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Revised estimates resulting from decisions of the  
Economic and Social Council at its fiftieth and  
fifty-first sessions

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions, held in New York and Geneva in 1971, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolutions which involve the expenditure of United Nations funds in 1972 if these resolutions are to be implemented. In accordance with financial regulation 13.1 and rule 34 (2) of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General submitted separate cost estimates in respect of each of the proposals prior to their adoption. In cases where the proposals originated in one of the subsidiary bodies of the Council, similar action was taken at the time the initial proposals were made.

2. The Secretary-General informed the Council that he would review, in their totality, the financial implications of these decisions and would, as required, make provision in the revised estimates for 1972, which would be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session. The financial resources necessary to implement the decisions of the Council at its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions have been considered in the light of the resources already available for the financial year 1971 and those requested for the financial year 1972 in the initial estimates for that year. Any requirements for 1973 will be taken into account in his initial budget estimates for that year.

3. In the present report, additional appropriations in a total amount of \$652,640 are requested for the financial year 1972. These requirements are summarized by subject and by budget section in table 1 below, which is followed

by detailed justifications with reference to the individual resolutions involved. For the reasons explained in paragraphs 4 to 7 below, no provision is sought at this time to cover additional requirements for the implementation of resolution 7 (XXVII) of the Commission on Human Rights as well as those which would arise in the event of the endorsement by the General Assembly of the proposals contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1601 (LI) on regional and sub-regional advisory services.

4. In its resolution 1598 (L) of 21 May 1971, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its twenty-seventh session. In its resolution 7 (XXVII) of 8 March 1971, the Commission on Human Rights decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts established under Commission resolutions 2 (XXIII), 2 (XXIV), 21 (XXV) and 8 (XXVI) should continue surveying the developments in the areas and fields mentioned in paragraphs 3(i) to (iv) of Commission resolution 2 (XXIV) and in paragraph 3 of Commission resolution 21 (XXV) with particular reference to grave manifestations of colonialism and racial discrimination present in the situation prevailing in Namibia, Southern Rhodesia, Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau) resulting from the actions of the illegal South African régime in Namibia, the illegal minority régime in Southern Rhodesia and the Portuguese régime in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau).

5. In operative paragraph 4 of its resolution 7 (XXVII), the Commission requested the Ad Hoc Working Group to remain active and vigilant in its observation of colonial and racially discriminating practices in Africa and bring to the attention of the Commission at its twenty-eighth session new developments in the field, as mentioned in paragraph 3 of the resolution, and to submit a report, including conclusions and recommendations, to the Commission at its twenty-ninth session. The plans for the implementation of this decision have yet to be finalized. Thus, it has not been possible for the Secretary-General to request additional resources for this activity at this stage.

6. The attention of the General Assembly is also drawn to Economic and Social Council resolution 1601 (LI) on regional and sub-regional advisory services. The resolution recommends that (a) as a first step and at least partially to relieve the financial and administrative burden on the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut imposed by the expanded

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scope of these responsibilities, the General Assembly should decide to establish at its twenty-sixth session a separate section in the United Nations regular budget to make provision for a unified system of regional and sub-regional advisory services, earmarked for the operations of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, and to transfer to this section the existing regional advisory services at present under part VI; and that, (b) the existing section 13 of part VI of the United Nations budget for the regular programme of technical assistance be maintained for 1972 at its current level of \$5,408,000 and concentrate its operations substantially to support country programmes of the least developed among the developing countries, as well as regional and sub-regional programme of special interest to those countries.

7. The expenditures that are earmarked under Section 13 of the budget estimates for 1972 for regional and sub-regional advisory services to be provided by the regional economic commissions and UNESOB are estimated at \$1,825,000. The Secretary-General informed the Council that in the event of a decision by the General Assembly to transfer this amount from Section 13 to a new section under part VI, as proposed in operative paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1601 (LI), and nevertheless to maintain the level of Section 13 at \$5,408,000 in 1972, as recommended in operative paragraph 2 of the same resolution, additional resources in the amount of \$1,825,000 would be required under the latter section.

