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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

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Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/34/L.45

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

Particular problems confronting Zaire with regard to transport,
transit and access to foreign markets

1. The Second Committee, at its 52nd meeting held on 27 November 1979, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/34/L.45. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.2/34/L.57).
2. Under the terms of paragraph 2 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/34/L.45, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to enable the Economic Commission for Africa to accelerate the implementation of resolution 110 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.
3. Resolution 110 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development dealt with the elaboration of appropriate studies on the particular problems of transport, transit, and access to foreign markets facing Zaire and on practical measures to be suggested in favour of Zaire, aiming at the reduction of the high transport costs of its trade with foreign markets.
4. In accordance with resolution 293 (XIII), adopted at the fourth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa in February 1977, an exploratory mission was sent to Zaire by the Economic Commission for Africa. By early 1978, the report of the mission was communicated to the Government. The main conclusion of the report was that a second mission to the country was needed

in order to carry out an in-depth study of the problems confronted by Zaire. It is thought that this mission could be undertaken in April 1980 and that it should involve two staff members of the Transport Division of the Economic Commission for Africa as well as several experts. It is further thought that the mission should spend at least six weeks in the field before returning to Addis Ababa to prepare a report.

5. The exact costs of this second mission cannot be estimated with precision at this stage, but preliminary calculations indicate that its total costs should be in the region of from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Various possibilities for funding this technical co-operation activity will have to be explored. One of the sources of funds which can be envisaged is the extrabudgetary contributions earmarked for the Transport and Communication Decade in Africa. Another avenue to be explored is the possibility of financing at least part of the project from funds of the United Nations Development Programme.

6. In order to enable the Economic Commission for Africa to accelerate the implementation of the project, it is proposed that the travel costs to be incurred by the regional commission on account of the over-all direction of the mission by two staff members of its Transport Division be covered through an additional appropriation of \$11,000 under section 13 of the proposed programme budget of 1980-1981, broken down as follows:

<u>Travel</u>	\$
Addis Ababa-Kinshasa-Addis Ababa: \$800 x 2	1,600
Travel during the mission in other parts of Zaire and neighbouring countries: \$565 x 2	1,130
<u>Per diem</u>	
Kinshasa (21 days): \$137 x 2 x 21	5,750
Field (21 days): \$60 x 2 x 21	<u>2,520</u>
Total	<u><u>11,000</u></u>