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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2626 (XXV), 3202 (S-VI), 3281 (XXIX) AND 3362 (S-VII), ENTITLED RESPECTIVELY "INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE", "PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER", "CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES" AND "DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION"

ACCELERATION OF THE TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES TO
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/32/L.47/Rev.2

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

1. At its 60th meeting, held on 13 December 1977, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/32/L.47/Rev.2.
2. In paragraph 1 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare, with the assistance of a group of high-level experts appointed by him on the recommendation of Governments and with due regard to equitable geographical distribution, a report on the following, including conclusions and recommendations, taking into account studies already undertaken within the United Nations system, on:
 - (a) The guarantee powers of existing international financial institutions and their possible enlargement;
 - (b) The feasibility and desirability of establishing a multilateral insurance agency.

3. In paragraph 2 of the revised draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the group with material for their consideration in consultation with relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system.

4. The revised draft resolution has financial implications inasmuch as the group of high-level experts mentioned in paragraph 1 would be entitled to travel and subsistence. On the assumption that the group would consist of 24 experts and would convene for a period of 10 days, the estimated cost would be \$50,000. In addition, the preparation of material for the group as mentioned in operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution would require the services of senior consultants for a period of four work-months at a cost of \$20,000. Since this work is to be performed under the auspices of UNCTAD, and could not be covered from the resources currently available to UNCTAD, an additional appropriation of \$70,000 is requested under Section 11A.

5. Conference servicing requirements, on the assumptions made in the table below, would be as follows:

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>1978 dollars</u>	
Interpretation (four languages) <u>a/</u>					
Salaries	12	12	\$137		\$19 700
Pre-session documentation (70 pages)					
Salaries:					
Translation <u>b/</u>	8	7	118	\$6 600	
Revision <u>b/</u>	4	7	133	3 700	
Typing <u>b/</u>	12	7	52	<u>4 400</u>	14 700
In-session documentation (none)					-
Post-session documentation (20 pages)					
Translation	2.5	7	118	2 100	
Revision	1	7	133	900	
Typing	3	7	52	<u>1 100</u>	4 100
Reproduction and distribution					3 000
Other conference staff <u>a/</u>	4	12	40		<u>1 900</u>
					43 400

a/ Assuming that staff is recruited locally.

b/ Assuming that staff is recruited non-locally.

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6. The conference servicing estimates are based on full costs, i.e. on the assumption that they would not be able to be absorbed. At the close of the thirty-second session, the actual requirements will be examined in the light of the total pattern of conferences to be approved for 1978 and a determination made of the extent to which the workload could be absorbed within existing resources.
