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#### Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained  
in document A/C.2/44/L.74

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

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

1. Under the terms of draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.74, the General Assembly would:
  - (a) Proclaim the period 1991-2000 the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (operative paragraph 1);
  - (b) Proclaim 20 November as Africa Industrialization Day, for the purpose of mobilizing the commitment of the international community to the industrialization of Africa (operative paragraph 2);
  - (c) Endorse the proposals of the Secretary-General contained in his report (A/44/812) on the participation of the United Nations through the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in the preparation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (operative paragraph 3);
  - (d) Request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, the relevant subregional and regional economic groupings in Africa and the United Nations bodies concerned, to undertake the necessary preparations for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on those preparations to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session (operative paragraph 4).

B. Relationship of the request to the proposed programme of work

2. The proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/44/812), which the Assembly would endorse, fall under chapter 15 (Industrial development), of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1991, programme 4 (Industrial development in Africa (ECA)), subprogramme 1 (Policy development, planning and institution building) and the corresponding subprogramme (section 13, programme 6, subprogramme 1) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.74, the Secretary-General in co-operation with UNIDO, would undertake the following activities in preparation for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa:

(a) For each subregion (eastern and southern Africa, Central Africa, West Africa and North Africa), international and locally recruited experts would provide technical assistance to individual countries, at their request, for the preparation of country programmes, and, at the subregional level, experts would provide assistance to organizations on the integration of national programmes for the Decade; UNIDO would be responsible for making available international experts and has made provision in its programme budget for 73 consultant work-months to this effect; ECA would make available international and locally recruited experts to provide technical assistance at the national and subregional levels;

(b) Thirty-four staff missions would be undertaken to assist in the finalization of country programmes and their harmonization; UNIDO would be responsible for 29 missions and ECA for 5 missions;

(c) Under the responsibility of ECA, two meetings of a working group of governmental experts to discuss the preliminary and final drafts of the programme for the second decade would be organized.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work

4. In connection with the new activities that the Assembly would endorse in draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.74, the following two outputs would be added to the ECA industrial development programme for 1990-1991, section 13, programme 6, subprogramme 1 (Policy development, planning and institution building), programme element 1.1 (Industrial policies and planning): (vii) Organization and substantive servicing of two expert group meetings on the preparatory phase for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and (viii) Report of the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session through the Economic and Social Council on the preparation of the Decade.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

5. The full cost of requirements to undertake the activities requested in the draft resolution is estimated below:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Total cost</u>	<u>UNIDO</u>	<u>United Nations (ECA)</u>
(i) Provision of technical assistance to individual countries in the preparation of country programmes by international experts	730 000	730 000	-
(ii) Staff missions for consultations with Member States in the preparation of their respective country programmes	139 400	118 900	20 500
(iii) Provision of technical assistance to subregional organizations in the harmonization of the country programmes and in the preparation of their programmes for the Decade by international experts	80 000	-	80 000
(iv) Preparation by African Governments of national programmes for the Decade (local experts)	200 000	-	200 000
(v) Organization and servicing of two meetings of the working group of governmental experts to discuss the draft programme for the Decade, including modalities for the financing of the programme	166 600	35 000	131 600
(vi) Consultations with United Nations agencies and relevant bilateral and multilateral financial institutions	29 800	-	29 800
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>1 345 800</b>	<b>883 900</b>	<b>461 900</b>

F. Potential for absorption

6. As indicated in the paragraph 5, the estimated cost to the United Nations amounts to \$461,900. Of this amount, \$280,000 relates to the provision of advisory services for the preparation of country programmes. It is anticipated that these costs can be met from the regular programme of technical co-operation, section 24 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

G. Indication of additional requirements

7. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, it is estimated that an additional amount of \$181,900 would be required under section 13 of the United Nations proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 to finance activities (ii), (v) and (vi) in paragraph 5 above.

H. Contingency fund

8. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 under section 13 to undertake the activities referred to in paragraph 7 above, for which it is estimated that an amount of \$181,900 would be required.

9. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and in effect starting with the biennium 1990-1991, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of projected activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the Assembly towards the end of the current session.

10. The Secretary-General is not in a position to propose the termination, deferral, curtailment or modification of any activity in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 in order to finance the costs of activities referred to in paragraph 7, relating to the preparatory phase of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

11. Therefore, the General Assembly will be informed that no activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification in the proposed programme budget for 1990-1991 in order to finance these activities in the event that the Assembly adopts the draft resolution. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs from the contingency fund, the activities might have to be postponed, as provided for in the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund adopted by the Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

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