Table 1  
Additional appropriations requested for 1972 by subject and budget section

Subject and Resolution	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 8	Section 9	Section 10	Section 11	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Human Rights</u>										
Commission resolution 14 (XXVII). Model rules of procedure for United Nations bodies dealing with violations of human rights			7,500							7,500
<u>Social Development</u>										
1584 (L). Criminal- ity and social change	5,500		23,000						4,000	32,500
1573 (L). Outflow of trained personnel from developing to developed countries			39,000							39,000
<u>Statistical Commission</u>										
Decision taken at the 1741st meeting of ECOSOC on the report of the Statistical Commission			15,650						10,700	26,350
<u>Narcotic Drugs</u>										
1577 (L). Convening of a plenipotentiary conference to amend the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961		89,300								89,300

Table 1 (continued)

Subject and Resolution	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 8	Section 9	Section 10	Section 11	Total
<u>Transport</u>										
1568 (L). Preparation for the UN/IMCO Conference on International Container Traffic			30,000		9,000					39,000
<u>Development Planning, Projections and Policies</u>										
1625 (LI). Committee on Development Planning	10,700		18,000							28,700
1621 (LI). Enlargement of the Membership of the Economic and Social Council, institutional arrangements for science and technology, and machinery for review and appraisal	87,000		3,000		20,000					110,000
1612 (LI). Assistance in Cases of Natural Disasters and other emergency situations			95,000	19,000	12,000	3,000	10,000	3,000		142,000
1602 (LI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe									14,790	14,790
1606 (LI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East			25,000	6,000			2,000			33,000
1607 (LI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America			67,000	5,000	1,000					73,000
Decision taken at the 1799th meeting of ECOSOC; Commission on the Status of Women			13,500		4,000					17,500
Total	103,200	89,300	336,650	30,000	46,000	3,000	12,000	3,000	29,490	652,640

Commission resolution 14 (XXVII). Model rules of procedure for United Nations bodies dealing with violations of human rights

In its resolution 1598 (L) of 21 May 1971, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the twenty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/4949).

Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of resolution 14 (XXVII), the Commission on Human Rights decided to establish a Working Group of five of its members to meet, if possible, immediately before the twenty-eighth (1972) session of the Commission to examine the model rules of procedure in document E/CN.4/1021/Rev.1, taking into account the views expressed during the twenty-seventh session of the Commission and to report to the twenty-eighth session of the Commission.

As the Working Group is composed of members of the Commission, no travel costs would be involved. For the purpose of estimating costs, the following assumptions were made:

- (a) The Working Group would hold two meetings a day for a period of approximately five working days immediately prior to the twenty-eighth (1972) session of the Commission, which is scheduled to be held at Headquarters;
- (b) Interpretation in four languages would be required;
- (c) In-session and post-session documentation were respectively estimated at fifty pages in four languages;
- (d) No pre-session documentation or summary records would be required.

The costs of providing in-session and post-session documentation in 1972 for meetings of the Working Group are estimated at \$7,500.

Accordingly, an additional appropriation of \$7,500 is requested under Section 3, Chapter II of the 1972 budget.

1584 (L). Criminality and social change

In its resolution 1584 (L) of 21 May 1971, the Economic and Social Council endorsed inter alia the conclusions and recommendations of the Fourth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and requested the Secretary-General to implement to the fullest extent those conclusions and recommendations of the Congress applicable to the United Nations as set out in

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his note<sup>1/</sup>. The related statement of the administrative and financial implications of implementing the proposals are contained in Annex II of document E/4984.

