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### PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNium 1980-1981

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#### Fourth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/34/15) in which he submits (a) the proposed programme of work and budget for 1980-1981 and medium-term plan to 1985 of the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems (IOB) and (b) revised estimates for 1980-1981 under section 28G, Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Division - Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems (United Nations share).

- I. Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems - Proposed programme of work and budget for 1980-1981 and medium-term plan to 1985

2. In paragraphs 2 to 14 of document A/C.5/34/15, the Secretary-General provides brief descriptions of the four subprogrammes which comprise the IOB's proposed programme of work for 1980-1981 and medium-term plan to 1985 as reviewed by the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) at its meeting of 29 June 1979. The four subprogrammes in question are:

1. Basic Co-ordination Services (including secretariat services)
2. Data and documentation systems
3. Programme and support systems
4. Technological support systems and services.

3. In paragraph 15 the Secretary-General recalls that since 1977 IOB has changed its method of work in response to its revised terms of reference which were approved by ACC in 1976 (ibid.).

4. The Secretary-General submits estimates for IOB in the amount of \$1,217,900 for the biennium 1980-1981 which is \$18,400 or 1.5 per cent less than the approved appropriation of \$1,236,300 for 1978-1979. In table 2 of document A/C.5/34/15 the Secretary-General indicates net negative resource growth (as adjusted) of \$20,600 at revised 1979 rates and a negative rate of real growth of 1.6 per cent. The Secretary-General attributes the negative resource growth in the main to reduced requirements for contractual services (\$70,200 at revised 1979 rates), general temporary assistance (\$21,500) and consultants (\$6,000) offset by increased requirements under established posts and common staff costs (\$35,400 - see para. 5 below), travel on official business (\$10,200) and general operating expenses (\$700).

5. The approved staffing table of IOB for 1978-1979 comprises four posts in the Professional category and above (1 D-2, 2 P-5 and 1 P-2/1) and two General Service posts (ibid., table 3). For 1980-1981, the Secretary-General proposes the establishment of one new General Service post. Bearing in mind the justification provided by the Secretary-General in paragraphs 20 to 23 of his report, the Advisory Committee has no objection to this request.

6. The Advisory Committee also accepts the estimates for IOB as submitted by the Secretary-General for all other objects of expenditure for the biennium 1980-1981.

II. Revised estimates under section 28C. Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Division - Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems (United Nations share)

7. In his programme budget proposals for 1980-1981 the Secretary-General requested the inclusion of a provisional amount of \$499,300 for the United Nations share of the cost of IOB pending review of the work plans and budget proposals for the biennium by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC). 1/ The Advisory Committee, in its related report, noted the provisional nature of those estimates. 2/ In paragraph 70 of document A/C.5/34/15, the Secretary-General

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/34/6), vol. II, paras. 28G.15 and 28G.16.

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/34/7), para. 28.68.

states that the United Nations share of the cost of IOB is now estimated at \$482,300, representing 39.6 per cent of the total estimated cost of \$1,217,900 (see para. 4 above). The revised estimate of the United Nations share is thus \$17,000 less than the provisional estimate of \$499,300.

8. For the reasons stated in paragraphs 5 and 6 above the Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Secretary-General's revised estimate of \$482,300 under section 28G.3: Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Division - Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems (United Nations share), of the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981.

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