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### PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1984-1985

UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:  
PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO REVIEW AND APPRAISE THE  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN

#### Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/39/L.21

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

1. At its 53rd meeting, held on 28 November 1984, the Third Committee adopted the draft resolution in document A/C.3/39/L.21 without a vote. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.3/39/L.44.

#### A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. By operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/39/L.21, the General Assembly would take note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the Conference on the work of its second session and endorses the recommendations contained therein as adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its first regular session in May 1984.

3. In its draft decisions I, II and III (for the texts of the decisions, see E/CONF.116/PC/19, chap. I), the Commission recommended the basic documentation to be submitted to the World Conference.

4. In its draft decision IV, the Commission recommended the following arrangements for the Conference:

(a) That the World Conference should be held from 15 to 26 July 1985, with two days of pre-Conference consultations immediately preceding the opening of the Conference, that is, on 13 and 14 July 1985;

(b) That the Conference should consist of a plenary and two committees which would meet simultaneously. Provision should be made for an extra team of interpreters to service extended or night meetings, as well as informal consultations. Items on the provisional agenda for the Conference would be allocated as follows: items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 to the plenary and item 8 to the committees, with one committee dealing with item 8 at the national level and the other dealing with item 8 at the regional and international levels, subject to each of the committees allowing its first two meetings to deal with work related to item 7 in order to link the formulation of forward-looking strategies with review and appraisal;

(c) That the Secretary-General should be requested to invite to participate in the Conference:

- (i) All States;
- (ii) Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia;
- (iii) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices in the capacity of observers to participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;
- (iv) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity to participate in the Conference in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;
- (v) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;
- (vi) Other interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers at the Conference;
- (vii) Interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to be represented by observers at the Conference.

B. Relationship of the proposed request to current legislative mandates

5. The proposed activities are covered under section 6 of the approved 1984-1985 programme budget, subprogramme 3, "Analysis of the rights and the status of women", subprogramme 4, "Integration of women in development at national, regional and international levels" and subprogramme 5, "Participation of women in international affairs and strengthening of peace and security". There are also related activities under the "Social development and humanitarian affairs programmes" of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) and in the "Development issues and policies programme" of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

C. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

6. The Office of the Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters (OSSECS) would carry out the functions assigned to the office of the Secretary of the Conference during the preparatory period, as well as during and after the Conference. The office of the Secretary would ensure effective and orderly proceedings at the Conference and would organize the Conference so that its work would be carried out effectively and expeditiously. It would: (a) establish with the Conference Services Co-ordinator the schedule of meetings in terms of requirements for meeting rooms, interpretation, records and documentation; (b) assist the President of the Conference in planning and organizing the work and conducting the proceedings; (c) ensure that the material required for meetings is available; (d) provide assistance in drafting reports and co-ordinating the Conference report; and (e) ensure completion of the proceedings of the Conference in whichever form has been determined. The office of the Secretary of the Conference would serve as liaison between the participants in the Conference and Conference Services Co-ordinator. The Secretary of the Conference would be the sole channel to the Department of Conference Services through a Conference Services Co-ordinator, who would be responsible for the planning and implementation of all arrangements for the timely provision of the services to be provided by the Department of Conference Services. The office of the Secretary of the Conference would participate fully in all stages of the arrangements concerning the organization of the Conference and its documentation.

7. Bearing in mind the recommendations of the preparatory body concerning the documentation to be submitted to the Conference and the structure of the Conference, the conference-servicing requirements, details of which are contained in the annex to the present document, are estimated on a full-cost basis at \$1,958,200, based on the following:

(a) The Conference would be held for 10 working days, from 15 to 26 July 1985, with two days of pre-Conference consultations to be held immediately preceding the opening of the Conference;

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(b) Interpretation and documentation would be provided in the six languages of the General Assembly;

(c) The Conference would consist of a plenary and two committees meeting simultaneously, with provision being made for an extra team of interpreters to service extended or night meetings, as well as informal consultations;

(d) No simultaneous meetings would be required for the pre-Conference consultations;

(e) There would be 1,000 pages of pre-session, 600 pages of in-session 1/ and 220 pages of post-session documentation.

8. The related Secretariat staff requirements for substantive and technical servicing and public information coverage for the Conference would be as follows: Office of the Secretary-General (4 staff members); Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation (2 staff members); Office of Legal Affairs (1 staff member); Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (7 staff members); Department of Public Information (23 staff members); OSSECS (20 staff members); one staff member from each of the regional commissions (5 staff members).

9. An official reception would be given by the Secretary-General of the Conference to be attended by participants in the Conference and other officials of the Conference.

10. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976, the Secretary-General would invite to participate in the Conference, among others, representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observers in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices.

11. The General Assembly, in resolution 38/108, welcomed the decision of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1983/28 of 26 May 1983 to invite non-governmental organizations to participate in the preparation for the Conference. In order to respond fully to Council resolution 1983/28, it is envisaged that an international meeting of non-governmental organizations would be held for one week either during the Conference or prior to its convening. It is envisaged that two staff members from New York responsible for non-governmental organizations and a staff member of the United Nations Office at Vienna in charge of liaison with non-governmental organizations at Vienna would assist the Conference secretariat.

