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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations International Assistance Programme

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolutions  
contained in documents A/C.2/32/L.21, 29, 42 and 43

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

1. At its 50th meeting held on 18 November 1977, the Second Committee adopted draft resolutions A/C.2/32/L.29 (Assistance to Sao Tome and Principe) and A/C.2/32/L.42 (Assistance to Cape Verde). In connexion with the adoption of these resolutions, the Committee had before it statements of financial implications contained in documents A/C.2/32/L.48 and 49 respectively.
2. At its 51st meeting held on 22 November, the Second Committee adopted draft resolutions A/C.2/32/L.21 (Assistance to Guinea-Bissau) and A/C.2/32/L.43 (Assistance to Seychelles). The Committee had before it statements of financial implications contained in documents A/C.2/32/L.57 and L.58 respectively.
3. In addition to the draft resolutions referred to above, the Second Committee adopted several draft resolutions requesting the Secretary-General to mobilize assistance to Djibouti, the Comoros, Mozambique, Botswana and Lesotho. It is proposed that the responsibilities relating to the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations programmes of assistance to all these countries be assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary-General for Special Political Questions and, as mentioned in the proposed programme budget, revised estimates are being submitted to the General Assembly at its current session with regard to infrastructure requirements in that respect. 1/

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1/ A/32/6, para. 1.58.

4. With respect to the draft resolutions referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, however, direct and immediate requirements would arise as a result of the need for the Secretary-General to send consulting missions to the countries concerned. An estimate of the related additional costs, for which an appropriation would be required under section 1 of the programme budget for 1978-1979, is provided below. That estimate is based on the understanding that of the first three missions (Sao Tome and Principe, Cape Verde and Guinea-Bissau) two could be combined with a resulting saving in travel costs.

#### I. Assistance to Sao Tome and Principe

5. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 (c) of draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.29, the Secretary-General would be requested "to send a special mission to Sao Tome and Principe, with a view to continuing the consultations with the Government on urgent needs and identifying the economic problems facing the country, and to ensure that the report of the mission is issued in time to enable the Economic and Social Council to consider the question at its sixty-fifth session".

6. The cost of sending a mission in 1978, composed of eight persons (the Assistant Secretary-General, four Professional staff, one secretary, one consultant and one interpreter) for a duration of two weeks is detailed in the annex to this document and estimated at \$19,800 as follows:

	\$
Consultant services (including travel)	3,987
Temporary assistance for meetings (interpretation)	3,287
Travel of staff	12,283
Communications	200
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Total	19,757
rounded to	19,800
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#### II. Assistance to Cape Verde

7. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.42, the Secretary-General would be requested "to send a special mission to Cape Verde in order to determine, in consultation with the Government, the nature and extent of development and aid needed in order (a) to expand and strengthen the economic and social base of the country and, (b) to initiate an accelerated development programme".

8. The cost of sending in 1978 a mission similar to that referred to in paragraph 6 above, for a duration of 11 days, is detailed in the annex to this document and estimated at \$16,100 as follows:

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	\$
Consultant services (including travel)	3,213
Temporary assistance for meetings (interpretation)	2,663
Travel of staff	10,044
Communications	200
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Total	16,120
rounded to	<u>16,100</u>

### III. Assistance to Guinea-Bissau

9. Under operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.21, the Secretary-General would be requested "to mobilize the financial, technical and economic assistance of the international community, in particular the developed countries and the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, with a view to meeting the short-term and long-term development needs of this newly independent country".

10. In order to initiate the proposed activity the Secretary-General needs to send a mission to consult with the Government of Guinea-Bissau so as to determine the nature and extent of the assistance required and to define the areas which could be recommended for contributions.

11. The cost of sending in 1978 a mission similar to those referred to in paragraphs 6 and 8 above for a duration of 10 days is estimated at \$5,100. It is anticipated that this mission could be combined with that proposed for Sao Tome and Principe or that proposed for Cape Verde. Consequently, no provision is being requested to cover the cost of travel. The estimate of \$5,100 above is detailed in the annex to this document and can be summarized as follows:

	\$
Consultant services	2,500
Temporary assistance for meetings (interpretation)	1,400
Travel of staff (per diem)	960
Communications	200
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Total	5,060
rounded to	<u>5,100</u>

### IV. Assistance to Seychelles

12. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.43, as revised orally, the Secretary-General would be requested to mobilize the financial, technical and economic assistance of the international community in an

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effective and continuous manner so as to enable it to establish the necessary social and economic infrastructure essential for the well-being of its people.

