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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION:
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ESTABLISHED
UNDER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/174

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/34/L.14/Rev.1

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

Global negotiations relating to international economic co-operation
for development

1. In paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/34/L.14/Rev.1, the General Assembly would decide to launch at its special session in 1980 a round of global and sustained negotiations on international economic co-operation for development. Paragraph 5 of the same draft provides that the Committee of the Whole established under General Assembly resolution 32/174 should act as a preparatory committee for these negotiations.

2. In accordance with paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 33/198, the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation has been entrusted with the task of co-ordinating all preparations for the special session. Although the provisions of the present draft resolution will involve a considerable increase in the staff work required for these preparations, the Director-General will endeavour to carry out this additional workload with the existing staff resources. If necessary, his Office will seek to borrow one or two staff members from other organizational entities for specific assignments in support of this work, as envisaged in paragraph 41 of document A/33/410/Rev.1.

3. At this stage, therefore, only an additional appropriation of \$28,300 is requested to cover travel by the Director-General, accompanied, as necessary, by a senior colleague or a member of his staff, to discuss in advance of the special session relevant aspects of the preparations for the proposed global negotiations in various capitals and at the headquarters of relevant United Nations organizations, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, as well as other intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system.

4. The financial implications of secretariat support for the negotiations to be launched at the special session in accordance with paragraph 1 of the draft resolution will be drawn up on the basis of such proposals as may be submitted on the subject to that session.

5. Therefore, should the draft resolution contained in document A/34/L.14/Rev.1 be adopted by the General Assembly, an additional appropriation of \$28,300 for travel of staff would be required under section 5, Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, of the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981.
