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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

Honoraria payable to members of the International Law
Commission, the International Narcotics Control Board
and the Administrative Tribunal

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Without prejudice to the basic principle adopted by the General Assembly 1/ to the effect that neither a fee nor any other remuneration in addition to subsistence allowances and travel expenses in certain cases shall normally be paid to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, such payments have been found appropriate in a few exceptional instances because of the work involved.
2. A number of these honoraria, which were decided upon by the General Assembly in each case by way of exception to the general rule, 2/ were designed not so much to compensate adequately the individuals involved for their services as to acknowledge in a token manner an evidently substantial sacrifice of time or of financial interest on their part. In these cases some reasonable adjustment would appear appropriate at this time, taking into account the substantial reduction in the purchasing power of the amounts involved as a result of inflation and other economic factors since they were initially established.

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1/ Pursuant to the recommendations of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/5005, para. 10 (Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 54), as approved by the General Assembly on 18 December 1971, at its 1082nd plenary meeting.

2/ See General Assembly resolution 2489 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, para. 4 and annex and amended by General Assembly resolution 2889 (XXVI) of 22 December 1971.

3. The particular honoraria in respect of which such reconsideration is proposed are those currently payable to members of the International Law Commission, the International Narcotics Control Board and the Administrative Tribunal in amounts which have remained unchanged since 1957, 1967 and 1969, respectively.

4. The present position in respect of each of these subsidiary organs and the increased annual payments proposed by the Secretary-General in each case are as follows:

	President or Chairman		Vice-Presidents		Other members		Special Rapporteurs	
	Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed
(in US dollars)								
International Law Commission	2,500	4,000	-		1,000	1,500	2,500	4,000
International Narcotics Control Board	2,500	4,000	1,500	2,500	1,000	1,500	-	
United Nations Adminis- trative Tribunal	2,500	4,000	-		1,000	1,500	-	

5. The payment of the current amount of \$2,500 to the Chairman and Special Rapporteurs of the International Law Commission, rather than the minimum current amount of \$1,000 payable to all members, has been conditional upon the preparation of specific reports or studies between sessions of the Commission; 3/ if increased payments are approved, these amounts should be amended to \$4,000 and \$1,500, respectively. The current payments of \$1,000 per year to members of the Administrative Tribunal are based on \$500 for each session in which they participate, provided that the maximum amount payable in any one year shall not exceed \$1,000; 4/ if increased payments are approved, these amounts should be amended to \$750 and \$1,500, respectively.

6. Should the proposal of the Secretary-General be approved, the following additional appropriations would be required for the biennium 1976-1977:

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 39, document A/1236, paras. 65 and 66.

4/ General Assembly resolution 2490 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968.

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International Law Commission	20	34 000
International Narcotics Control Board	14	18 000
United Nations Administrative Tribunal	20	8 000
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