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### PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

#### PROGRAMME PLANNING

#### Updating of the special review of the ongoing work programme of the United Nations

#### Report of the Secretary-General

1. The report of the Secretary-General entitled "Special review of the ongoing work programme of the United Nations" 1/ was presented to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session. The General Assembly, in resolution 36/239 of 18 December 1981, requested the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) and the Committee on Conferences to address themselves to this report within their respective spheres of competence, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session; requested CPC to consider, at its twenty-second session, the programme implications of the Secretary-General's proposals and the Committee on Conferences to examine those recommendations which relate to conference servicing and to the control and limitation of documentation. In the same resolution the Assembly also requested the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) to examine the administrative and financial implications of the Secretary-General's proposals, including those arising out of the considerations and recommendations, if any, of the two aforementioned inter-governmental bodies, and to report to it at its thirty-seventh session.

2. The Committee for Programme and Co-ordination considered the relevant portions of the report 1/ at its twenty-second session 2/ and recommended 3/ that "the General Assembly should request the Secretary-General to issue an updated version of his report entitled 'Special review of the ongoing work programme of the United Nations' (A/36/658), which should be prepared and submitted, together with the proposed programme budget for 1984-1985, to the Committee at its twenty-third session".

3. The Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-second session and took note of it with appreciation. 4/ Furthermore, it decided "to endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, taking fully into account the comments made by members of the Council" and "to transmit the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session".

4. The Committee on Conferences considered those portions of the Secretary-General's report which fell within its competence at a series of meetings held in spring 1982 and devoted a chapter of its own report 5/ to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session to this subject. The Committee also recommended to the Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (recommendation 6 of its report). At the time of preparation of that report the General Assembly, acting upon a report of the Fifth Committee on this matter (A/37/605), adopted resolution 37/14.

5. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions considered the Secretary-General's report and the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-second session. 6/ The Advisory Committee, in its report on the subject, agreed with CPC that "the report of the Secretary-General needs updating" 7/ and, in connection with this exercise, the Committee mentioned specifically annex III as well as annex II.

6. The Advisory Committee recommended 8/ that the updated report by the Secretary-General should be available to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session when it considered the medium-term plan for 1984-1989 and in conjunction with the full and comprehensive report on the question of obsolete, marginally useful and ineffective activities pursuant to resolution 35/209. In its recommendations the Advisory Committee stated that:

"The updated report should indicate separately:

"(a) Activities which the Secretary-General proposes to terminate in the current biennium on his own authority, together with an estimate of the resources involved;

"(b) Activities within the competence of the Secretary-General which, though listed in annex II as being of low priority, are considered by him to be sufficiently useful to warrant being continued.

"As regards activities which are required by legislative mandates and the termination or modification of which would thus call for specific decisions at the intergovernmental level, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Secretary-General, in his updated report, should identify separately those he proposes for termination or curtailment, and those he merely regards as being of low priority, while leaving it to the initiative of Member States to make proposals for their termination or curtailment. The updated report should contain an estimate of the resources related to the former group. For other activities, statements of administrative and financial implications would be submitted if and when proposals were made by interested Member States.

"In all cases, the Secretary-General should indicate the reasons for his proposals, as was done in his report in document A/C.5/35/40 and Add.1."

7. In the light of the above, annex II (low priorities) and annex III (high priorities) of the report on the special review (A/36/658) were updated in consultation with the programme managers concerned. The result of this undertaking is now contained in the annex to the present report in the form of an updated list of (a) activities required by legislative mandates and therefore included in the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983, but which might be considered of low priority [A/36/658, annex II] and (b) high priority activities that could contribute to the strengthening of ongoing programmes (A/36/658, annex III); including estimates of the resources involved as appropriate. In order to permit an overview section by section of the programme budget structure, both low and high priority activities have been combined in one table. Also, the reasons for the proposed actions are indicated in the present annex in the form of footnotes linked to the categories in respect of each programme element or output. These categories are as detailed in table A below:

Table A: Categories of activities (A/36/658, annex II)

- A. Activities which the Secretary-General proposes to terminate in the current biennium on his own authority.
- B. Activities which the Secretary-General proposes to curtail on his own authority.
- C. Activities which, although required by legislative mandates, the Secretary-General proposes for termination or curtailment.
- D. Activities which are required by legislative mandates which the Secretary-General regards as being of low priority and which he leaves to the initiative of Member States to make proposals for their termination or curtailment.
- E. Activities within the competence of the Secretary-General which, though listed in annex II of document A/36/658 as being of low priority, are considered by him to be sufficiently useful to warrant being continued in their entirety.
- F. Activities that had been considered as of low priority but the mandates for which had been renewed.
- G. Activities that had been considered as of low priority but which have been completed in the meantime or which are now expected to be completed by 31 December 1982.
- H. Activities that had been listed in annex II of document A/36/658 as being of low priority but which had already been excluded from the 1982-1983 programme budget as approved by the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

8. As regards estimates of the resources involved, these are included in the annex to the present report for categories A to C. For activities classified in category D, and in accordance with the Advisory Committee's recommendations, statements of administrative and financial implications would be submitted if and when proposals were made by interested Member States.

