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## PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

Revised estimates resulting from decisions of the Economic and Social  
Council at its resumed second regular session, 1982Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its resumed second regular session in 1982, which was held in New York, the Economic and Social Council adopted, inter alia, resolutions 1982/67, 1982/68, 1982/69 and 1982/70, the implementation of which would involve additional expenditures of United Nations funds in the biennium 1982-1983. In accordance with paragraph 3 of rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General submitted separate statements of programme budget implications for 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. The Council was informed that the financial implications of the aforementioned resolutions would be reviewed and that, to the extent required, revised estimates for 1982-1983 would be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session. Detailed justification for such implications are contained in annex I to this document.

2. As has been the case in the past, whenever the financial implications of a proposal amount to less than \$10,000, no additional appropriation will be requested and, in view of the smallness of the amount involved, an attempt will be made to absorb these extra costs within the resources already appropriated in the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.

3. In the present submission, the Secretary-General requests additional appropriations under budget section 9 in the total amount of \$130,000 for the travel and subsistence of 16 expert advisers to attend the special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations in 1983.

4. In respect of conference-servicing costs, the programme budget implications relating to proposals considered by the Economic and Social Council were submitted to the Council on a full-cost basis, that is, as if none of the requirements could

be provided out of the resources already appropriated under the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983. The total amount involved was \$724,100 for 1983, itemized under each of the resolutions appearing in annex II to this report. These conference-servicing requirements will be considered in the context of the consolidated statement to be submitted towards the end of the current session of the General Assembly in which the Secretary-General will report on the level of additional conference-servicing resources to be requested in the light of the pattern of conferences for the year 1983 as approved by the General Assembly.

5. The total requirements are summarized below, including specific references to the relevant statements of programme budget implications submitted to the Council.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Programme</u>	<u>Council resolution</u>	<u>Related documents</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>1983</u>
9	Trans-national Corporations	E/1982/67	E/1982/18/Add.1 and Corr.1	Establishment of an Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting	<u>a/</u> <u>b/</u>
"	"	E/1982/68 Add.1 and	E/1982/18/ completing the Corr.1	Arrangements for formulation of a draft code of conduct on transnational corporations	130,000 <u>b/</u>
"	"	E/1982/69	E/1982/18/Add.1 and Corr.1	Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the recent minority régime in that area	<u>b/</u>
"	"	E/1982/70	E/1982/18/Add.1 and Corr.1	Organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia	<u>b/</u>

a/ Costs to be absorbed.

b/ Conference-servicing costs have been estimated as detailed in annex II.

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Annex I

SECTION 9. TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Resolution 1982/67. Establishment of an Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

9.1 By operative paragraphs 4 (c) and (g) of this resolution, the Economic and Social Council decided to establish an Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, which would meet for a period of two weeks not more than once a year, and to convene a two-week session in New York in 1983 (to be held from 22 February to 4 March).

9.2 By operative paragraph 4 (j), the Council requested the Secretary-General to facilitate, when necessary, the effective participation of members of the Group through the payment of their travel and per diem expenses from extrabudgetary resources. Therefore, no financial implications in the regular budget are envisaged with regard to the travel and per diem expenses of the experts.

9.3 An additional requirement of three months of general temporary assistance at the G-3/G-4 level at an estimated cost of \$6,800 would arise, mainly because of the unusually heavy schedule of meetings during the period February-May 1983 for which the Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters will be required to provide technical services. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the present document, an attempt will be made to absorb this requirement within existing resources, and therefore, no additional appropriation is requested at this time.

9.4 Conference-servicing requirements for the two-week session in New York are estimated on a full-cost basis at \$288,400. A breakdown of these costs is provided in annex II, A below (see para. 4 above).

Resolution 1982/68. Arrangements for completing the formulation of a draft code of conduct on transnational corporations

9.5 By operative paragraphs 3 and 8 of this resolution, the Council decided that the Commission on Transnational Corporations should hold a special session of up to four weeks' duration in 1983 (to be held from 7 to 18 March and from 9 to 20 May) for the purpose of continuing and completing the formulation of a code of conduct.

9.6 Conference-servicing requirements are estimated on a full-cost basis at \$411,000. A breakdown of these costs is provided in annex II, B below (see para. 4 above).

9.7 Having further reviewed the requirements for this special session of the Commission, subsequent to the submission to and consideration by the Council of document E/1982/18/Add.1 and Corr.1, it was noted that no provisions were made for the attendance of 16 expert advisers, who assist the Commission in a private consultative capacity. In light of the basic mandate contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1913 (LVII) of 5 December 1974, taken together with the decision of the Commission on Transnational Corporations as reflected in paragraph 5 of document E/5986, provision would need to be made for the travel and per diem expenses of the expert advisers in order to enable them to participate in the Commission's special session. These requirements are estimated at \$130,000, calculated on full attendance of the 16 expert advisers.

Resolution 1982/69. Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the recent minority régime in that area

Resolution 1982/70. Organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia

9.8 By operative paragraph 14 (b) of resolution 1982/69 and operative paragraph 1 of resolution 1982/70, the Council requested the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, in accordance with the modalities and procedures prescribed by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its ninth session. The public hearings would be conducted by the Commission at its tenth session which should, as necessary, be extended for a period of one week for this purpose, with the assistance of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations.

9.9 Furthermore, by operative paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution 1982/70, the Council established an ad hoc committee composed of five States, to be assisted by the Centre, to hold a one-week meeting at Headquarters in 1983, before the ninth session of the Commission, in order to prepare guidelines for the conduct of the public hearings, for adoption by the Commission at its ninth session. It is envisaged that the ad hoc committee would hold four days of informal meetings and one day of formal meetings for this purpose.

