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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

Administrative and financial implications of the recommendations contained
in the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year
on its second session

1. The Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year held its second session at Vienna from 14 to 23 June 1982 and its report has been submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session in document A/37/348.
2. In that report, the Advisory Committee made a number of recommendations which, if approved by the General Assembly, would give rise to administrative and financial implications for 1983, 1984 and 1985. These are discussed below under the following headings: (a) regional preparatory meetings, (b) strengthening of the regional commissions, (c) strengthening of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, (d) secretariat for the International Youth Year and (e) the third session of the Advisory Committee. The revised report on public information activities requested of the Secretary-General in decision 9 (II) of the Advisory Committee will be submitted to the General Assembly in a further addendum to this report (A/37/348/Add.2).

A. Regional preparatory meetings

3. In paragraph 1 of decision 5 (II) the Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly should consider the organization of five regional meetings in 1983. Four of those meetings were approved by the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session (resolution 36/28). The fifth meeting would be for the region of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). In addition, in paragraph 5, it recommends that the financial implications of the five regional meetings should not exceed the total sum allocated for regional meetings in section III B of the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General (A/36/215/Add.1).

4. It will be recalled that the Secretary-General, in his report on administrative and financial implications (A/C.5/36/34 and Corr.1) informed the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session that resources totalling \$861,000 would be required for the convening of four regional meetings of five working days each in the regions of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA), the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). The estimates were calculated on the basis of each meeting requiring 50 pages each of pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation and included the costs of travel and subsistence for two staff members of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs (CSDHA) to participate in each regional meeting. The full cost of convening the ECE regional meeting is estimated at \$102,700 based on the following assumptions:

(a) The meeting would be held at Geneva, the seat of ECE, for a duration of five working days;

(b) Interpretation and other conference services would be provided in English, French and Russian;

(c) Costs of travel and subsistence of participants would be borne by their respective Governments;

(d) There would be 50 pages each of pre-session and in-session documentation in English, French and Russian and 50 pages of post-session documentation in all six working languages of the United Nations;

(e) Travel and subsistence would be required for two staff members of CSDHA to attend and provide a substantive report.

5. The estimated costs of convening five regional meetings in 1983 for five working days each may now be summarized as follows:

	<u>ECA</u>	<u>ECE</u>	<u>ECLA</u>	<u>ECWA</u>	<u>ESCAP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Conference-servicing costs (calculated on a full-cost basis)	168 400 ^{a/}	99 700 ^{b/}	220 900 ^{a/}	163 700 ^{a/}	279 700 ^{a/}	932 400
Travel and subsistence of two CSDHA staff members	4 800	3 000	9 000	4 200	10 300	31 300
Total	173 200	102 700	229 900	167 900	290 000	963 700

a/ For details of conference-servicing costs, see A/C.5/36/34, annex.

b/ For details of conference-servicing costs, see annex I below.

6. Bearing in mind paragraph 5 of decision 5 (II) of the Advisory Committee, the Secretary-General has examined the possibility of reducing the conference-servicing requirements for the ECA, ECWA, ECLA and ESCAP regional preparatory meetings. However, the examination has revealed that the requirements estimated for the four regional preparatory meetings are already at the minimum.

7. However, it should be borne in mind that the above conference-servicing requirements are calculated on a full-cost basis which assumes no capacity to absorb 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 the current session of the General Assembly. Therefore, while the full cost of convening five regional preparatory meetings is estimated at \$102,700 in excess of the amount of \$861,000 as indicated to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, it is not possible at this stage to determine the financial impact of holding one additional regional preparatory meeting.

8. With respect to paragraph 6 of decision 5 (II) of the Advisory Committee, whereby the Advisory Committee took note of the offer of the Government of Romania to act as host to the 1983 European meeting, the General Assembly in its resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976 provides that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved. The "established headquarters" in this case would be Geneva where ECE is located. The Secretary-General, upon receipt of an invitation from the Government of Romania, would hold consultations with the Government and advise the Government on the nature and extent of the additional costs involved.