9. A summary of the estimates of resources involved in respect of low priority activities falling under categories A to C, as well as the proposed redeployments to activities deemed of high priority and which need strengthening, is contained in table B below:

Table B: Summary of estimates of resources released and proposed redeployments

(thousands of US dollars)

Section	Estimates of	
	resources to be released	redeployments
1B	110.2	98.4
3	427.6	379.5
6	186.4	186.4
7	148.6	148.6
9	90.0	90.0
11	15.0	15.0
12	123.6	123.6
13	24.0	24.0
15	573.1	573.1
17	936.4	936.4
22	10.3	10.3
27	528.7	519.2
28	457.9	445.3
Total	<u>3 631.8</u>	<u>3 549.8</u>

10. As indicated in paragraph 8 above, the estimates of resources as contained in the annex to the present document and summarized in table B above, amounting to some \$3.6 million, refer only to those activities where action can be taken by the Secretary-General on his own authority and without requiring approval by the General Assembly; excluded therefrom are those activities which have been classified in categories D to H (see table A above).

11. Furthermore, it should be noted that the results of the updating, as reported in the present document, refer generally to resources to be released and redeployed in respect of the year 1983, whereas, the estimates of resources associated with the proposals made in annex II of document A/36/658, and for which a range of \$20 million to \$25 million had been given in paragraph 12 of that document, were for an entire biennium, 1982-1983.

12. As can be seen from the tables contained in the annex to the present document, there are activities falling in categories A and B in respect of which the Secretary-General proposes termination or curtailment on his own authority. The Assembly may note that the resources to be released are slightly in excess of the total proposed redeployments to activities which are considered of high priority and therefore earmarked for strengthening.

13. There is a series of activities which have been classified under category D for which, as indicated in paragraph 8 above, statements of administrative and financial implications will be submitted if and when proposals are made by interested Member States.

14. As regards the question of identification of activities that have been completed or are obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective, it will be recalled that the General Assembly adopted on 17 December 1980 resolution 35/209 on this subject. Consequently, and with reference to what has been said in paragraph 6 above, the present document is also addressed to this subject.

15. In paragraph 7 of that resolution the Assembly had endorsed the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that "the submission of a full and comprehensive report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3534 (XXX) and subsequent resolutions affirming it, requested by the Assembly in its resolution 34/225, be deferred until the thirty-seventh session". The aforementioned recommendation of the Advisory Committee is contained in its report on the subject of the identification of activities that have been completed or are obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective (A/35/709), which the Advisory Committee submitted as a result of its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the same subject, as contained in document A/C.5/35/40 and Add.1.

16. Paragraph 53 of document A/C.5/35/40 contained a set of proposals intended to incorporate this "identification exercise" as an integral part into the programme planning process. Deferral of the consideration by the Assembly of the subject to the thirty-seventh session was to give adequate time for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the plan of action described in document A/C.5/35/40.

17. Since then the General Assembly has considered, or will consider at its present session, the following documents which relate to the "identification exercise".

(a) The proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983, 9/ which reported inter alia in various sections of the budget under the heading of resource requirements on the redeployment of Professional staff resources released as a result of completion of programme elements during the biennium 1980-1981;

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(b) Report on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1980-1981 (A/37/154 and Corr.1) and the related comments and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, contained in paragraphs 18 to 30 and 291 to 298 of the report on the work of its twenty-second session; 6/

(c) Draft official regulations governing programme planning, the programme aspects of the budget, the monitoring of the implementation and the methods of evaluation as contained in document A/37/206, comments and recommendations of CPC contained in paragraphs 36 to 44 and 300 to 302 of the report on the work of its twenty-second session. 6/

18. The General Assembly may also wish to note in this regard several actions taken by the Secretary-General, namely, (a) the establishment of a Programme Planning and Budgeting Board (ST/SGB/190 of 7 April 1982) and of a central monitoring unit (ST/SGB/196 of 14 October 1982) and (b) the incorporation into the instructions to departments/offices for the submissions of proposals for the 1984-1985 programme budget of the identification of activities considered obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective.

19. The Secretary-General, therefore, believes that the proposed regulations now before the Assembly provide a codification of the legislative basis on this subject; furthermore, and complementary thereto, as well as a continuation of the earlier plan of action which had been before the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session (A/C.5/35/40 and Add.1), the reporting on these activities will form an integral part of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, to be submitted to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session. The reporting on programme performance in an ex post facto manner and at the output level in respect of each biennium, further refined as necessary, will conclude the cyclical treatment of activities which are considered obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective for the respective biennium.

20. The above developments are part of a process which would make the identification of obsolete, marginally useful or ineffective activities an integral part of the programme planning cycle, at both the programme budgeting and programme performance stages. Therefore, it would no longer appear necessary to conduct any further ad hoc examinations such as the special review of the ongoing work programme of the United Nations.

#### Notes

1/ A/36/658.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/37/38), paras. 11-17.

3/ Ibid., paras. 286-290.

4/ Decision 1982/160. See E/1982/INF/12.

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/37/32 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. VI.

6/ Ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/37/38).

7/ A/37/7/Add.1, paras. 10 and 11.

8/ Ibid., paras. 19-24.

9/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/36/6 and Corr.1 and 2).

