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Assistance to Grenada

Assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and  
development of Chad

Assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and  
development of Uganda

Assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and  
development of Equatorial Guinea

Assistance to Tonga

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolutions  
contained in documents A/C.2/34/L.13, A/C.2/34/L.26, A/C.2/34/L.28,  
A/C.2/34/L.40 and A/C.2/34/L.60

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

1. The specific requests for action to be undertaken by the Secretary-General, as they relate to each of the draft resolutions, are indicated below:

(a) Assistance to Grenada (A/C.2/34/L.13):

Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would, inter alia, request the Secretary-General:

- (i) To mobilize the financial, technical and economic assistance of the international community, in particular that of the developed countries and the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, with a view to helping to meet the short-term and long-term development needs of Grenada;

- (ii) To report to the General Assembly at its thirty sixth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution;

(b) Assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Chad (A/C.2/34/L.26):

Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would, inter alia, request the Secretary-General:

- (i) To organize an international programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Chad to enable it to meet its short-term and long-term needs with respect to reconstruction, rehabilitation and development;
- (ii) To dispatch a mission to Chad to review with the Government the aid which it needs for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the country, and to communicate the report of the mission to the international community;
- (iii) to review with the Government of Chad the question of organizing a meeting of donors and, in this respect, to co-ordinate his efforts with those of the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic Commission for Africa and the World Bank;
- (iv) To see to it that adequate financial and budgetary measures are taken for the organization of an effective programme of international assistance to Chad and the mobilization of the necessary resources for such international assistance;
- (v) To keep the situation in Chad under review and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution;

(c) Assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Uganda (A/C.2/34/L.28):

Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would, inter alia, request the Secretary-General:

- (i) To mobilize an international programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Uganda to meet the long-term and short-term reconstruction, rehabilitation and development needs of the country;
- (ii) To make arrangements that would ensure the effective co-ordination in Kampala of the efforts of the United Nations organizations and specialized agencies in relation to the special programme for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Uganda;

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- (iii) To dispatch a mission to Uganda to consult with the Government on its most urgent reconstruction, rehabilitation and development needs and to circulate the report of that mission to the international community;
- (iv) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made for the organization of an effective international programme of assistance to Uganda and for mobilizing international assistance;
- (v) To keep this matter under review and report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution.

(d) Assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Equatorial Guinea (A/C.2/34/L.40):

Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would, inter alia, request the Secretary-General:

- (i) To organize an international programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Equatorial Guinea to meet the long-term and short-term reconstruction, rehabilitation and development needs of the country;
- (ii) To dispatch a mission to Equatorial Guinea to consult with the Government on the additional assistance it requires for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the country and to circulate the report of that mission to the international community;
- (iii) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made for the organization of an effective international programme of assistance to Equatorial Guinea and for mobilizing international assistance;
- (iv) To apprise the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980 of the assistance being provided to Equatorial Guinea;
- (v) To keep the situation in Equatorial Guinea under review and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

(e) Assistance to Tonga (A/C.2/34/L.60):

Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would, inter alia, request the Secretary-General.

- (i) To mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Tonga.

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- (ii) To establish a special account under the United Nations Trust Fund for Special Economic Assistance Programmes for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Tonga and would urge Member States to contribute generously to this account;
- (iii) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the organization of the international assistance programme for Tonga and the mobilization of assistance;
- (iv) To keep the situation in Tonga under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1980, of the current status of the special economic assistance programme for Tonga;
- (v) To arrange for a review of the economic situation of Tonga and the progress made in organizing and implementing an assistance programme for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

2. With respect to the draft resolutions referred to in paragraph 1, requirements would arise as a result of the need for the Secretary-General to send consulting missions to the countries concerned, as indicated in paragraph 3 below. Additionally, owing to the increased number of special economic assistance programmes for which the Office for Special Political Questions would be responsible, should the General Assembly adopt those draft resolutions, the Secretary-General would propose a modest strengthening of the Office, as indicated in paragraph 4 below.

3. As indicated in paragraph 2 above, the following missions, composed of three persons 1/ (USG/ASG, consultant and one professional) would be undertaken in 1980.

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1/ The missions to Chad and Equatorial Guinea will be accompanied by an interpreter to be provided by the Department of Conference Services under section 29A of the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981.

