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### PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

#### United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

#### Interim arrangements for the International Jute Council

#### Note by the Secretary-General

1. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in its resolution 93 (IV) of 30 May 1976 on the Integrated Programme for Commodities, requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to convene preparatory meetings for international negotiations on individual products and, as and when required, commodity-negotiating conferences as soon as possible after the completion of such preparatory meetings. Pursuant to that resolution, the preparatory meetings on jute and jute products were held during the period 1976 to 1980, culminating in the convening of the United Nations Conference on Jute and Jute Products in January 1981. At the end of its third session on 1 October 1982, the Conference established the text of the International Jute Agreement, 1982.
2. The Agreement is expected to enter into force provisionally by July 1983. Article 40, paragraph 5, of the Agreement states that the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall convene the first session of the Council as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Agreement.
3. In its resolution I the Conference establishes a Preparatory Committee for the Council and requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to convene a first one-week meeting of the Committee and up to one other one-week meeting if necessary. The terms of reference of the Committee are:
  - (a) To consider and prepare provisional rules of procedure for the decision of the International Jute Council, and

(b) To prepare the agenda of the first session of the International Jute Council.

4. In paragraph 5 of resolution I, the Conference further requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to recommend to the General Assembly that it provide the advances required for the meetings of the Preparatory Committee and for the first session of the International Jute Council, refundable to the United Nations upon receipt of contributions to their administrative budget due from members of the Council under the Agreement.

5. The Secretary-General estimates that the advance to the Council to meet the initial expenditures which may be incurred by the Preparatory Committee and the Council is required for a period of approximately 6 to 12 months in 1983 in an amount of up to \$150,000, which is distributed as follows:

	\$
Temporary Assistance	25,000
Travel	12,000
Meetings (two sessions of the Committee and one of the Council of one week each; see annex for details)	98,300
General operating expenses (including rental of conference rooms)	<u>14,700</u>
Total	<u><u>150,000</u></u>

6. Should the General Assembly agree to authorize this advance to the International Jute Council, an additional appropriation in the amount of \$150,000, on a non-recurrent and reimbursable basis, would be required under section 15, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, of the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983. This provision would be fully offset by an increase of the same amount under income section 2, General income, of the budget. The advance will be administered by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on behalf of the Council, in accordance with the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules and within the terms of Conference resolution I and such decisions as the Council may adopt once it has been convened.

Annex

CONFERENCE-SERVICING REQUIREMENTS FOR TWO SESSIONS OF THE PREPARATORY  
 COMMITTEE AND THE FIRST SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL JUTE COUNCIL,  
 GENEVA, 1983 (3 weeks)

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$ a/	<u>Cost</u>	
			\$ a/	\$ b/
I. <u>Pre-season</u> (6,600 words, E,F,R,S)				
Translation	17 days	297	5 049	
Revision	6 days	330	1 980	
Typing	20 days	85	1 700	
Reproduction	20 000 page impressions	0.014/page impression	280	
Distribution	2 000 documents	0.110/document	<u>220</u>	9 200
II. <u>Meeting servicing</u>				
Interpretation (E,F,R,S)	252 days	249	62 748	
Conference officers	21 days	98	2 058	
Meeting room attendants and guards	126 days	56	7 056	
Technicians	63 days	56	<u>3 528</u>	75 400
III. <u>In-session</u> (3,300 words, E,F,R,S)				
Translation	8 days	297	2 376	
Revision	3 days	330	990	
Typing	10 days	85	850	
Reproduction	10 000 page impressions	0.014/page impression	140	
Distribution	1 000 documents	0.110/document	<u>110</u>	4 500

IV. Post-session  
(6,600 words, E,F,R,S)

Translation	17 days	297	5 049	
Revision	6 days	330	1 980	
Typing	20 days	85	1 700	
Reproduction	20 000 page impressions	0.014/page impression	280	
Distribution	2 000 documents	0.110/document	<u>220</u>	<u>9 200</u>
			Total	<u>98 300</u>

Notes

a/ \$US 1 = SwF 1.71.

b/ Amounts under \$100 have been rounded.

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