Annex

Section	LOW PRIORITY			RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS						
	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
1	World Food Council	1.3	E b/										
	Office of Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva	Liaison	B	1	ASG	12	110.2 a/	Office of Director-General, Vienna		1	ASG	12	98.4 a/
	Total, section 1						110.2						98.4

a/ Details of proposed redeployments between Geneva and Vienna are elaborated in the report of the Secretary-General on proposed changes in the top echelon (A/C.5/37/\_\_\_\_).

b/ This programme element, being the only one that provides information to Governments, agencies and other media, needs to be continued. It will be slightly modified by reduction in the number of pamphlets produced, but there will be no significant reduction in resources.

Section	LOW PRIORITY			RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS (if any)						
	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
2	Department of Political and Security Council Affairs:	3.4	F a/				-						-
		4.1	F b/				-						-

a/ Issue was resolved by Assembly resolution 36/97 A which called for the establishment of a group of experts on this subject.

b/ At its twelfth special session the General Assembly, having reviewed a report containing an assessment of this programme, decided to maintain it and to increase the number of fellowships on disarmament from 20 to 25.



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	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
3	Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization	Sub-programme 1	A	D-1 P-5 P-4 P-3 Other	12 24 18 18 36		72.8 132.4 82.2 68.5 71.7	Dept. of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization	Subprog.3 Subprog.4 Subprog.3 Subprog.3 Subprog.3	D-1 P-5 P-4 P-3 Other	12 24 12 12 24		72.8 132.4 56.0 46.6 47.8 23.9
	Total, section 3				108		427.6 a/				96		379.5 a/

a/ The merger of subprogrammes 1 and 2 has made possible the enhanced implementation of mandates arising from (a) resolution 36/23 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, (b) resolution 36/123 on updating of the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council and the Repertory of Practice of United Nations organs and (c) resolution 36/121 C on the programme of work of the United Nations Council for Namibia. As a result of the merger of two Divisions it has been possible to advance by six months the abolition of two posts initially scheduled to take effect from 1 January 1983 (see Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/36/6 and Corr.1), sect. 3, para. 3.27).

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	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
5B	Science and technology for development	1.5 2.3	E a/ E b/	- -	- -	- -	- -						- -

a/ The Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology, at its fourth session in June 1982, adopted resolution 1 (IV) in which it requested the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to submit guidelines for specific programmes for the building of endogenous scientific and technological capacity; consequently, the activities under programme element 1.5 will need to be intensified in 1983.

b/ Under this programme element the Centre has organized in 1982 regional meetings of focal points in Latin America (Mexico City) and Africa (Brazzaville). The Intergovernmental Committee, in its resolution 2 (IV) adopted at its fourth session, recognized the importance of such meetings and recommended that "similar meetings be organized in the framework of existing resources". Thus, this programme element will need to be continued in its entirety.

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	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
6 IESA	Development issues and policies	4.4	A	2 P-3 1 G-4	24 12	88.4 23.9	6.0	1.1 g/ 2.1 g/ 2.3 g/	P-3 G-4	6 4	6 4	22.1 8.0	22.1
					Consultants								
	Ocean economics and technology	3.3	E a/			-							
	Population	2.5 4.3	E b/ E b/			- -							
	Social development and humanitarian affairs	1.1	E c/			-							
	Statistics	1.2 2.2 5.3	E d/ E e/ E f/			- - -							
	Programme planning and co-ordination	4.4	B	1 P-3 1 G-4	12 12	44.2 23.9		3.1 h/	1 P-3 1 G-4	12 12		44.2 23.9	
	Total, section 6				60	186.4				60		186.4	

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a/ The work under the ocean economics programme has acquired additional importance following the completion of the Law of the Sea Conference. It is proposed, therefore, to continue this programme element in its entirety.

b/ The work under these programme elements has recently acquired new importance in view of the preparatory work being undertaken for the World Population Conference, 1984. The population programme, as a whole, should therefore be maintained at its present level of resources.

c/ Under this programme element, the publication of the Social Development Newsletter had been suspended. Following a review of its content and purpose, it has been decided to resume publication of the Newsletter with a change in style and content since it is felt that such a Newsletter could fill a very useful and necessary function in providing a comprehensive review of social development trends and the needs of specific groups of the population in relation to overall social development policy.

d/ The resources available to the Statistical Office have been considerably reduced through the elimination of several posts supported by extrabudgetary funds. This reduction has necessitated reassignment of resources within the Statistical Office in order to avoid the curtailment of its essential services. Further reductions therefore would have a severe impact on the ability of the Statistical Office to carry out effectively its work programme.

e/ The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1981/1 of 4 May 1981, decided on the organization of a 1983 work programme of industrial statistics. Since programme element 2.2 would provide the industrial statistics methodology and international standards to be adopted by the countries participating in the 1983 work programme, it is proposed that it be continued in its entirety.

f/ Programme element 5.3, Review and co-ordination of statistical publications and assessment of the consistency and quality of data, was the subject of discussion in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-first session. The Committee was informed that programme element 5.3 was designated as lowest priority for the past several biennia and a considerable amount of progress had been achieved in improving the quality of the publications. In the 1982-1983 biennium, since resources would be very limited and there was considerable competition for the available resources, modest resources were allocated to programme element 5.3 to enable it to continue. The Committee was informed that it might be possible to give this programme element a higher rating in future biennia.

g/ These programme elements all deal with areas of critical concern for the 1980s as identified in the new international development strategy. The programme elements are concerned with the projections of medium-term and long-term socio-economic trends, the review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the strategy as well as the analysis of emerging new issues within the context of the new international economic order.

h/ Programme element 3.1, Design and establishment of evaluation system including concepts, methodologies and procedures for evaluating programmes in the economic and social sectors, is considered to be a high priority activity since it was strongly endorsed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-first session; however, because of budgetary resource constraints, it is at present staffed at a lower level than had originally been anticipated.