In paragraph 44 of the note of the Secretary-General,<sup>1/</sup> it was proposed to improve the dissemination of information on social defense policies and practices throughout the world, by publishing and issuing the International Review of Criminal Policy twice yearly and to make this publication available in four languages (English, French, Russian and Spanish). As provision has already been made in the initial budget estimates for 1972 for the translation and printing of two issues of this publication in English, French and Spanish, an additional appropriation of \$11,000 is required for external translation and \$4,000 for printing the two issues in Russian.

In paragraph 83 of the Secretary-General's note, it was recommended that a working group of experts be convened to study methods to strengthen the implementation of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and the reporting procedures thereon, as well as several other matters, including problems of adherence and possible regrouping of the rules, leading, perhaps to a convention. It is envisaged that a group of eight experts would need to be convened at Headquarters in 1972 for a period of ten days to assist in the study. The estimated costs of the meeting of the expert group would be \$12,000, covering travel and subsistence of the experts attending the meeting.

In operative paragraph 5 of the above-mentioned resolution, the Economic and Social Council further decided to enlarge, from ten to fifteen, the membership of the Advisory Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders established under General Assembly resolution 415(V), in order to provide the variety of professional expertise needed on social defense questions spread over a wider geographical area. The cost of travel and subsistence for five additional members of the Committee to attend the meeting at Headquarters, for a period of ten days in 1972, is estimated at \$5,500.

In order to implement these proposals, a total additional appropriation of \$32,500 is requested under the 1972 budget, as follows:

(a) Section 1, Chapter III -	\$ 5,500
(b) Section 3, Chapter III -	23,000
(c) Section 11 -	<u>4,000</u>
Total -	<u>\$32,500</u>

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<sup>1/</sup> E/CN.5/461.

1573 (L). Outflow of trained personnel from developing  
to developed countries

In its resolution 1573 (L) of 19 May 1971, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General (a) to prepare a study on the effect of the influx of foreign specialists on the economies of countries which admit foreign specialists to their enterprises and institutions; and (b) to devise methods of assessing the impact of the "brain drain" on the economies of developing countries.

In the related statement of financial implications (E/L.1379/Rev./Add.1) submitted on this item, the Secretary-General indicated that the study mentioned under (a) above would not give rise to any financial implications but that the services of approximately three high-level consultants for a duration of eighteen man-months would be required to devise methods of assessing the impact of the "brain drain" on the economies of the developing countries. The fees and the costs of travel and subsistence for the consultants to assist in the preparations of the latter study are estimated at \$39,000.

Accordingly, an additional appropriation of \$39,000 is requested under Section 3, Chapter III of the 1972 budget.

Decision taken at the 1741st meeting of the Economic and Social  
Council on the report of the Statistical Commission

At its 1741st meeting on 27 April 1971, the Economic and Social Council took note with satisfaction of the report of the Statistical Commission on its sixteenth session<sup>2/</sup> and endorsed the work programme contained therein.

In its resolution 1 (XVI), the Statistical Commission requested the Secretary-General to prepare, in co-operation with the specialized agencies, a Directory of International Statistics, furnishing detailed information on the statistical responsibilities of the organizations concerned, as well as on the statistical series compiled and statistical standards adopted by them, and to publish the Directory before the seventeenth session of the Commission. The costs of translating and publishing approximately 350 pages of the proposed Directory in four languages is estimated at \$26,350. Details on this estimate are contained in Annex II of document E/4938.

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<sup>2/</sup> E/4938.



Accordingly, an additional appropriation of \$15,650 is requested under Section 3, Chapter III and another of \$10,700 under Section 11 of the 1972 budget, for a total of \$26,350.

Resolution 1577 (L). Convening of a plenipotentiary  
conference to amend the Single Convention  
on Narcotic Drugs, 1961

In its resolution 1577 (L) of 20 May 1971, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries, as early as feasible in 1972, to consider all amendments proposed to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. The related cost estimates involved in convening the conference was submitted by the Secretary-General in document E/AC.7/L.584/Add.1. However, the cost estimates given below provide for the convening of a three-week conference in Geneva in the first half of 1972 based on the following assumptions:

(a) That the Conference would be held in Geneva from 6 to 24 March 1972;

(b) That there would be no more than four meetings a day - two meetings could be held concurrently with the plenary session for a two-week period and two meetings a day non-concurrently for the remaining one week;

(c) That there would be simultaneous interpretation for all meetings and summary records only for plenary meetings in English, French, Russian and Spanish;

(d) That pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation would amount to 310 pages.

