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ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

Administrative and financial implications of the amendment
contained in A/36/L.57 to draft resolution VIII recommended
by the Second Committee (A/36/737, para. 85)

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

1. Paragraph 2 of the amendment contained in document A/36/L.57 would replace operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution VIII recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/36/737, para. 85), and would have the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to organize a pledging conference at Nairobi in the first half of March 1982, in close co-operation with the Organization of African Unity and the Government of Chad, to help Chad carry out its reconstruction programme.
2. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the General Assembly, the choice of Nairobi as the venue for the pledging conference would constitute an exception to General Assembly resolution 31/140, which reaffirms that United Nations bodies shall plan to meet at their respective established headquarters.
3. The Secretary-General would envisage sending to the Conference a representative at the USG/ASG level and a staff member at the D-1/2 level as Conference Secretary. Support staff from the substantive office would consist of one staff member at the D-1/2 level, one Professional staff member at the P-4 level and two General Service members. It is not expected that the services of a legal officer would be needed. The pledging conference would be of two days duration,

with two meetings daily, but the staff indicated above would be required for two additional working days both prior to, and after, the conference.

4. Pre-session documentation already exists, in the two reports of the Secretary-General on assistance to Chad, document A/36/261 of 26 May 1981, and document A/36/739 of 5 December 1981. In-session documentation, the provisional agenda and list of participants may amount to some 30 pages and post-session documentation is estimated at an additional 30 pages. Summary records would also be required. It is expected that interpretation and translation would be required in all six official languages. It is assumed in the costing below, however, that only sufficient language staff would be sent to Nairobi to enable summary records to be prepared on site in a single language, with translation into other languages being done at Geneva as soon after the meeting as is reasonably possible.

5. Based on the factors mentioned above, the anticipated costs of the two-day session are as follows:

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A. Standard conference-servicing requirements:	
Pre-session documentation	-
Meeting services 4 meetings	17,400
In-session documentation 30 pages	23,500
Post-session documentation 30 pages	24,100
Summary records (as indicated in para. 4 above)	<u>39,700</u>
Total A	<u>104,700</u>
B. Additional requirements:	
Travel and subsistence: Conference-servicing staff	121,700
Headquarters staff	<u>18,400</u>
	140,100
General operating expenses (Rental of premises, freight, etc.)	<u>2,500</u>
Total B	<u>142,600</u>
Total A and B	<u>247,300</u>

Standard conference-servicing requirements as indicated above are based on full costs at current rates. As the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements contained in document A/C.5/36/105 does not include provision for this conference in 1982, the costs of conference servicing dealt with in the present document will be reported in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1982-1983.

6. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution VIII recommended by the Second Committee as amended, an appropriation of \$142,600 would be requested under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983 for the additional requirements related to the conference.