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	Programme	Programme element	Programme	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
7	Policies and resources planning	2.3	A	1 G-4	12		24.0					Policies and resources planning	2.2 c/	1 G-4	12		24.0
	Natural resources and energy	2.5 6.1	E a/ E b/				- -					Natural resources and energy	1.4 d/	1 P-2	12	Consultants	39.3 12.2
	Public administration and finance	4.2	A	1 P-3 1 G-4	12 12	Consultants	49.1 24.0 12.2					Public administration and finance	4.1 e/	1 P-3 1 G-4	12 12		49.1 24.0
	Administration and common services		B	1 P-2	12		39.3										
	Total, section 7						<u>148.6</u>								<u>48</u>		<u>148.6</u>

a/ This programme element provides technical publications on a continuing basis concerning mineral institutions in developing countries and the measures to strengthen them.

b/ This programme element involves substantive servicing of the Committee on Natural Resources, which is a continuing activity.

c/ More priority will be assigned by TCD to monitoring trends in popular participation for development.

d/ Greater emphasis is being placed on energy programmes by governments and required follow-up by the United Nations system.

e/ More priority within this programme is assigned by TCD to the development of accounting principles suitable to developing countries.

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Section	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
9 Trans-national corporations	Centre	1.9	B a/	P-3/P-4	7	31.5	Centre	1.1 a/	P-3/P-4	7	-	31.5
		3.8	B b/	P-3/P-4	3	13.5		3.10 b/	P-3/P-4	3	-	13.5
		3.9	B c/	P-3/P-4	3	13.5		3.3 c/	P-3/P-4	3	-	13.5
		3.12	B d/	P-3/P-4	3	13.5		3.1 d/	P-3/P-4	7	-	31.5
Joint units with regional commissions		3.12	B d/	P-3/P-4	4	18.0						
		3.13	G									
Total, section 9				20		90.0			20			90.0

a/ Resources of programme element 1.9 will be redeployed in 1983 to programme element 1.1, Integrated comprehensive study of transnational corporations in world development, to be used in connection with the publication of the report on the third comprehensive integrated study on transnational corporations and their economic, social, cultural and political role and impact in the world, particularly in the developing countries.

b/ Resources of programme element 3.8 will be redeployed in 1983 to programme element 3.10, Information on transnational corporations and technology, to be used in connection with producing a study on financial practices and policies of transnational corporations operating in developing countries and for gathering additional information in the area of technology transfer.

c/ Resources of programme element 3.9 will be redeployed in 1983 to programme element 3.3, Information on individual corporations, to be used mainly in connection with the production of in-depth corporate profiles, particularly in terms of updating the sections dealing with certain structural aspects of transnational corporations.

d/ Resources of programme element 3.12 will be redeployed in 1983 to programme element 3.1, Survey of information on transnational corporations, to be used in connection with the documentation and library services for information on transnational corporations, particularly to answer the increased volume of requests for information from Governments and other appropriate users of the comprehensive information system on transnational corporations.

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Section	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
10 ECE	Development issues and policies	1.2	E a/			-						-

a/ It is deemed necessary to continue this programme element because it is the only ECE activity in the major programme of Development issues and policies, which covers the work of the Commission in economic and research projections. This work is essential to the provision of economic information and basic analysis to member Governments of ECE, as well as other members of the United Nations in order to assist them in formulating economic policies. Moreover, the economic projections activity contributes directly to the ACC Task Force on Long Term Development Objectives and has been widely appreciated as a contribution to global United Nations objectives, especially with respect to their impact on developing countries. This work is one of the major "links" between ECE and the United Nations activities on the new international economic order and the global negotiations.

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	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects
						\$ (000)					\$ (000)
11	Food and agriculture	3.1	F a/ D b/								
ESCAP		4.2									
	Development issues and policies	2.1	E c/								
	Industrial development	1.1	F a/								
		1.4	E a/								
		2.1	G								
		2.2	D b/								
		2.3	D b/								
	International trade	1.1	E d/								
		2.1	E a/								
		4.2	E e/								
		5.3	D b/								
	Natural resources and energy	1.4	E f/								
		2.4	G								
		2.5	E g/								
	Population	2.1	B h/		4	15.0	Population	1.3 h/	4		15.0
	Science and technology	1.1	D b/								
		1.2	D b/								
		1.4	E i/								
	Statistics	1.1	D b/								
		1.3	D b/								
		1.5	D b/								
		2.1	D b/								

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	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
11. (cont.)	Transport I	1.5	E j/										
		1.11	E j/										
	Transport II:	1.1	E a/										
	shipping, put ii-a)												
	ports and (output		F a/										
	inland water- iii)												
	ways	2.2	E k/										
	Social dev-	1.4	F l/										
	elopment and 2.1		D b/										
	humanitarian affairs												
	Adminis- tration and common services		E										
Total, section 11							15.0						15.0

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a/ The Commission at its thirty-eighth session considered output essential or of high priority.