(a) <u>Grenada</u> : Duration 7 days	
Consultant (including travel)	\$3,500
Travel of staff	1,900
Miscellaneous	<u>600</u>
	<u>\$6,000</u>
(b) <u>Chad</u> : Duration 10 days	
Consultant (including travel)	\$ 6,100
Travel of staff	6,300
Miscellaneous	<u>600</u>
	<u>\$13,000</u>
(c) <u>Uganda</u> : Duration 11 days	
Consultant (including travel)	\$ 7,000
Travel of staff	7,500
Miscellaneous	<u>600</u>
	<u>\$15,100</u>
(d) <u>Equatorial Guinea</u> : Duration 10 days	
Consultant (including travel)	\$ 6,200
Travel of staff	6,500
Miscellaneous	<u>600</u>
	<u>\$13,300</u>
(e) <u>Tonga</u> : Duration 11 days	
Consultant (including travel)	\$ 7,100
Travel of staff	8,000
Miscellaneous	<u>600</u>
	<u>\$15,700</u>

Thus, the total estimated cost of the proposed missions would be \$63,100.

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4. The number of special economic assistance programmes carried out by the Office for Special Political Questions would now increase to 16 should the General Assembly adopt the subject draft resolutions. Since the first such programme of assistance, requested for Mozambique in March 1976, the Office has been absorbing a significantly greater volume of work each year. The programmes for which co-ordinating responsibilities were assigned to the Office in 1978-1979 were the following:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Establishing resolution</u>
1. Zambia	Economic and Social Council resolution 1798 (LV) of 24 July 1973, implementing Security Council resolution 329 of 10 March 1973
2. Mozambique	Security Council resolution 386 of 17 March 1976
3. Comoros	General Assembly resolution 31/42 of 1 December 1976
4. Lesotho	Security Council resolution 402 of 22 December 1976
5. Botswana	Security Council resolution 403 of 14 January 1977
6. South African refugee students	General Assembly resolution 31/126 of 16 December 1976
7. Djibouti	General Assembly resolution 32/93 of 13 December 1976
8. Guinea-Bissau	General Assembly resolution 32/100 of 13 December 1979
9. Seychelles	General Assembly resolution 32/101 of 13 December 1977
10. Cape Verde	General Assembly resolution 31/17 of 24 November 1976
11. Sao Tome and Principe	General Assembly resolution 31/187 of 21 December 1976

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On the basis of the volume of work at that time, the following staff resources were approved (A/C.5/32/73):

- 2 Senior Economists (P-5)
- 1 Programme Officer (P-4)
- 1 Research Assistant (G-5)
- 2 Secretaries (G-4/1)

When the Zambia programme was assigned to the Office in mid-1978, the resources approved for its implementation were made available to the Office, providing, in addition to the above, one P-3 post and two General Service posts (1 G-5 and 1 G-4/1) (A/C.5/32/16 and A/C.5/33/9).

5. Additionally, at the thirty-third session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to pursue the question of a meeting of donors in the context of the respective assistance programmes for Botswana, Comoros, Djibouti, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles and Zambia.

6. During the current biennium it has been very difficult for the small number of staff to handle the existing work-load in an effective manner, owing to the number of programmes already approved and the number of emergency situations which have arisen wherein the Secretary-General has been asked by the Governments concerned to appeal to the international community for assistance on their behalf. Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Somalia and Equatorial Guinea are cases in point. In all these cases, missions have been necessary. The extensive and continuous travel time involved in assessing requirements, in attending consultative group meetings and donors conferences, as well as in writing reports and contacting interested donors in each case, has necessitated a constant change of priorities and activities relative to each of the ongoing programmes.

7. Experience during 1978-1979 has shown that the services of a programme officer at the P-3 level were inappropriate for the needs of the Office in carrying out its mandate and, further, that additional secretarial assistance was required. In consequence, the Secretary-General is proposing to provide a post at the D-1 level, therewith releasing the post of programme officer at the P-3 level, as well as providing an additional G-4/1 post for secretarial assistance. The estimated net additional costs for the 1980-1981 biennium related to the above, including common service costs, would be \$90,300.

8. Therefore, in the event of the adoption of the draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.2/34/L.13, A/C.2/34/L.26, A/C.2/34/L.28, A/C.2/34/L.40 and A/C.2/34/L.60, additional appropriations of \$153,400 would be requested for the 1980-1981 programme budget, as indicated in paragraphs 3 and 7 above.