only one session of not more than two weeks in the first half of 1982 and report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council, and (b) to entrust it with the immediate launching of the implementation of the Nairobi Plan of Action.
4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, additional requirements in the amount of \$620,300, calculated on the full-cost basis, would

arise in respect of conference-servicing requirements based on the following assumptions:

- (a) The committee will meet in New York for two weeks;
- (b) The structure of the meeting will be a committee of the whole, meeting once in the morning and once in the afternoon;
- (c) Interpretation will be provided in all six official languages of the General Assembly;
- (d) The documentation will be in all six languages of the General Assembly, consisting of 300 pages of pre-session, 100 pages of in-session and 50 pages of post-session documentation.

5. The Secretary-General takes note of the observations by the Committee on Conferences contained in paragraph 3 of document A/C.2/36/L.129/Add.1, whereby the Committee on Conferences recommended that the volume of documentation - pre-session documentation, in particular - should be kept to the absolute minimum. Owing to the magnitude of the issues for discussion by the interim committee as identified in section III, paragraphs 5 to 8, of the draft resolution, the estimate of the volume of documentation for the 1982 meeting of the interim committee, which had already been kept to the absolute minimum, could no longer be reduced at this stage.

6. In section II, paragraph 4, of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would take note with appreciation of the offer of the Government of Italy to act as host at Rome to the meeting of the interim committee for new and renewable sources of energy in 1982. Should the invitation of the Government of Italy be accepted, the provisions of General Assembly resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976 would be applied.

7. In section II, paragraph 6, of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would be requested to submit to the 1982 meeting of the interim committee the necessary background documentation on the subjects that are enumerated in section II, paragraph 5, of the draft resolution. In section III, paragraph 1, of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would take note of the recommendation of the Secretary-General for providing the substantive support services required by the intergovernmental body, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/36/652). In paragraphs 10 to 20 of the report, the tasks to be carried out by the Secretariat support capability and the related organizational arrangements are outlined. In paragraphs 21 to 24 of the report, it was stated that every effort would be made to meet the requirement for the position of secretary of the working group (proposed in para. 13 of the Secretary-General's report), together with the General Service staff, from existing resources. Other support staff would be made available for the time being from existing resources.

8. In section IV, paragraph 2, of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, within the framework of his mandate as defined by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of

29 January 1979, with the task of co-ordinating the contributions of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system. Should the Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Director-General would endeavour to meet from existing resources the additional responsibilities arising for his Office from the proposed working group and from the requirements for system-wide co-ordination outlined in the Nairobi Programme of Action.

9. In section V, paragraph 1, of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would emphasize the importance of regional and subregional efforts for implementing the Nairobi Programme of Action and would request the regional commissions to undertake immediately the development of regional plans and programmes, bearing in mind, in particular, the areas for priority attention identified in paragraph 71 of the Nairobi Plan of Action and to report thereon to the first meeting of the interim committee in 1982. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, additional expenditures in the amount of \$14,900 would arise in respect of travel and subsistence of one representative from each of the regional commissions to attend the meeting in 1982 of the interim committee.

Summary

10. Therefore, as indicated in paragraph 9 above, pending the review of resource requirements that will need to be carried out in the context of the General Assembly's final decision on institutional arrangements to be taken up at its thirty-seventh session, the additional appropriation required at this time, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.143, would be as follows:

	\$
Section 10 (ECE)	2 700
Section 11 (ESCAP)	2 900
Section 12 (ECLA)	3 000
Section 13 (ECA)	3 300
Section 14 (ECWA)	3 000
Total	<u>14 900</u>

11. The estimated total conference-servicing cost of \$620,300, details of which are given in the annex to this document, is calculated on a full-cost basis which assumes no capacity for absorption on the part of the Department of Conference Services and will be reviewed in the context of a consolidated statement of total conference-servicing requirements to be submitted towards the end of the current session of the General Assembly.

Annex

ESTIMATED COSTS OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
 COMMITTEE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY, NEW YORK,
 TWO WEEKS, 1982

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/</u>	<u>Cost b/</u>	
			\$	\$
I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u> (120 000 words, A,C,E,F,R,S)				
Translation	509 days	302/day	153 718	
Revision	170 days	315/day	53 550	
Typing	560 days	170/day	95 200	
Reproduction	2 010 000 page impressions	.010/page impression	20 100	
Distribution	201 000 docu- ments	.050/docu- ment	<u>10 050</u>	332 600
II. <u>Meeting servicing</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	<u>546</u>	106 600

a/ Unit rates for interpretation, translation 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>	
			\$	\$
III. <u>In-session documentation</u>				
	(40 000 words, A,C,E,F,R,S)			
Translation	170 days	302/day	51 340	
Revision	57 days	315/day	17 955	
Typing	187 days	170/day	31 790	
Reproduction	560 000 page impressions	.010/page impression	5 600	
Distribution	56 000 docu- ments	.050/docu- ment	2 800	109 500
IV. <u>Post-session documentation</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	
Reproduction	335 000 page impressions	.010/page impression	3 350	
Distribution	6 700 docu- ments	.050/docu- ment	335	54 000
	Total I, II, III and IV			602 700

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/</u>	<u>Cost b/</u>	
			\$	\$
V. <u>Office of General Services requirements</u>				
Sound engineering			5 400	
Security, messenger and information services			9 600	
General operating expenses			<u>2 600</u>	<u>17 600</u>
		Grand Total		<u><u>620 300</u></u>