b/ Action to be taken by the Commission at its thirty-ninth session, in 1983.

c/ The Commission at its thirty-eighth session expressed continuing endorsement of the programme of work being implemented by the Development Planning Division; also, a number of delegations stressed the key role of development planning in efforts of developing countries of Asia and the Pacific to realize development goals and aspirations.

d/ The Commission at its thirty-eighth session reiterated support for these activities.

e/ The Commission at its thirty-eighth session requested the Secretariat to speed up its efforts in this area.

f/ The Commission at its thirty-eighth session endorsed the Secretariat strategy and the corresponding measures in response to the energy problem.

g/ The Commission at its thirty-eighth session endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group meeting on Environmental Management in Mineral Resources Development and commended the mineral resources programme, particularly the collection and publication of information on mineral resources and development activities.

h/ The Commission at its thirty-eighth session approved redeployment to programme element 1.3 rather than deletion of output.

i/ The Commission at its thirty-eighth session urged the Secretariat to mobilize additional resources and co-ordinate use of existing resources in order to strengthen its capacity to provide technical assistance and advisory services to national science and technology institutions.

j/ The Commission at its thirty-eighth session emphasized the vital role of transport and communications in development process; also adopted resolution 230 (XXXVIII) on a transport and communications decade for Asia and the Pacific.

k/ The Commission at its thirty-eighth session recognized that development of inland water transport was of growing importance.

l/ The Commission at its thirty-eighth session considered this output as essential and requested that more missions be undertaken than had been carried out already.

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	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects
						(\$ (000))					(\$ (000))
12	Executive										
ECLA	Direction and Management		G			-					
	Development issues and policies	4.1	G			-		2.1	2 P-3 a/	24	123.6
	Industrial development	2.2	G			-					
	International trade	2.2	G			-					
	Science and technology	1.3	G			-					
	Social development	3.1	A	2 P-3	24	123.6					
	Administration	-	G			-					
	Total, section 12				24	123.6				24	123.6

a/ The incumbents of the two posts, which it is intended to redeploy as of 1 January 1983, will be responsible for conducting in-depth analyses of the development strategies of various Latin American countries.

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Section	LOW PRIORITY			RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS			\$ (000)		
	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme	Programme element	Level		W/M	Other objects
13	Food and agriculture	4.1	E			-						
ECA	Industrial development	1.1 3.2	E G			-						
	Population	1.3 a/	F									
		2.2 b/	B	P-4	1.5	8.3	Population	2.4	P-4	1.5	8.3	
	Public administration and finance	- c/	E			-						
	Science and Technology	2.1 d/	B	P-4	2.0	11.1	Science and technology	2.1 d/	P-3	2.0	11.1	
	Social development and humanitarian affairs	1.1 2.1 2.2	E E E			-						
	Transport	1.3 4.2 4.3	A E E	P-3	1.0	4.6	Transport	1.5	P-3	1.0	4.6	
	Programme Support		E			-						
	Total, section 13					<u>24.0</u>				<u>4.5</u>	<u>24.0</u>	

a/ Mandate renewed pursuant to paragraph 1 of UNDP Governing Council decision 82/20 ("UNFPA").

b/ One output only.

c/ Technical advisory services.

d/ The termination of pilot studies on resources devoted to research and development will provide for the strengthening of resources devoted to the feasibility study on the establishment of model workshops.

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Section	LOW PRIORITY		RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS					
	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other	
					objects					objects	\$
					(000)						(000)
14 ECWA	Executive Direction and Management	Office of the Executive Secretary	E a/		-						
	Natural Resources and Energy	2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4	E b/ E b/ E b/ E b/		- - - -						
	Transport	2.1	E b/		-						

a/ An initial proposal to limit the involvement of the Office of the Executive Secretary in the drafting and finalization of substantive reports cannot be implemented in 1983 in view of the increased workload devolving upon that Office as a result of the temporary disruption in the activities of the substantive Divisions in connection with the move of ECWA to Baghdad.

b/ As the activities planned for 1982-1983 are now well under way it will not be possible to terminate them as initially proposed.

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Section	LOW PRIORITY			RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS			\$ (000)		
	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme	Programme element	Level		W/M	Other objects
15	Money, finance and development	1.1	B	1 P-3	12		1 P-3	1.4 e/	12			57.5
				1 G-S	12		1 G-S		12			37.7
		2.2	D a/									-
	Commodities	2.5 )	B	2 P-3	24		2 P-3	2.2 f/	24			115.0
		2.7 )		1 G-S	12		1 G-S		12			37.7
		3.1 )										
	Manufactures	1.1 )	B	1 P-3	12		1 P-3	3.1 )	12			57.5
		1.3 )		1 G-S	12		1 G-S	3.2 ) g/	12			37.7
		1.6 )										
	Shipping	1.1,2,1, 3.2,4,1	D b/				1 P-3	1.4 h/	12			57.5
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	Shipping	2.2,3,3, ) 4.2 ) 5.2 )	B	1 P-3	12		1 P-3		12			57.5
	Transfer of Technology	2.1 ) 2.3 )	B	1 P-3	12		1 P-3	2.2 i/	12			57.5
	Economic co-operation among developing countries	2.2	B	1 P-3	12		1 P-3	1.1 j/	12			57.5
	Trade with countries having different econ. and social systems	1.2 ) 1.7 ) 2.5 )	B	1 P-3	12		1 P-3	2.1 k/	12			57.5
	Insurance	1.2	D c/									-
	Administration and common services	Economic Reference Unit	E d/									-
	Total, section 15											573.1
												132
												573.1

