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Financing of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa on an established basis

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/37/L.19

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 47th meeting, on 8 December, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/37/L.19 entitled "Financing of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres of the Economic Commission for Africa on an established basis". The Second Committee had before it a statement of the administrative and financial implications (A/C.2/37/L.66).
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/37/L.19, the General Assembly would endorse the recommendations contained in paragraphs 47 to 49 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/37/520), which call for the provision of the financial resources required from the regular budget, among other sources, for funding the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres (MULPOCs) of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) on an established basis in order to bring about their immediate and effective implementation.
3. It will be recalled that pursuant to General Assembly resolution 36/178, of 17 December 1981, a report on the financing, on an established basis, of MULPOCs (E/1982/70 and Corr.1) was submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982. Paragraphs 47 to 51 of that report contained the Secretary-General's conclusions and recommendations on the subject. Having considered that report, the Council adopted resolution 1982/62 of 30 July 1982,

whereby it invited the General Assembly to examine, at its thirty-seventh session, the proposals contained in paragraphs 47 to 49 of the report, concerning regular budget financial resources, with a view to arriving at a decision on the funding of MULPOCs on an established basis, bearing in mind, inter alia, the action taken on that question by the Executive Secretary of ECA. In compliance with General Assembly resolution 36/178, the report on this question is currently before the General Assembly (A/37/520).

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/37/L.19, the proposals referred to in Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/62 would be implemented, starting in the year 1983. In that connection the staffing table requirements already presented (A/37/520, para. 49) have been further reviewed in the light of an analysis of the relevant job descriptions by the Classification Section of the Office of Personnel Services. On that basis the revised levels of the 19 new posts required for the four sub-Saharan MULPOCs would be as follows.

	<u>D-1</u>	<u>P-5</u>	<u>P-4</u>	<u>P-3</u>	<u>Local level</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lusaka	1	1	-	2	2	6
Gisenyi	1	-	-	1	1	3
Niamey	1	1	-	2	2	6
Yaoundé	1	-	-	2	1	4
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total	4	2	-	7	6	19
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The four D-1 posts would accommodate the heads of the sub-Saharan MULPOCs responsible, inter alia, for the timely implementation of the subregional work programmes approved by the ECA MULPOC policy-organs and by the ECA Conference of Ministers; for consultations as appropriate with government officials at the highest level, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned; and for the overall management of the Centres. As senior economic affairs officers, the incumbents of the P-5 posts requested would undertake sectoral and topical studies; design multinational projects; and conduct research. In addition, they would assist the heads of MULPOCs in the management of the Centres. The P-3 posts would be used for economic affairs officers who, under the direct supervision of the heads of the Centres, would be assigned duties relating to all the substantive functions of the Centres.

5. Should the establishment of these posts be approved by the General Assembly, the total staff resources of MULPOCs under the regular budget (i.e. existing regular budget posts originally assigned or recently redeployed to the Centres and proposed new posts) would be as follows:

	<u>D-1</u>	<u>P-5</u>	<u>P-4</u>	<u>P-3</u>	<u>Total Professional</u>	<u>Local level</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) <u>Tangier</u>							
Existing posts	1	-	1	-	2	4	6
Proposed new posts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	1	-	2	4	6
(b) <u>Lusaka</u>							
Existing posts	-	-	1	1	2	4	6
Proposed new posts	1	1	-	2	4	2	6
Total	1	1	1	3	6	6	12
(c) <u>Gisenyi</u>							
Existing posts	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Proposed new posts	1	-	-	1	2	1	3
Total	1	-	-	2	3	1	4
(d) <u>Niamey</u>							
Existing posts	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Proposed new posts	1	1	-	2	4	2	6
Total	1	1	-	2	4	5	9
(e) <u>Yaounde</u>							
Existing posts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed new posts	1	-	-	2	3	1	4
Total	1	-	-	2	3	1	4
Total (a) to (e)							
Existing posts	1	-	2	2	5	11	16
Proposed new posts	4	2	-	7	13	6	19
Grand Total	5	2	2	9	18	17	35

Requirements other than staff have also been further reviewed to reflect the proposed work programmes of the sub-Saharan MULPOCs in 1983. They are shown in the paragraphs below.

Temporary assistance for meetings

Travel of staff to meetings

6. In addition to the meetings of the intergovernmental policy-making organs of MULPOCs - Councils of Ministers meetings preceded by meetings of Committees of Officials - which are convened once a year, 11 meetings of intergovernmental sectoral committees are scheduled for 1983. The estimated requirements for these meetings are as follows.

	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Temporary assistance for meetings</u> \$	<u>Travel of staff to meetings</u> \$
<u>Lusaka MULPOC</u>			
Council of Ministers/Committee of Officials	Mauritius	13 750	2 250
3 intergovernmental expert meetings	Kenya Angola Madagascar	30 850	5 500
<u>Gisenyi MULPOC</u>			
Council of Ministers/Committee of Officials	Zaire	- a/	2 500
3 intergovernmental expert meetings	Burundi Zaire Rwanda	- a/	3 800
<u>Niamey MULPOC</u>			
Council of Ministers/Committee of Officials	Benin	14 950	3 600
3 intergovernmental expert meetings	Niger Liberia Ghana	30 600	7 800
<u>Yaounde MULPOC</u>			
Council of Ministers/Committee of Officials	Cameroon	- a/	1 800
2 intergovernmental meetings	Cameroon Congo	- a/	6 000
	Total	90 150	33 250

a/ No interpretation or translation required.

Other official travel of staff

7. The preparation of the studies included in the MULFOC work programmes for 1983 will require mission travel to the countries of the respective subregions. The related requirements have been estimated as follows.

	\$
Lusaka	24 700
Gisenyi	5 200
Yaounde	7 200
Niamey	<u>18 400</u>
Total	<u><u>55 500</u></u>

In addition, travel funds in the amount of \$5,750 will be required in order to enable the heads of the above MULFOCs to attend a co-ordinating meeting to be held in Addis Ababa.

Other objects of expenditure

8. Furthermore, resources would be required for contractual services (translation, editing and reproduction of documents); general operating expenses including communication and utilities; supplies; and furniture and equipment. These resources have been estimated as follows.

	<u>Lusaka</u>	<u>Gisenyi</u>	<u>Yaounde</u>	<u>Niamey</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Contractual services	8 000	5 000	6 000	15 000	34 000
General operating expenses	19 500	10 000	13 500	21 500	64 500
Supplies and material	7 000	4 500	4 500	7 000	23 000
Furniture and equipment	6 400	4 200	5 300	6 400	22 300

SUMMARY

9. In summary, should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/37/L.19, additional appropriations in the amount of \$813,700 would be required under section 13, Economic Commission for Africa, of the 1982-1983 programme budget, as follows.

	\$
Established posts (4 D-1, 2 P-5, 7 P-3 and 6 local level)	323 500 <u>a/</u>
Common staff costs	161 750 <u>b/</u>
Temporary assistance for meetings	90 150
Travel of staff to meetings	33 250
Other travel of staff	61 250
Contractual services	34 000
General operating expenses	64 500
Supplies and materials	23 000
Furniture and equipment	<u>22 300</u>
Total	<u><u>813 700</u></u>

a/ Reflecting a delayed recruitment factor of 50 per cent for Professional and 35 per cent for local level staff.

b/ Using the standard rate for ECA (50 per cent of salaries).

10. In addition, a provision of \$102,200 would have to be made under section 31, Staff assessment, in relation to the request for additional posts. This amount would be exactly offset by a corresponding provision under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.