13. In order to initiate the proposed activity, the Secretary-General needs to send a mission to consult with the Government of Seychelles so as to determine the nature and extent of the assistance required and to define the areas which could be recommended for contributions. It is further proposed, as indicated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Special Political Questions at the 50th meeting of the Second Committee, to take advantage of such a mission to determine the nature and extent of the assistance required by the Government of Djibouti, as the Secretary-General would be requested, under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.14/Rev.1 adopted by the Second Committee at its 41st meeting, to mobilize financial, technical and economic assistance from the international community, particularly the developed countries, and competent agencies of the United Nations, in order to meet the short- and long-term development needs of this newly independent country. This purpose could be served through a four-day visit to Djibouti which would involve an additional cost for French interpretation and per diem estimated at \$4,900.

14. The total estimated cost of sending to Seychelles under these conditions a mission of eight persons for 18 days in 1978 is detailed in the annex to this document and can be summarized as follows:

	\$
Consultant services	5,250
Temporary assistance for meetings (interpretation)	2,756
Travel of staff	19,026
Communications (cables)	200
Total	<u>27,232</u>
rounded to	<u><u>27,200</u></u>

#### V. Summary

15. In summary, a total appropriation in the amount of \$68,100 is requested under section 1 as follows:

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Consultant services	15,000
Temporary assistance for meetings	10,100
Travel of staff	42,300
Communications	800
Total	<u><u>68,200</u></u>

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Annex

		\$	\$
<u>I. Assistance to Sao Tome and Principe</u>			
(1) Consultant (including travel)			
Consultant fees	\$150 x 14		2 100
Consultant travel			
Air fare <u>1/</u>		1 447	
Per diem (during travel)	\$50 x 4	200	
Per diem (on site)	\$24 x 10	240	1 887
(2) Temporary assistance for meetings (interpretation)			
Salary	\$100 x 14	1 400	
Travel		1 887	3 287
(3) Travel of staff			
Co-ordinator (first class)			
Air fare		2 228	
Per diem (during travel)	\$70 x 4	280	
Per diem (on site)	\$34 x 10	340	2 848
Five other staff members	\$1 887 x 5		9 435
(4) Communications (cables)			200
	Total		19 757
	rounded to		19 800

II. Assistance to Cape Verde

(1) Consultant (including travel)			
Fees	\$150 x 11		1 650
Travel			
Air fare		1 230	
Per diem (during travel)	\$50 x 4	200	
Per diem (on site)	\$19 x 7	133	1 563

1/ Inclusive of terminal costs in all cases.

		\$	\$
(2) Temporary assistance for meetings (interpretation)			
Salary	\$100 x 11	1 100	
Travel		1 563	2 663
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(3) Travel of staff			
Co-ordinator (first class)			
Air fare		1 760	
Per diem (during travel)	\$70 x 4	280	
Per diem (on site)	\$27 x 7	189	2 229
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Five other staff members	\$1 563 x 5		7 815
(4) Communications (cables)			200
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	Total		16 120
	Rounded to		16 100
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III. Assistance to Guinea-Bissau

(1) Consultant			
Consultant fees	\$150 x 14		2 100
Consultant travel			
Per diem <u>2/</u>	\$40 x 10	400	400
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(2) Temporary assistance for meetings (interpretation)			
Salary	\$100 x 10	1 000	
Per diem <u>2/</u>	\$40 x 10	400	1 400
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(3) Travel of staff			
Co-ordinator (first class)			
Per diem <u>2/</u>	\$56 x 10	560	

2/ As it is proposed to combine this mission with that to Sao Tome and Principe or to Cape Verde, no additional fare cost would arise.

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		\$	\$
Five other staff members			
Per diem <u>2/</u>	\$40 x 10	400	960
(4) Communications (cables)			<u>200</u>
	Total		5 060
	Rounded to		<u><u>5 100</u></u>

IV. Assistance to Seychelles and Djibouti

(1) Consultant			
Consultant fees	\$150 x 18		2 700
Consultant travel			
Air fare		1 712	
Per diem (during travel)	\$50 x 4	200	
Per diem (in Djibouti)	\$47 x 4	188	
Per diem (in Seychelles)	\$45 x 10	450	2 550
(2) Temporary assistance for meetings (French interpreter for the Djibouti mission)			
Salary	\$100 x 8 <u>3/</u>	800	
Air fare		1 568	
Per diem (during travel)	\$50 x 4	200	
Per diem (on site)	\$47 x 4	188	2 756

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3/ Depending on the date of the mission one interpreter from Headquarters might be available for the mission without the need for a replacement.

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(3) Travel of staff			
Co-ordinator (first class)			
Air fare		2 552	
Per diem (during travel)	\$70 x 4	280	
Per diem (Djibouti)	\$66 x 4	264	
Per diem (Seychelles)	\$63 x 10	630	3 726
Six other staff members	\$2 550 x 6		15 300
(4) Communications (cables)			200
			<u>27 232</u>
		Total	27 232
		Rounded to	<u>27 200</u>