(Footnotes on following page)

a/ Separate reporting may only be discontinued following a decision by the Trade and Development Board.

b/ Frequency of Review of Maritime Transport may only be reduced with the authorization of the Trade and Development Board.

c/ A decision of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade would be required to reduce the frequency of the Annual Insurance Review.

d/ It will not be possible to reduce the level of reference services to the substantive staff of UNCTAD in view of the heavy work programme and particularly the substantive preparations for UNCTAD VI.

e/ In view of the deteriorating financial situation of developing countries and associated desperate debt problems, the resources in this programme element should be increased so that more analysis of information can be conducted on the debt problem of developing countries.

f/ In order to undertake more extensive work on compensatory financing as emphasized at the first special session of the Committee on Commodities the resources available to this programme element should be increased.

g/ Protectionism and structural adjustment would be a major item on the agenda for UNCTAD VI thereby requiring additional resources for the preparation of information on the item.

h/ In order to support more intensive efforts on negotiations related to open-registry operations, this programme element should be strengthened with additional resources.

i/ It is anticipated that more sectors would be included in the activities of this programme element thereby requiring its strengthening with additional resources.

j/ Redeployment of resources to this programme element is necessary in order to support an intensified effort on the Global System of Trade Preferences and the Trade Information System.

k/ The redeployment of resources to this programme element would make it possible for additional studies to be undertaken on industrial co-operation and joint ventures.

LOW PRIORITY				RESOURCES RELEASED				PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS					
Section	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)		
17 UNIDO	Executive direction and management	E a/	1 P-4	12	Consultants	14.0	d/	1 P-5	12		70.3		
		B g/	1 P-2	12	Ad hoc experts	78.6							
	Policy Co-ordination	5.2	B	1 P-4	12		61.0	e/	3.1	1 P-3	12	50.3	
				1 P-2	12		38.3			1 G-S	12	21.7	
		5.3	B	1 P-4	12		61.0	f/	5.2		Consultants	40.0	
			1 P-3	12		50.3							
		5.4	B	1 P-3	12		50.3	g/	1.3	1 G-S	(Princ.) 12	38.6	
	Industrial studies and research	1.1	B			Consultants	10.0	2.2	2.6	1 P-5	12	Consultants	50.0
		1.6	B			Consultants	25.0						
		2.4	B			Consultants	25.0	2.8	2.10	1 P-3	12		21.7
		3.1	B b/			Consultants	11.3						
		3.2	B b/			Consultants	11.3	3.8	3.9	1 P-2	12		38.3
		3.5	B b/			Consultants	11.2						
		3.9	B b/			Consultants	11.2	3.12	3.13	1 P-4	12	Consultants	40.0
3.10		E b/			Consultants	11.2							
4.5		E b/				-	2 P-5	24			40.0		
8.2		B b/			Consultants	45.0							
			2 P-4	24		122.0					61.0		

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LOW PRIORITY			RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS			\$ (000)		
Section	Programme	Programme element	Category	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
17 (cont.)	Conference services, public information and extension relations	1.1 1.3 1.4	E C/ E C/ B C/			- - -	3.14 3.19	1 P-4	12	Consultants Ad hoc experts	61.0 30.0
						Temporary assistance for meetings	3.25 4.7	1 P-4	12	Consultants Ad hoc experts	38.6 30.6 61.0
	Administration and common services	1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4	B B B B	1 G-S 1 G-S 1 G-S 1 G-S (Princ.)	12 12 12 12	66.6					40.0
	Total, section 17										156
											936.4

- a/ Programme element 1.1 is being continued and in its place programme element 1.4 is now to be curtailed.
- b/ Programme elements 3.10 and 4.5 are being continued and in their place programme elements 3.1, 3.2, 3.5, 3.9 and 8.2 are now to be curtailed.
- c/ Programme elements 1.1 and 1.3 are being continued and in their place programme element 1.4 is now to be curtailed.
- d/ A Special Assistant to the Executive Director dealing with energy.
- e/ Strengthening project formulation related to co-operation among developing countries.
- f/ The additional consultant resources are required to improve the quality of technical publications designed to assist developing countries in the acquisition of technology and the negotiation of technology contracts.
- g/ The additional resources would permit UNIDO to increase its delivery of technical assistance.



Section	LOW PRIORITY			RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS			
	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects
						\$ (000)				\$ (000)
18 UNEP	Liaison and regional representation	New York	E a/							
		Geneva	E a/							
	Administration and common services		R b/							

a/ The New York and Geneva liaison offices are heavily and continuously involved in a variety of liaison, contact and representation functions that are not duplicated anywhere else within the system. These functions include:

- (i) Continuous liaison with the various offices of the United Nations and agencies of the United Nations system in New York or Geneva, Paris and Rome without which UNEP cannot carry out its co-ordinating role;
- (ii) Coverage of a large number of meetings, inter-governmental and non-governmental, held in North America and in Europe, relevant to UNEP for which headquarters Nairobi cannot send staff members;
- (iii) Regional Advisory Services in the regions concerned;
- (iv) Liaison with the United States, Canadian and European non-governmental organizations and co-ordination of specific activities including North American plans for the Tenth Anniversary observances;
- (v) In addition to liaison functions, the two offices also perform "regional responsibilities" and, in this connection, the New York office maintains contact with the Canadian and United States Governments and assumes special assignments for the Executive Director in connection with the English-speaking countries of the Caribbean Region. The same applies to the Geneva Office for all European countries;
- (vi) These two offices have been and continue to be called upon to support some of the projects executed or implemented in North America or Europe.