B. Strengthening of the regional commissions

9. In its report on its second session, the Advisory Committee recommends that the regional commissions should be strengthened in order to facilitate the implementation of the mandate given to them by the Secretary-General and, to this end, be provided with the necessary financial and staff resources on the understanding that the Assembly has to take its decision in the light of the financial implications (A/37/348, annex, appendix III).

(a) Temporary assistance

10. It should be noted in this connexion that, within the regional commissions, there exists no specific organizational unit for activities in the field of youth. Activities in connexion with the preparation for the International Youth Year have been heretofore assigned on a part-time basis to staff members who are normally responsible for social development activities. As the activities for the Year gather momentum, it is envisaged that at least one temporary assistance post at the P-4 level will be needed for ECA, ECLA, ECWA and ESCAP during 1983-1985 to implement activities related to the Year at the regional level, to make organizational arrangements for the regional preparatory meeting as well as the regional meetings

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of experts (see para. 12 below), to assist Governments in the region to undertake activities relating to the Year at the national level and to co-ordinate activities of non-governmental organizations in the region. The requirements for 1984-1985 will be reviewed again at the time of preparation of the proposed programme budget for the 1984-1985 biennium. The estimated costs of these temporary assistance posts, including common staff costs, are given below:

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984-1985</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>(United States dollars)</u>		
ECA	62 100	124 200	186 300
ECLA	68 700	137 400	206 100
ECWA	55 100	110 200	165 300
ESCAP	<u>47 400</u>	<u>94 800</u>	<u>142 200</u>
Total	<u>233 300</u>	<u>466 600</u>	<u>699 900</u>

The Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in Vienna would be responsible for the organizational arrangements for the ECE regional preparatory meeting, the related regional meeting of experts, as well as the activities relating to the Year in that region.

(b) Consultancy

11. It is envisaged that six work-months of consultancy would be needed in 1983 for each of the four regional commissions and CSDHA for the preparation of two technical papers for the regional preparatory meeting on current issues and problems affecting youth in the region and on their integration in the development process. At an estimated cost of \$3,500 per work-month of consultancy, inclusive of travel, additional resource requirements in 1983 for each of the four regional commissions and CSDHA would be \$21,000, totalling \$105,000.

(c) Regional meetings of experts

12. The need for the organization of regional meetings of experts was expressed by the Advisory Committee in its report on its second session (A/37/348, annex, para. 34). On the basis of the experience gained in the cases of the International Year of Disabled Persons and the World Assembly on Aging, it is felt that such regional technical meetings would be very useful to review and improve technical inputs for the regional preparatory meetings. The Secretary-General therefore proposes that regional ad hoc expert group meetings be held in 1983 prior to the regional meetings to review and improve technical inputs for the regional meetings. The costs of convening these ad hoc expert group meetings are provided below, based on the following assumptions:

(a) The meetings would be held at the seat of the regional commission concerned for a duration of five working days;

- (b) There would be ten experts for each meeting;
- (c) The costs of travel and subsistence of the experts would be borne by the United Nations;
- (d) The meetings would be held in one official language and no interpretation or other conference services would be required;
- (e) Travel and subsistence would be required for one CSDHA staff member to provide substantive support to each meeting.

	<u>United States dollars</u>	
<u>ECA</u>		
Travel and subsistence of experts	18 500	
Travel and subsistence of one CSDHA staff member	2 500	21 000
<u>ECE (to be organized by CSDHA)</u>		
Travel and subsistence of ten experts	14 400	
Travel and subsistence of one CSDHA staff member	1 200	15 600
<u>ECLA</u>		
Travel and subsistence of ten experts	19 720	
Travel and subsistence of one CSDHA staff member	3 910	23 630
<u>ECWA</u>		
Travel and subsistence of ten experts	13 850	
Travel and subsistence of one CSDHA staff member	2 350	16 200
<u>ESCAP</u>		
Travel and subsistence of ten experts	17 050	
Travel and subsistence of one CSDHA staff member	<u>2 820</u>	<u>19 870</u>
Grand total:		<u><u>96 300</u></u>

Therefore additional resources of approximately \$96,300 would be needed. The Secretary-General intends to finance the convening of these five regional ad hoc expert group meetings from extrabudgetary resources.

