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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1960

Meeting at Buenos Aires of the fourteenth session
of the Commission on the Status of Women

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The Economic and Social Council, at its 1089th meeting on 31 July 1959, approved the calendar of conferences for 1960, which provides for the fourteenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women to be held at Buenos Aires, at the invitation of the Government of Argentina.
2. In a communication dated 23 November 1959, the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations has advised that the Argentine Government, in accordance with paragraph 2 (e) of General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII), will assume responsibility for defraying the additional costs resulting from holding the session of the Commission at Buenos Aires rather than at Headquarters.
3. The 1960 original budget estimates (A/4110) include provision in the amount of \$13,500 under chapter III of section 1, covering the travel of the eighteen members of the Commission from the capital cities of their home-countries to New York and return. For a session of the Commission at Buenos Aires, the revised estimate will be as follows:

	US \$
(a) Travel of members	26,200
(b) Travel and subsistence of staff	39,000
(c) Miscellaneous supplies and services	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>66,700</u>

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Accordingly, the additional costs to be defrayed by the host Government are estimated at \$53,200.

4. The estimate under item (b) covers travel for thirty and subsistence for thirty-four staff members detailed from New York, it being assumed that four of them will travel in conjunction with home leave. This staff includes four substantive staff members, twenty-two language staff (seven interpreters, nine translator/precis-writers, six revisers), four typists (one for each language), and four administrative and supporting staff (one administrative and finance officer, one conference/documents control officer, and two reproduction and distribution supervisors).

5. In addition to the staff detailed from Headquarters, the host Government has undertaken to provide directly at its own expense, in order to complement the staff required to service the session of the Commission at Buenos Aires, one Spanish interpreter, ten translator/precis-writers (three English, two French and five Spanish), fifteen typists (five English, five French and five Spanish), and five documents clerks and mimeograph operators. The host Government has also undertaken to provide locally all the necessary simultaneous interpretation services including sound engineers and equipment.

6. Following prior practice, the Secretary-General proposes that provision be made in the appropriations for 1960 to cover the additional costs of holding the fourteenth session of the Commission on the Status of Women at Buenos Aires on a gross basis, and that the contribution of the Government of Argentina be treated as miscellaneous income for that year. Arrangements will be entered into between the host Government and the United Nations under which expenses in connexion with the provision of the local facilities and services not included in the above estimates will be met directly by that Government.

7. The distribution of the additional costs by sections of the 1960 budget would be:

	<u>US \$</u>
Section 1 (chapter III)	12,700
Section 8 (chapter I)	39,000
Section 13 (chapter III)	<u>1,500</u>
Total	<u>53,200</u>

The estimates for miscellaneous income included in part C of the 1960 budget would also be increased by \$53,200.