In light of the volume of responsibilities which are discharged by these offices with only two Professional and two General Service posts each, it is not deemed practical to reduce such staffing by half as indicated in document A/36/658.

b/ The original purpose of using \$36,800 consultancy for the preparation of an accounting manual and of staff development and training materials was disapproved by ACABQ; instead of that purpose, ACABQ approved the retention of that amount to engage the services of a consulting doctor (see Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/36/7), para. 18.12).

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	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects
						\$ (000)					\$ (000)
19	Human settlements activities		E a/								
	Subprog. 1	1 a/									
	Subprog. 2	1 a/			E a/						
	Administration and common services		E a/								

a/ All programme elements in subprogrammes 1 and 2 have been categorized as E in light of the adoption by the Human Settlements Commission at its fifth session of resolution 5/17. By paragraph 1 of that resolution the Commission re-emphasized the importance of both subprogrammes and the consequent need to maintain them as two distinct subprogrammes at no less than the present level of activity, which represents the minimum acceptable level. In the light of this it would no longer be appropriate to reduce the subprogrammes directly concerned nor, in consequence, would it be feasible to reduce the administrative and common services associated with them.

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	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects
						\$ (000)					\$ (000)
20	Division of Narcotic Drugs	4.1	E a/			-					
		4.2	E a/			-					
	International Narcotics Control Board	1.1	E a/			-					
		1.2	E a/			-					
		2.2	E a/			-					

a/ These programme elements should be continued, first, in view of the implementation of the five-year programme of action, approved in General Assembly resolution 36/168, which requires that a significant amount of the additional resources needed be met from existing resources, and, secondly, in view of the continuing demand to fulfil treaty obligations and to perform monitoring and reporting functions.

Section	LOW PRIORITY		RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS					
	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme	Element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
22 UNDRO	Executive direction and management	B	Travel		4.4 a/	Relief co-ordination, preparedness and prevention					Communications 10.3 a/
	Relief co-ordination, preparedness and prevention	B	Travel		5.9 a/						
	Administration and common services	E			<u>10.3</u> b/						

a/ In paragraph 6 of its resolution 36/225, the General Assembly indicated that the capability of UNDRO in information collection and dissemination should be further strengthened and improved. Accordingly, it is proposed that the sum of \$66,000 currently available to UNDRO for communications and related rental of equipment be increased by \$10,300 in 1983, an equal amount being made available for redeployment through curtailing travel.

b/ In line with General Assembly resolution 36/225 and decision 1982/1 of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, UNDRO has been given lead responsibilities for the co-ordination and mobilization of international relief. Thus, its workload has recently substantially increased mainly because of its involvement in disaster situations due to civil strife (Angola, Chad, Gambia and Lebanon). The concomitant administrative support has to be maintained, therefore, at the same level.

Section	LOW PRIORITY		RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS					
	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme	Element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
23	Human Rights	2.3			-						

a/ Mandate renewed under resolution 1982/16 adopted by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its 33rd meeting on 7 September 1982.

Section	LOW PRIORITY		RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS					
	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme	Element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
26	Office of Legal Affairs, Executive direction and management	3.2									

a/ Proposal was undertaken by Assembly resolution 36/123 which requested the Secretary-General "to give high priority to the preparation and publication of the supplements to the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council and the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs in order to bring those publications up to date as quickly as possible".

Section	LOW PRIORITY			RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS			\$ (000)					
	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	Programme	Programme element	Level		W/M	Other objects			
27 Dept. of Public Information	Radio and Visual Services	2.1	B	P-3	12	Travel	20.0	Radio and Visual services	1.2	P-3	12	Contractual services	50.0		
						Contractual services	130.0						Equipment	180.0	
						Supplies	30.0							230.0 a/	
							46.6 b/								
	Press and Publications	2.2	B	P-3	12	30.0 c/	Printing	30.0 c/	Press and Publications	2.3 2.4	P-3	12	Equipment	50.0 c/	
							Travel	12.0							
	Economic and Social Information	3.3	B	P-3	12	109.5 d/	Travel	60.0	Economic & Social Information	2.1 2.2 2.4	P-3	12	Travel	45.0	
							Printing	19.5						Printing	50.0
							General operating expenses	30.0							Contractual services
							105.0 e/								
Departmental administration	-	B	P-3	12	10.0	General operating expenses	10.0								
Information Service, Geneva Public Relations	2.2 2.4	B B	G-7 G-7	6 6	53.0 f/	26.5	Information Centres	72	Local	72	87.6 g/	Information Centres	87.6 g/		
						26.5							84	519.2	
						53.0 f/									
Total, section 27						96									
						528.7									

a/ Increased emphasis on television news coverage will be partially offset by productivity increases and possible curtailment of film production programme.

b/ Establishment of Caribbean Unit in the Radio Service pursuant to General Assembly resolution 36/149, financed in part by post redeployments.

c/ Reflects technological innovations in the publication programme.

d/ Expected reduction in the number of symposia on activities of transnational corporations.

e/ Intensified dissemination of information on economic and social issues.

f/ Anticipated productivity saving.

g/ Reduction in the level of staffing in selected information centres, offset by strengthening of other selected information centres.

