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OF THE ENERGY RESOURCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1984-1985

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/39/L.89

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

1. At its 56th meeting, held on 6 December 1984, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/39/L.89, without a vote. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.2/39/L.102.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. By operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/39/L.89, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to elaborate further and update the contents of his report on the development of the energy resources of the developing countries (E/1983/91 and Corr.1; A/38/512, annex; and A/39/420 and Corr.1, annex), taking into account the opinions of Member States expressed before the Second Committee of the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, and, in so doing, to consider all sources of energy, including new and renewable sources of energy, in a balanced and integrated manner and to submit a consolidated and comprehensive report to the Secretary-General at its fortieth session.

3. By operative paragraph 4, the Assembly would also request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the organs and organizations of the United Nations system, to promote international co-operation for the development of internal technological and other capabilities in developing countries in order to achieve the development of their energy resources.

4. By operative paragraph 5, the Assembly would further request the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly, at its fortieth session, a report on the implementation of the draft resolution, and to include in that report the results of symposia and other similar undertakings in support of efforts by developing countries for the exploration and development of their energy resources.

B. Relationship of proposed requests to current legislative mandates

5. These activities are covered by paragraphs 11.18, 11.21 and 11.23 of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989. 1/

6. In the programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, 2/ related activities are shown under section 6, "Department of International Economic and Social Affairs", programme 6, "Survey of the energy situation in its international context", as follows:

Subprogramme 1. Survey of the energy situation in its international context

Programme elements:

1.2 Issues in the transition from hydrocarbons to a broader mix of energy resources

Output: Sales publication: progress and problems of development of alternative energy sources, for national policy-makers and technicians (fourth quarter, 1984).

1.4 Extent and nature of international financial support to energy exploration, development and utilization

Output: Sales publication: report of an expert group on financing of petroleum resource development in developing countries, for national policy-makers and technicians (third quarter, 1985).

1.6 Improved overall scientific and technological transfer

Output: Sales publication: progress of indigenization of know-how and technology transfer in the petroleum sector, for national policy-makers and technicians (fourth quarter, 1985).

Subprogramme 2. Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy

Programme element 2.2: Information on multilateral, bilateral and other programmes in the area of new and renewable sources of energy

Output: (i) Report to the Intergovernmental Committee on resources for financing of, and programmes for the implementation of, the Nairobi Programme of Action (second quarter, 1984);

(ii) Technical publications: compendium of current and planned activities of multilateral, bilateral and other organizations (second quarter, 1984); lists of publications, meetings, new activities and national focal points (two issues per year); and special computer searches for individual Governments and institutions on request.

C. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

7. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would prepare two reports:

(a) For the first report, on the development of energy resources of the developing countries, the Secretary-General would draw upon the existing reports (E/1983/91 and Corr.1; A/39/512, annex; and A/39/420 and Corr.1, annex) to present his findings on the development of the energy resources of developing countries in a comprehensive, consolidated and integrated manner.

(b) Regarding the second report, the Secretary-General would request, from the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system, information on their past, present and planned activities in the area of energy financing and international co-operation for the development and acquisition of technologies for energy resources development in developing countries and present the information, in a systematic form, for the consideration of the General Assembly.

8. Should the proposed biennial programme of work for the Second Committee not be approved, the Secretary-General would submit these reports to the Assembly at its fortieth session.

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

9. Should the Assembly adopt the draft resolution, two reports would be added to subprogramme 1, "Survey of the energy situation in its international context", programme element 1.1, "The world energy situation and prospects", 3/ as follows:

(iii) Report to the General Assembly on the development of energy resources of the developing countries (third quarter, 1985).

- (iv) Report to the General Assembly on activities of organs and organizations of the United Nations system involved in energy financing and international co-operation for the development and acquisition of technologies for energy resources development in developing countries (third quarter, 1985). This report would include the results of symposia and other similar undertakings in support of efforts by developing countries for the exploration and development of their energy resources.

E. Additional requirements

10. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/39/L.89, the Secretariat would implement the expanded programme of work as set out in paragraph 9 above within the appropriation for the biennium 1984-1985. The addition of the two reports that would result from the adoption of the draft resolution would require, on the part of those responsible, additional work in an already tightly scheduled programme. None the less, it is considered possible at this time to reallocate the workload of the expanded programme in such a way as to complete all requirements without any adjustment in dates of issuance of any outputs scheduled for 1985. There would, therefore, be no additional requirements arising from the adoption of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/39/L.89.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1).

2/ Ibid., Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/38/6 and Corr.1).

3/ Highest priority.