The estimated costs involved for convening the conference are as follows:

(a) Cost of providing staff for two meetings a day for a period of three weeks:

	<u>Number of staff required</u>	<u>Number of staff to be provided by Geneva Office</u>	<u>Number of staff to be recruited</u>	<u>Cost (in US dollars)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interpreters	8	8	-	-	
Translators	23	9	14	16,400	

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	<u>Number of staff required</u>	<u>Number of staff to be provided by Geneva Office</u>	<u>Number of staff to be recruited</u>	<u>Cost (in US dollars)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revisers	9	4	5	7,600	
Typists	23	9	14	6,000	
Reproduction and distribution	9	2	7	1,800	
Other supporting staff	20	3	17	<u>3,500</u>	35,300

(b) Cost of providing staff for two meetings that would run concurrently with the plenary session for a period of two weeks:

	<u>Number of staff required</u>	<u>Number of staff to be provided by Geneva Office</u>	<u>Number of staff to be recruited</u>	<u>Cost (in US dollars)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interpreters	8	1	7	7,300	
Translators	14	-	14	10,900	
Revisers	4	-	4	4,000	
Typists	14	-	14	4,200	
Reproduction and distribution	4	-	4	700	
Other supporting staff	12	-	12	<u>1,700</u>	28,800
General expenses, hospitality, supplies, etc.					10,000
Travel of Chairman and one other member of INCB					3,000
Travel of Legal Adviser from Headquarters					<u>1,300</u>
			Total		<u>78,400</u>

As it is very likely that conference services would be required in Chinese, as was the case for the United Nations Conference for the adoption of a Protocol on Psychotropic Substances, the Secretary-General believes that it would be prudent to request an additional \$10,900 to provide for the travel and subsistence of Chinese conference servicing staff, consisting of one reviser, three interpreters, two translators and four calligraphers, from Headquarters to Geneva to service the Conference.

Accordingly, an additional appropriation of \$89,300, the estimated cost of convening the conference in Geneva, is requested under Section 2 of the 1972 budget.

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Resolution 1568 (L). Preparation for the United Nations/IMCO  
Conference on International Container Traffic

In its resolution 1568 (L) of 10 May 1971, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with UNCTAD, the regional economic commissions and UNESOB and in consultation with IMCO to prepare a study on the economic implications, in particular, for developing countries, of the proposed International Combined Transport of Goods, such study to be conducted with the assistance of experts, after ascertaining the views of Governments of Member States on those aspects and questions which in their view require clarification.

In the related statement of financial implications (E/L.1391/Rev.1/Add.1), the Secretary-General indicated that he would propose the convening of an inter-secretariat group representing UNCTAD, the regional economic commissions, UNESOB, IMCO and the Secretariat of the Conference on International Container Traffic, first to prepare the terms of reference for the study, based upon the views received from Governments of Member States on those aspects and questions which, in their view, require clarification and, secondly, to review and finalize the study. The study would cover the legal, insurance, economic and transport aspects that would result if the draft Convention on the International Combined Transport of Goods were adopted.