C. Strengthening of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs

13. In its report, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs should be strengthened in order to facilitate the implementation of the mandate given to it by the General Assembly and, to this end, be provided with the necessary financial and staff resources on the understanding that the Assembly has to make its decision in the light of the financial implications (A/37/348, annex, appendix III).

14. It may be recalled that, in paragraph 3 of his report on the International Youth Year: Participation, Development and Peace (A/36/215/Add.1) submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, the Secretary-General enumerated the additional tasks to be undertaken in connexion with the Year and estimated that approximately 216 Professional work-months would be needed to carry out those tasks. This is the equivalent of six Professional posts for the period 1983-1985. In paragraph 4 of the same report, he informed the Assembly that he intended to examine the possibilities of internal redeployment of staff and to submit to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a further report on his efforts towards internal redeployment of resources.

15. After reviewing the staff resources at his disposal, the Secretary-General was able to redeploy four established Professional posts in the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs (CSDHA) to the activities directly related to the International Youth Year. It is expected that these four established Professional posts will continue to be made available for such activities through 1985. Two temporary assistance posts at the P-4 level would therefore be needed for 1983-1985 to assist in carrying out the tasks described in document A/36/215/Add.1. One General Service post (G-6, Vienna) would also be needed to provide secretarial services. The salary and common staff costs for these two Professional and one General Service posts, at 1983 rates, are estimated at \$412,500, broken down as follows:

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984-1985</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>(United States dollars)</u>		
Two P-4, Vienna	115 800	231 600	347 400
One G-6, Vienna	<u>21 700</u>	<u>43 400</u>	<u>65 100</u>
	137 500	275 000	412 500

D. Secretariat for the International Youth Year

16. In its decision 10 (II), the Advisory Committee requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a brief report on the possible ways of implementing paragraph 10 of its resolution 36/28, including the possibility of constituting the staff members of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs (CSDHA) responsible for carrying out activities

relating to youth as the secretariat for the International Youth Year, under the direct supervision of the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs. Paragraph 10 of that resolution requested the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures in order to enable the Centre to perform its task and responsibilities for the adequate preparation and observance of the Year. In response to this request, an IYY secretariat has been established within CSDHA through the internal redeployment of four existing Professional posts, as indicated in paragraph 15 above. The IYY secretariat is expected to be strengthened for 1983-1985 by the addition of two temporary assistance posts which are being requested above. The Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, as head of CSDHA, has assumed over-all responsibilities for the IYY secretariat, assisted by existing senior supervisory staff of the Centre.

17. The present organizational arrangement has the advantage of the use of existing senior supervisory staff, thus keeping the number of additional temporary assistance posts at the minimum and is, therefore, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 concerning international years and anniversaries which states, inter alia, that the proclamation of international years and activities connected with them should not lead to a proliferation of posts in the Secretariat.

E. Third session of the Advisory Committee

18. In its decision 8 (II), the Advisory Committee proposes that its third session should take place at Vienna in the first half of 1984.

19. The estimated costs of holding the third session of the Advisory Committee at Vienna in 1984 are provided below, based on the following assumptions:

- (a) The meeting would be held for a duration of eight working days;
- (b) Interpretation and other conference services would be provided in all six working languages;
- (c) There would be 100 pages of pre-session, 100 pages of in-session and 40 pages of post-session documentation in all six languages of the General Assembly;
- (d) The costs of travel and subsistence of members of the Advisory Committee would be borne by their respective Governments;
- (e) Travel and subsistence would be required for one representative each of ECA, ECLA, ECWA and ESCAP; two staff members from the Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters (OSSECS); one staff member from the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (DIESA); and one staff member from the Department of Public Information (DPI).