Section	LOW PRIORITY			RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS						
	Programme	Programme element	CATEGORY	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)	Programme	Programme element	Level	W/M	Other objects	\$ (000)
28	OFS - Accounts Division	Payments processing	B	GS	12		23.9 a/	OFS Treasury	Cash management	GS	12		23.9 a/
	OFS	Classification	F	1 P-4	12		58.9	OFS	Classification	1 P-4	12		58.9
				1 P-2	12		39.3			1 P-2	12		39.3
							98.2 b/						98.2 b/
	OCS	Porter	B			Cleaning services	126.0 d/	OCS	Communications e/				176.7
		Communications	H f/										23.9
		Registry	B	5 GS	g/								200.6 c/
		Archival research	E i/										
		Replacement furniture	H j/										
	AMS	Word processing	E	1 GS	12		23.9	AMS	Word processing				16.8
	EDFISD	Data entry computer forms	B		48	Supplies	25.0						
						Contractual services	95.6 (55.0)						
							65.6 k/						

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Section	LOW PRIORITY		CATEGORY	RESOURCES RELEASED			PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS																			
	Programme	Element		Level	W/M	Other	Programme	Element	Level	W/M	Other															
					objects	(\$ (000))																				
28 (cont.)	Division Administration, Geneva	Reports and Studies	B			10.0																				
		Systems analysis	B	1 P-2	12	46.9																				
	General Services Division, Geneva	Archives and reference	E 1/																							
		Messenger	B	2 GS	14	43.4 1/																				
		Replacement furniture	B			20.0																				
	Staff training	Language requirements	D 2/																							
	Total, section 28					122	457.9																			445.3

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a/ An integrated system of cash management is being developed to streamline Treasury operations and simplify payments procedures. While no net savings are contemplated in staffing, it is anticipated that improved information on cash flow will enable a larger proportion of available cash on hand to be invested.

b/ The emphasis will move away from classification of Professional posts to that of General Service posts pursuant to a decision of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) (Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/37/30), para. 273) in which it decides to expand the General Service category.

c/ The Secretary-General considers the setting up of a Task Force as a priority in order to alleviate the backlog in appeals cases before Joint Appeals Board.

d/ By discontinuing special porter services and reducing office cleaning services from daily to every second day a saving of \$126 could be effected.

e/ Upgrading of the communications capacity will be considered in the context of the current report of the Joint Inspection Unit on communications in the United Nations.

f/ Exclusion of this item from the initial budget for 1982-83 was noted by the Advisory Committee in its first report on the Special Review (A/37/7/Add.1, para. 9).

g/ A programme for the progressive decentralization of registry functions to departments is underway. When it is completed late in 1983, it is anticipated that five GS posts may be decentralized to the larger departments and another five may be available for redeployment as from 1 January 1984.

h/ Modernization of conference room sound and interpretation systems is already underway to a certain extent utilizing existing resources. Further proposals will be made in the context of the 1984-85 proposed programme budget.

i/ As noted in document A/37/7/Add.1, the implications of discontinuing archival research require further study. Therefore no resources may be released at this time.

j/ In view of a substantial reduction made to the original proposal in the first report of the Advisory Committee, the replacement cycle will necessarily be extended. Thus no additional resources are available for surrender at this time.

k/ Savings may be anticipated by progressing moving towards contractual data-entry services.

l/ The Secretary-General intends to carry out a progressive strengthening of security services in Geneva through a programme of redeployment which involves, inter alia, the freezing of messenger posts as they become vacant. Up to 18 months of additional security services may become available in this manner in 1983.

m/ In view of the interest shown by the Fifth Committee in staff language training, the question of possible curtailment of such training would require a decision by that Committee on the basis of a report by the Secretary-General (A/37/7/Add.1, para.13). The Secretary-General intends to make proposals in the context of a report required on the progress made in reviewing and evaluating the language training programme early in 1983, for consideration in the context of the proposed programme budget for 1984-1985.



Section	LOW PRIORITY		CATEGORY		RESOURCES RELEASED				PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS				
	Programme	Element	Level	W/M	Other	Level	W/M	Other	Programme	Element	Level	W/M	Other
29	Department Conference Services, Headquarters, Conference Services, Geneva and Vienna												
		Written records											
		Summary records											
		32-page limit for reports of subsidiary bodies											
		24-page limit for Secretariat reports											

a/ See report of the Committee on Conferences (Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/37/32 and Corr.1 and 2)) and discussions in the Fifth Committee on agenda item 109. An amount of \$181,800 represents the estimated full cost of summary records for the Special Committee on the Charter and the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization. An amount of \$270,000 represents the estimated full cost of summary records for the sessional committees of the Economic and Social Council. These amounts are to be incorporated and considered in the context of the consolidated statement of administrative and financial implications in respect of conference-servicing costs for 1983.

b/ Implemented February 1982 (See ST/AI/189/Add.20/Rev.1). No quantification is available of the savings arising from implementation of this measure.