The financial implications in 1972 of the proposed study were estimated at \$61,300. However, in view of the fact that one of the two inter-secretariat group meetings scheduled for 1972 was held in 1971 and the fact that some of the consultants to be engaged in 1972 were similarly engaged in 1971 from funds available for that year, an additional appropriation is required to meet only the balance of the work programme expected to be completed in 1972. These requirements are as follows:

Fees, travel and subsistence of consultants	\$16,500
Travel and subsistence for nine inter-secretariat members - one meeting of one week	9,000
Translation of 300 pages of the report in three languages	<u>13,500</u>
	<u>\$39,000</u>

Accordingly, an additional appropriation of \$39,000 is requested in the budget for 1972 as follows:

Section 3, Chapter III- \$30,000

Section 5, Chapter II - 9,000

1625 (LI). Committee on Development Planning

In its resolution 1625 (LI) of 30 July 1971, the Economic and Social Council decided inter alia to enlarge, with effect from 1 January 1972, the membership of the Committee for Development Planning from 18 to 24 and to authorize the Committee to commission research work on selected topics considered important for making appraisals of progress.

In the related statement of financial implications,<sup>3/</sup> the Secretary-General indicated that the proposals above would entail additional expenditures in 1972 amounting to \$10,700 for the travel and subsistence of six additional members of the Committee and \$18,000 to enable the Committee to engage the necessary consultant services for research in selected topics.

Accordingly, an additional total appropriation of \$28,700 is requested for the 1972 budget as follows:

Section 1, Chapter III - \$10,700

Section 3, Chapter III - \$18,000

1621 (LI). Enlargement of the Membership of the Economic and Social Council, institutional arrangements for science and technology, and machinery for review and appraisal

At its 1798th meeting held on 30 July 1971, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1621 (LI) covering these areas - enlargement of the membership of the Council, institutional arrangements for science and technology, and machinery for review and appraisal. In his statement of financial implications (E/L.1451/Add.1), the Secretary-General indicated that the action of the Council in regard to the latter two areas indicated above would give rise to financial implications. However, the Secretary-General is making a request for additional appropriation in 1972 with respect only to the Council's action on science and technology.

In regard to the enlargement of the ECOSOC, it is not envisaged that any additional costs would arise in 1972 as it is assumed that the meetings of the Council could be held in another appropriate conference room in New York until

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<sup>3/</sup> E/A.C.6/L.429/Add.1

the seating arrangements of the Council Chamber are altered within the context of plans for providing additional meeting space in New York.

As the Secretary-General would endeavour to meet the costs of providing interpretation and 10 pages of in-session and post-session documentation for the 3-day meeting (26-28 June 1972) in Geneva of the new Standing Committee on Review and Appraisal established under Part C of Council resolution 1621 (LI), no provision is requested to meet the cost of providing the conference services indicated above for the new committee.

Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of Part B of resolution 1621 (LI), the Economic and Social Council decided inter alia to establish a standing committee of the Council composed of 54 members, to provide policy guidance and make recommendations on matters relating to the application of science and technology to development and to report to the General Assembly, through the Council.

The new Committee is scheduled to hold its first session during the last two weeks of June 1972. As the substantive documentation requirements for the first session of the Standing Committee would consist mainly of reports of the Advisory Committee on Science and Technology and other related reports submitted to other organs including the Economic and Social Council, provision is requested for 30 pages of in-session and post-session documentation estimated at \$3,000.

Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of part B of resolution 1621 (LI), the Council decided inter alia to further maintain the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development for three years with a membership of 24 to furnish expertise to the Standing Committee, in addition to its functions as set forth in Council resolution 980 A (XXXVI).

The financial implications of this decision are estimated at \$107,000. Of this total, \$87,000 would be required for the travel of the members to meetings of the Advisory Committee while \$20,000 would be required for the travel of staff to these meetings. The details of the meetings schedule of the Advisory Committee in 1972 and those related to the travel of staff are as follows:

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	<u>Number of members</u>	<u>Location of meetings</u>	<u>Duration (weeks)</u>
(a) Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development	24	(New York (Geneva	2 2
(i) Inter-sessional meetings of <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Groups	6	(New York (Geneva (Geneva	6 days 3 days 3 days
(ii) Regional groups	4 4 9 5	Addis Ababa Bangkok Geneva Santiago	3 days 3 days 3 days 3 days
(iii) Attendance at other scientific meetings			
(iv) Travel of the Chairman to meetings of the Economic and Social Council and to Headquarters for consultation			