9.10 Conference-servicing requirements for the one-week meeting of the ad hoc committee and the one-week extension of the tenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations in 1984 are estimated on a full-cost basis at \$333,900. However, only those pertaining to the ad hoc committee are included in the present report. A breakdown of these costs estimated at \$24,700 is provided in annex II, C below (see para. 4 above). The requirements for the extension of the tenth session of the Commission will be included in the Secretary-General's programme budget proposals for the biennium 1984-1985.

Annex II

CONFERENCE-SERVICING COSTS (SECT. 29)

A. Resolution 1982/67. Establishment of an Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/</u> \$	<u>Cost b/</u> \$      \$	
<b>I. <u>Pre-session</u></b> (40,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	170 days	233/day	39,600	
Revision	57 days	217/day	12,400	
Typing	187 days	173/day	32,400	
Reproduction	670,000 page impressions	.013/page impression	8,700	
Distribution	13,400 documents	.064/document	900	94,000
<b>II. <u>Meeting servicing</u></b>				
Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S)	280 days	315/day	88,200	
Supporting staff				
- Conference officer	14 days	40/day	600	
- Documents distribution clerk	14 days	40/day	600	89,400
<b>III. <u>In-session</u></b> (20,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	85 days	233/day	19,800	
Revision	28 days	217/day	6,100	
Typing	94 days	173/day	16,300	
Reproduction	280,000 page impressions	.013/page impression	3,600	
Distribution	44,800 documents	.064/document	2,900	48,700

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	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/</u> \$	<u>Cost b/</u> \$            \$	
IV. <u>Post-session</u> (16,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	68 days	233/day	15,800	
Revision	23 days	217/day	5,000	
Typing	75 days	173/day	13,000	
Reproduction	268,000 page impressions	.013/page impression	3,500	
Distribution	6,700 documents	.064/document	400	<u>37,700</u>
		Total (I, II, III, IV)		<u>269,800</u>
V. <u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>				
Sound engineering			5,800	
Security, messenger and information services			10,000	
General operating expenses			2,800	<u>18,600</u>
		GRAND TOTAL		<u>288,400</u>

a/ For the purpose of cost estimates, the unit rates for interpretation, translation, revision and typing include the element of travel.

b/ Portions less than one hundred dollars have been rounded.

B. Resolution 1982/68. Arrangements for completing the formulation of a draft code of conduct on transnational corporations

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/ \$</u>	<u>Cost b/ \$            \$</u>	
<b>I. <u>Pre-session</u> (24,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S)</b>				
Translation	102 days	233/day	23,800	
Revision	34 days	217/day	7,400	
Typing	112 days	173/day	19,400	
Reproduction	402,000 page impressions	.013/page impression	5,200	
Distribution	40,200 docu- ments	.064/document	2,600	58,400
<b>II. <u>Meeting servicing</u></b>				
Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S)	560 days	315/day	176,400	
Supporting staff - Conference officer	56 days	40/day	2,200	
- Documents distrib- ution clerk	28 days	40/day	1,100	179,700
<b>III. <u>In-session</u> (24,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S)</b>				
Translation	102 days	233/day	23,800	
Revision	34 days	217/day	7,400	
Typing	112 days	173/day	19,400	
Reproduction	402,000 page impressions	.013/page impression	5,200	
Distribution	67,000 docu- ments	.064/document	4,300	60,100

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/ \$</u>	<u>Cost b/ \$            \$</u>	
IV. <u>Post-session</u> (32,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S)				
Translation	136 days	233/day	31,700	
Revision	46 days	217/day	10,000	
Typing	150 days	173/day	26,000	
Reproduction	536,000 page impressions	.013/page impression	7,000	
Distribution	13,400 documents	.064/document	900	<u>75,600</u>
		Total (I, II, III, IV)		<u>373,800</u>
V. <u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>				
Sound engineering			11,600	
Security, messenger and information services			20,000	
General operating expenses			5,600	<u>37,200</u>
		GRAND TOTAL		<u>411,000</u>

a/ For the purpose of cost estimates, the unit rates for interpretation, translation, revision and typing include the element of travel.

b/ Portions less than one hundred dollars have been rounded.



C. Resolution 1982/69. Activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and their collaboration with the racist minority régime in that area

Resolution 1982/70. Organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate a/ \$</u>	<u>Cost b/ \$ \$</u>	
<b>I. <u>Meeting servicing</u></b>				
Interpretation (A, C, E, F, R, S)	28 days	315/day	8,800	
Supporting staff				
- Conference officer	7 days	40/day	300	
- Documents distribution clerk	7 days	40/day	300	9,400
<b>II. <u>Post-session</u> (6,000 words, A, C, E, F, R, S)</b>				
Translation	25 days	233/day	5,800	
Revision	9 days	217/day	2,000	
Typing	29 days	173/day	5,000	
Reproduction	100,500 page impressions	.013/page impression	1,300	
Distribution	6,700 documents	.064/document	400	<u>14,500</u>
		Total (I, II)		<u>23,900</u>
<b>III. <u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u></b>				
Sound engineering			600	
General operating expenses			200	<u>800</u>
		GRAND TOTAL		<u>24,700</u>

a/ For the purpose of cost estimates, the unit rates for interpretation, translation, revision and typing include the element of travel.

b/ Portions less than one hundred dollars have been rounded.

Should the actual membership of the ad hoc committee require fewer languages of interpretation, the cost would be proportionately reduced. Items I and III above would be absorbed within existing resources.