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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE-EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Estimated costs of the Conference-Exposition

Report by the Secretary-General

1. At this stage, the statement of the financial implications of the Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements, requested in General Assembly resolution 3001 (XXVII) is necessarily a tentative one. The estimates submitted herewith have been established on the basis of the experience of the Organization in preparing and conducting conferences of the scope and size of the envisaged Conference-Exposition. More precise and detailed estimates will be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the basis of the views expressed and decisions which may be taken on the Conference Exposition during the first session of the Governing Council.
2. The tentative estimates submitted herewith are based on the following assumptions:
 - (a) The Conference would be held in the first half of 1976 in Vancouver, Canada;
 - (b) In accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXVII), the host Government would pay the additional costs involved in holding the Conference away from United Nations Headquarters and would provide meeting facilities free of charge to the Organization;
 - (c) Meetings of the Preparatory Committee would be held at United Nations Headquarters, with interpretation in the five official languages of the Organization;
 - (d) Meetings of ad hoc groups of experts would be held as necessary, but would not require interpretation;

(e) Documentation for the Preparatory Committee's meetings and the Conference would be prepared in the five official languages, while documentation of the regional meetings would be issued in two working languages of the region concerned;

(f) There would be a Secretariat of the Conference, located at United Nations Headquarters, New York, consisting of approximately fifteen staff members at the professional level and above and an appropriate complement of General Service staff. The Conference Secretariat would be headed by a Secretary-General of the Conference-Exposition, who would be an official of the rank of Assistant-Secretary-General;

(g) The estimates shown for public information pertain solely to the coverage of the Conference-Exposition itself. They do not, however, include estimates for a vigorous and carefully planned programme of public information which would help create an awareness of human settlements problems and encourage active participation in the Conference-Exposition at both the preparatory and post-Conference stages. Should the Governing Council agree that such a programme is required, detailed proposals for an information programme could be submitted to the General Assembly, covering the preparatory period (publications and other media participation, speakers, brochures, newsletters, etc.), the Conference-Exposition itself (OPI and press coverage, a United Nations presentation dealing with the problems to which other exhibits could be designed to answer) and, finally, proposals for follow-up action.

On the basis of these broad assumptions, the cost of convening a Conference-Exposition on Human Settlements in 1976 can, at this stage, be tentatively estimated 5,200,000 (excluding the public information programme referred to in paragraph 2(g) e), broken down as follows:

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Conference and preparatory process	840,000	990,000	705,000	2,535,000
Exposition and preparatory process	830,000	1,100,000	720,000	2,650,000
Public information	-	-	15,000	15,000
TOTAL	<u>1,670,000</u>	<u>2,090,000</u>	<u>1,440,000</u>	<u>5,200,000</u>

The Secretary-General, having consulted the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, suggests that the Governing Council may wish to recommend that part of the above estimated costs, especially as regards the exposition and preparatory process (see B in the above table), be met by the Environment Fund.