Estimated costs for the above - \$87,000

(b) Travel of staff to service the meetings of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development (\$20,000)

To attend the sixteenth session of the Committee in New York:  
travel of one staff member to New York and return from each of the  
regional economic commissions and subsistence payments for two weeks  
(\$5,700);

To service the seventeenth session of the Committee in Geneva:  
travel of four substantive staff members from New York and return and  
of one staff member from each of the regional economic commissions  
and the Economic and Social Office in Beirut and subsistence payments  
for two weeks (\$8,000);

To service a meeting of the Inter-sessional ad hoc working groups  
in Geneva: travel of a substantive staff member from New York and  
return and subsistence payments for three days (\$800);

To service a meeting of the Inter-sessional ad hoc working groups  
in Geneva: travel of a substantive staff member from New York and  
return and subsistence payments for three days (\$800);

To service a meeting of the African Regional Group in Addis  
Ababa: travel of a substantive staff member from New York and

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return and subsistence payments for three days (\$1,400);

To service a meeting of the Asian Regional Group in Bangkok:  
travel of a substantive staff member from New York and return and  
subsistence payments for three days (\$1,600);

To service a meeting of the European Regional Group in Geneva:  
travel of a substantive staff member from New York and return and  
subsistence payments for three days (\$800);

To service a meeting of the Latin-American Regional Group in  
Santiago: travel of a substantive staff member from New York and  
return and subsistence payments for three days (\$900).

Accordingly, an additional appropriation of \$110,000 is requested for the  
1972 budget as follows:

Section 1, Chapter III	- \$87,000
Section 3, Chapter II	- 3,000
Section 5, Chapter I	- 20,000

Resolution 1612 (LI). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other  
emergency situations

In its resolution 1612 (LI) of 23 July, the Economic and Social Council  
endorsed the Secretary-General's proposals made in document E/4994 for a small  
permanent office in the United Nations which shall be the focal in the United  
Nations system for disaster relief matters.

In the related statement of financial implications on the proposal contained  
in document E/4994, Annex IV, the Secretary-General indicated that the cost of  
staff and other related expenses of the office would require additional resources  
amounting to \$205,200 annually. However, the Secretary-General would propose to  
implement the proposal progressively over 1972 and 1973 and to provide for a part  
of the small permanent office in 1972 as follows:

Staff

1 D-2, 1 P-4, 2 general services	\$85,000
Common staff costs	19,000
Consultants	10,000
Travel	12,000
Rental of office space	10,000
Furniture and equipment	3,000

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Communications	\$ 2,500
Stationery and supplies	<u>500</u>
Total	<u>\$142,000</u>

Accordingly, an additional appropriation of \$142,000 is requested in the budget estimates for the financial year 1972 as follows:

Section 3, Chapter I -	\$85,000
Section 3, Chapter III -	10,000
Section 4 -	19,000
Section 5, Chapter II -	12,000
Section 8 -	3,000
Section 9 -	10,000
Section 10 -	<u>3,000</u>
Total	<u>\$142,000</u>

1602 (LI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe

In its resolution 1602 (LI), the Economic and Social Council took note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 25 April 1970 to 30 April 1971 (E/5001), and endorsed the programme of work and priorities contained in the report.

In its resolution 4 (XXVI) of 30 April 1971, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Commission took note of the proposals made by the Executive Secretary in his report (E/ECE/801), which called for the preparation of various documents and booklets marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Commission.

In the related statement of financial implications (E/ECE/801), the Secretary-General indicated that it would cost \$14,790 to publish 195 pages in three languages (English - 3,360 copies, French - 1,580 copies, Russian - 535 copies) of a bulletin entitled Twenty-five years of Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe, 1947-1972.

