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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/L.1197/Rev.2, as amended

Statement submitted in accordance with rule 154 of the rules
of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 1430th meeting, held on 6 December 1971, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1197/Rev.2, as amended.
2. Under the terms of Part A, operative paragraph 1, of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would endorse the UNCTAD work programme established at the eleventh session of the Trade and Development Board. The financial implications of this work programme are found in annex VII of the report of the Trade and Development Board to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session (A/8415). The resources required to implement the additions to the 1971 UNCTAD work programme have been included in the supplementary estimates for the financial year 1971^{1/}. The purpose of the present report is to provide the General Assembly with details on the additional resources required for 1972 to implement the UNCTAD work programme as approved by the Trade and Development Board at its eleventh session. The basis upon which the additional resources are being requested for 1972 are set forth below.

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3. At its eleventh session, the Trade and Development Board adopted the report of the fifth session of the Committee on Manufactures, which requested UNCTAD to pursue a complex work programme and to produce a comprehensive report containing an over-all assessment of the adverse effects of restrictive business practices on trade and economic development interests of developing countries.

4. In the 1972 budget estimates, provision was made for two posts (1 P-5 and 1 local level) to deal with restrictive business practices. In view of the scope of the new work programme on this subject as approved for 1972 by the Board, an additional P-4 post would be required in that year to implement the new aspects of the work programme. The cost in 1972 of an additional P-4 post is estimated at \$15,000, after taking into account the usual delayed recruitment factor.

5. At its eleventh session, the Trade and Development Board also approved the 1972 programme of work in the field of transfer of technology as elaborated by the Inter-governmental Group established for this purpose by UNCTAD resolution 74 (X). The work programme as elaborated by the Inter-governmental Group covers four main areas that fall within UNCTAD's field of competence and two subsidiary areas in which UNCTAD would co-operate with other international organizations having primary responsibility. The four main areas elaborated for work by UNCTAD in 1972 consist of (a) channels and mechanisms for the transfer of technology, (b) the costs of the transfer of technology, (c) access to technology and (d) international trade and transfer of technology. The two subsidiary areas in which UNCTAD would be expected to provide views consist of (a) the substitution of domestic for imported technology and (b) the choice of technology.

6. The UNCTAD Transfer of Technology Unit presently consists of four professionals (1 D-1, 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2/1) and four local level secretarial and clerical posts. In view of the magnitude of the UNCTAD work programme in the field of transfer of technology that the Board has approved for implementation in 1972, two additional posts (1 P-5 and 1 local level) would be required in 1972. The estimated additional costs of providing the two posts in 1972, after taking into account the normal delayed recruitment factor, amount to \$28,800.

7. In its resolution 1568 (L), the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with UNCTAD and other international organizations, to prepare a study of the economic implications of the proposed convention on the international container traffic, scheduled to be held in Geneva

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in November 1972. As the next session of the UNCTAD Committee on Shipping is scheduled to be held in 1973, the Trade and Development Board decided to convene a special session of the Committee from 3 to 6 July 1972, so that it might consider and submit its views on the implications of the proposed draft convention, mentioned above, to the 1972 International Container Conference. In order to provide for interpretation, summary records and a short report for the special session of the Committee on Shipping in 1972, an additional appropriation of \$15,600 would be required in the budget for that year.

8. Under the terms of Part A, operative paragraph 2, of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide to accept, with appreciation, the invitation of the Government of Chile to hold the third session of UNCTAD at Santiago from 11 April to 19 May 1972. This would entail lengthening the third session of UNCTAD by one additional week over the initial time period envisaged for the Geneva venue, and the additional cost of the one-week extension is estimated at \$142,000. This estimate would provide for the holding of six simultaneous meetings with interpretation, three of which would have summary records and the other related requirements of the third session for a one-week period as indicated in paragraph 15.6 of the initial budget estimates for 1972.^{2/}

9. It should be noted in this connexion that the Government of Chile would, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2409 (XXIV), be responsible for defraying the additional costs to be incurred by the United Nations in regard to holding the third session in Santiago, Chile.

10. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1197/Rev.2, as amended, an additional appropriation in an amount of \$202,000 would be required under section 15 of the 1972 budget, as follows:

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Chapter I, Third session of Conference	142,000
Chapter III (i), Established posts	35,200
Chapter IV, Common staff costs	9,200
Chapter X (ii), Temporary assistance for meetings	<u>15,600</u>
Total	<u><u>202,000</u></u>

11. On the other hand, the staff assessment that would accrue under income section 1 is estimated at approximately \$9,000.

^{2/} See document A/8406.