D. Modifications required in the approved  
programme of work for 1984-1985

12. The substantive and technical servicing of the Conference have been included in the programme narratives of sections 6 and 8 of the programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, and thus no modification would need to be made in that

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respect. However, there are no provisions in the approved programme of work for 1984-1985 for the resources required for convening the Conference itself and, consequently, these would have to be provided for in the programme budget.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

13. The requirements for the convening of the Conference are indicated below.

14. As discussed in paragraph 5 above on the functions to be carried out by OSSECS, it is contemplated that, in addition to its regular staff members who would be assigned to service the Conference, a Conference Services Co-ordinator would be required to co-ordinate all secretariat services for the Conference. In addition, an editor would be required to assist the Rapporteur-General of the Conference in writing and co-ordinating draft texts with delegations. Additional requirements for salaries and common staff costs relating to the provision of three work-months of temporary assistance at the D-1 level (Co-ordinator) and three work-months (ending about 10 weeks after the Conference) at the P-5 level (Editor) are estimated at \$37,400.

15. The cost of travel and subsistence of Secretariat staff who would be servicing the Conference is estimated at \$214,700, which is broken down by entity in paragraph 18 below.

16. Provision for an official reception to be given by the Secretary-General of the Conference is estimated at \$7,500.

17. The cost of travel and subsistence of representatives of organizations who would be invited to participate in the Conference is estimated at \$13,200.

18. As regards the international meeting of non-governmental organizations, as discussed in paragraph 10 above, on the assumption that no interpretation or documentation would be provided for that meeting, the requirements would be for additional subsistence at Vienna, estimated at \$1,000, of two staff members from New York responsible for non-governmental organizations.

19. In summary, should the General Assembly endorse the above-mentioned recommendations of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the Conference, as adopted by the Economic and Social Council, the cost of convening the Conference is estimated to be \$273,800, exclusive of conference-servicing requirements. These estimates were calculated on the basis of the costs at Vienna, the established headquarters of the Conference secretariat. Under the terms of paragraph 5 of section I of General Assembly resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976, the additional costs resulting from its change of venue from Vienna to Nairobi would be borne by the host Government. The costs of the requirements in 1985, as described in paragraphs 13 to 17 above, are broken down as follows:

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<u>Travel and subsistence of representatives of organizations</u>		13 200	
<u>Conference secretariat</u>			
Hospitality		7 500	
<u>Office of the Secretary-General</u>			
Travel and subsistence of staff		13 500	
<u>Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation</u>			
Travel and subsistence of staff		7 000	
<u>Office of Legal Affairs</u>			
Travel and subsistence of staff		3 400	
<u>OSSECS</u>			
Salaries and common staff costs (three work-months each, one D-1 and one P-5)	37 400		
Travel and subsistence of staff	<u>71 900</u>	<u>109 300</u>	153 900
<u>Department of International Economic and Social Affairs</u>			
Travel and subsistence of staff		24 100	
<u>ECE</u>			
Travel and subsistence of staff		1 300	
<u>ESCAP</u>			
Travel and subsistence of staff		5 200	
<u>ECLAC</u>			
Travel and subsistence of staff		5 800	
<u>ECA</u>			
Travel and subsistence of staff		3 700	

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<u>ECWA</u>		
Travel and subsistence of staff	3 200	
<u>Department of Public Information</u>		
Travel and subsistence of staff	<u>76 600</u>	<u>119 900</u>
Total		<u>273 800</u>

20. The conference-servicing requirements, estimated at \$1,958,200, are calculated on a full-cost basis (see annex for breakdown of estimates). The actual additional appropriation that might be required in that respect would be considered in the context of a consolidated statement of total conference-servicing requirements to be submitted at a later stage during the current session.

#### F. Potential for absorption

21. There is no potential in the programme budget for 1984-1985 for the absorption of the additional costs, enumerated above, of convening this special Conference.

#### G. Request for additional appropriation

22. Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/39/L.21, a total appropriation of \$273,800 would be required under the following sections of the programme budget for 1984-1985, in the amounts indicated:

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Section 4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	153 900
Section 6. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	24 100
Section 10. ECE	1 300
Section 11. ESCAP	5 200
Section 12. ECLAC	5 800
Section 13. ECA	3 700
Section 14. ECWA	3 200
Section 27. DPI	<u>76 600</u>
Total	<u>273 800</u>

An amount of \$9,900 for staff assessment would also be required under section 31, to be offset by a credit in the same amount under income section 1.

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Notes

1/ The in-session documentation is estimated at 600 pages for the purpose of preparing cost estimates of conference-servicing requirements (at Vienna rates). However, it is understood that, of that total number, 400 pages would be processed in Nairobi, the site of the Conference, and 200 pages would be processed in New York via facsimile transmission facilities to be established by the Government of Kenya.

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Annex

ESTIMATED COSTS OF CONFERENCE SERVICING OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO  
REVIEW AND APPRAISE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE  
FOR WOMEN (INCLUDING TWO DAYS OF PRE-CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS)  
NAIROBI, 13-26 JULY 1985

(Costed at 1985 Vienna rates)

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<u>Pre-session documentation</u>	
(1,000 pages of 12 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S)	807 900
<u>Meeting servicing</u>	
(Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	390 300
<u>In-session documentation</u>	
(600 pages of 100 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S)	500 500
<u>Post-session</u>	
(220 pages of 1 document, A,C,E,F,R,S)	<u>177 500</u>
Subtotal	1 876 200
<u>Requirements of the Office of General Services</u>	<u>82 000</u>
Total	<u><u>1 958 200</u></u>

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