Accordingly, an additional appropriation of \$14,790 is requested under Section 11, Printing, of the budget estimates for 1972.

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1606 (LI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia  
and the Far East

In its resolution 1606 (LI) of 20 July 1971, the Economic and Social Council inter alia took note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period 28 April 1970 to 30 April 1971 (E/5020 and Add.1) and endorsed the programme of work and priorities contained in Part V of the report.

In the related statement of financial implications (E/5020/Add.1), the Secretary-General indicated that the Council's approval of the work programme as recommended by the Commission would entail additional expenditures of \$33,000 in 1972 for the establishment of an ECAFE/UNESCO Science and Technology Unit recommended by Commission resolution 15 (XXVII). Of this total, \$31,000 would be required for salaries and related costs of one P-4 and one secretary for the proposed Unit and \$2,000 for the rental of office space.

Accordingly, an additional appropriation of \$33,000 is requested in the budget estimates for the financial year 1972 as follows:

Section 3, Chapter I	-	\$ 25,000
Section 4	-	6,000
Section 9	-	2,000

1607 (LI). Annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America

In its resolution 1607 (LI) of 20 July 1971, the Economic and Social Council inter alia took note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Latin America covering the period 8 May 1970 to 8 May 1971 (E/5027 and Add.1) and endorsed the programme of work and priorities contained in Part V of the report.

At the fourteenth session of ECLA, the Commission adopted resolution 308 (XIV) which inter alia requested the secretariat of ECLA to give special attention in its programme of work to the study of technology and the promotion of its application as a means of accelerating economic development in the region and facilitating its transfer to the developing countries. ECLA, however, would seek assistance of organizations within the UN system - such as UNCTAD, UNIDO and UNESCO - and the assistance of Governments and organizations within Latin America in developing and implementing a programme of work in the application of science and

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technology to development. It would be necessary to make available one P-5 and one secretarial post for the proposed ECLA Science and Technology Unit to supervise and co-ordinate work in this field. The financial requirements that would be needed in 1972 amount to \$31,000. Of this total, \$30,000 would be required for salaries and related costs for the staff members and \$1,000 for travel on official business.

Under the terms of paragraph 3 of Commission resolution 309 (XIV), the secretariat of ECLA was requested to convene meetings of the directors of planning offices in the region periodically to provide an opportunity for exchanges of views. To implement this proposal, ECLA intends to convene an ad hoc expert group meeting of 18 experts composed of directors of the planning offices of the government in the region in Santiago for ten days in 1972 at a cost of \$12,000 for travel and subsistence.

Under the terms of Commission resolution 310 (XIV), the Secretariat of ECLA was requested to establish methods and criteria and to carry out appraisals at the regional level during the Second Development Decade. The preparation of these studies would require consultant services in 1972 at a cost of \$30,000.

In order to implement the above proposals, an additional appropriation of \$73,000 is requested for the budget estimates for 1972, as follows:

Section 3, Chapter I	-	\$25,000
Section 3, Chapter III	-	42,000
Section 4	-	5,000
Section 5, Chapter II	-	1,000

Decision taken at the 1799th meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women

At its 1799th meeting held on 30 July 1971, the Economic and Social Council approved the calendar of conferences for 1972 as submitted in document E/5063. The 1972 conference schedule provides for the convening of the twenty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women at Geneva for three weeks (14 February-3 March 1972) instead of at New York. In the related statement of financial implications (E/L.1441), the Council was informed that the change in venue would entail additional expenditures for travel of staff to service the meetings and for temporary assistance for the Geneva Office to service the meetings.

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The cost of travel and subsistence of four substantive staff for a period of three weeks is estimated at \$4,000 while the temporary assistance required by the Geneva Office to service the meetings of the Commission is estimated at \$13,500.

Accordingly, an additional appropriation of \$17,500 is requested in the budget for 1972 as follows:

Section 3, Chapter II	-	\$13,500
Section 5, Chapter I	-	4,000

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