United States dollars

Travel and subsistence of:

One DIESA staff member	2 800
One DPI staff member	2 800
One ECA staff member	3 300
One ECLA staff member	5 000
One ECWA staff member	2 800
One ESCAP staff member	6 400
Two OSSECS staff members	5 600
	<u>28 700</u>

The conference-servicing requirements, calculated on a full-cost basis which assumes no capacity for absorption on the part of the Department of Conference Services, are estimated at \$296,600 (see annex II below). These requirements will be reviewed in the context of the programme budget submission for 1984-1985.

F. Summary

20. The estimated additional regular budgetary resource requirements discussed above, exclusive of conference-servicing requirements, may be summarized as follows:

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984-1985</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reference</u>
<u>(United States dollars)</u>				
<u>Regional preparatory meetings</u>				
Travel and subsistence of two CSDHA staff members to attend the ECE regional meeting	3 000		3 000	Para. 5
<u>Strengthening of the regional commissions</u>				
<u>Temporary assistance</u>				
ECA	62 100	124 200	186 300)	
ECLA	68 700	137 400	206 100)	Para. 10
ECWA	55 100	110 200	165 300)	
ESCAP	47 400	94 800	142 200)	
	<u>233 300</u>	<u>466 600</u>	<u>699 900</u>	

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	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984-1985</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reference</u>
	<u>(United States dollars)</u>			
<u>Consultancy</u>				
\$21,000 for each of the four regional commissions and CSDHA	105 000		105 000	Para. 11
<u>Strengthening of CSDHA</u>				
Two P-4 and one G-6 temporary assistance posts	137 500	275 000	412 500	Para. 15
<u>Third session of the Advisory Committee</u>				
Travel and subsistence of:				
One DIESA staff member		2 800	2 800)	
One DPI staff member		2 800	2 800)	
One ECA staff member		3 300	3 300)	
One ECLA staff member		5 000	5 500)	Para. 19
One ECWA staff member		2 800	2 800)	
One ESCAP staff member		6 400	6 400)	
Two OSSECS staff members		5 600	5 600)	
		<u>28 700</u>	<u>28 700</u>	
Grand total	<u>478 800</u>	<u>770 300</u>	<u>1 249 100</u>	

ANNEX II

Estimated costs of conference-servicing of the third session of
 the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year

(Vienna, 1984)

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/</u>	<u>Cost b/</u>	
				(United States dollars)
<u>Pre-session</u>				
(33,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	140 days	239/day	33 460	
Revision	47 days	262/day	12 314	
Typing	154 days	154/day	23 716	
Reproduction	670 000 page impressions	.021/page impression	14 070	
Distribution	33 500 documents	.051/doc.	1 709	85 300

<u>Meeting servicing</u>				
<u>Interpretation</u>				
(A, C, E, F, R, S)				
	224 days	391/day	87 584	
<u>Supporting staff:</u>				
Conference officer	11 days	51/day	561	
Documents distribution clerk	11 days	51/day	561	
Other	40 days	51/day	2 040	90 700

<u>In-session</u>				
(33,000 words A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	140 days	239/day	33 460	
Revision	47 days	262/day	12 314	
Typing	154 days	154/day	23 716	
<u>Other supporting staff:</u>				
Reference Clerk	11 days	51/day	561	
Translation Clerk	11 days	51/day	561	
Documents Control Clerk	11 days	51/day	561	
Reproduction	560 000 page impressions	.021/day impression	11 760	
Distribution	5 600 documents	.051/doc.	286	83 200

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Total workload Unit rate a/ Cost b/
 (United States dollars)

Post-session
 (13,200 words,
 A,C,E,F,R,S)

Translation	56 days	239/day	13 384	
Revision	19 days	252/day	4 788	
Typing	63 days	154/day	9 702	
Reproduction	268 000 page impressions	.021/page impression	5 628	
Distribution	6 700 documents	.051/doc.	342	
			33 500	
				292 700

Office of General Services requirements:

Sound engineering	10 days	51/day	510	
Security	20 days	51/day	1 020	
General operation expenses	-	-	2 350	
			3 900	
		Grand total		296 600

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

b/ Rounded to the nearest \$100.
