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UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY,
DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference

Note by the Secretary-General

#### Addendum

#### A. Staff resources

- 1. As stated in the note by the Secretary-General (A/34/657), the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981 contains provisions for the continuation of six posts relating to the Secretary-General of the Conference, the Principal Officer, the Special Assistant/Liaison Officer, and three General Service staff until 31 December 1980. In addition, there is a further proposal that the positions of Senior Social Affairs Officer (para. 18) and Administrative Officer (para. 32) also be extended to 31 December 1980, and that two additional posts at the P-2 and P-3 level be established from 1 September to 31 December 1980 (para. 33). The proposal by the Secretary-General (A/34/657) should have been accompanied by a request for approval of two General Service posts, the customary ratio of Professional staff to support staff being two to one.
- 2. Accordingly, a further request is hereby submitted for two General Service posts at the G-4 level from 1 September to 31 December 1980. The cost involved in this proposal is given in table 1.

#### Table 1

## (In United States dollars)

General temporary assistance	1980
Two G-4 staff for four months	
Salaries	7,900
Common staff costs	2,500
Total	10,400

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#### B. Travel of regional commission staff to attend the World Conference

- 3. No provision has been made in the appropriations for the World Conference for the travel of the staff of regional commissions to attend the Conference.
- 4. The regional commissions have undertaken regional reviews and evaluation of progress made in achieving the objectives of the Decade for Women and, at the regional preparatory meetings, have assisted in the formulation of regional Programmes of Action for the remainder of the Decade. These documents will be basic documents for the World Conference, under their appropriate agenda items.
- 5. In order to report on the outcome of the regional meetings and to ensure the adequate consideration of their documents and recommendations, it will be necessary for one senior staff member from the women's unit, centre or programme of each regional commission to attend the World Conference. The cost of travel and subsistence would be as follows:

# Table 2

### (In United States dollars)

Travel and subsistence of staff of regional	
commissions to attend the Conference	<u>1980</u>
Trevel	
One staff member from each of the regional commissions	7,000
Subsistence	
Five staff for 18 days at \$55	4 <b>,</b> 950
Total	11,950

#### C. Summary of costs

6. The additional requirements contained in the present addendum would amount to \$22,350 and would require a revision of the initial summary tables (A/34/657, para. 43), as follows:

## Table 3

## Summary of costs by activity

## (In United States dollars)

	1980
Participation in the World Conference of representatives of least developed countries and countries with special consideration	165 900
Consultations for preparation of documentation for the Conference	37 ,800
Preparation of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session	14 100
Information support programme	163 800
Appropriate arrangements to ensure the success of the preparatory seminars and meetings for the	
Conference	7 490
Staff resources	60 080
Attendance at the third session of the Preparatory Committee	22 600
Ad hoc interagency meeting	_
Travel of regional commission staff to attend the Conference	11 950
Full cost of conference services for the third	483 720
session of the Preparatory Committee	447 903
Total	931 623

### Summary by object of expenditure and budget section

#### (In United States dollars)

	1980	
Section 4: Policy-making organs (Economic and social activities)		
General temporary assistance		
Salaries	45 300	
Common staff costs	14 400	
Consultants	37 800	
Travel of staff	45 220	
Travel of representatives	177 200	319 920
Section 27: Department of Public Information		
General temporary assistance		
Salaries	43 360	
Common staff costs	14 460	
Travel of staff	11 000	
Travel of participants	78 500	
Public information supplies	7 190	
Public information contracts	8 090	
Miscellaneous	1 200	163 800
		483 720

- 7. Approval by the General Assembly of the proposals contained in documents A/34/657 and Add.1 would therefore require appropriations in sections 4 and 27, in the amounts of \$319,920 and \$163,800 respectively.
- 8. In addition, an appropriation would be required in section 31, offset by an equal amount in income section 1, as follows:

	<u> 1980</u>
	\$
Section 31	
Staff assessment	23 100
Section 1	
Income from staff assessment	(23 100)