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**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE ACTIVITIES  
OF THE COMMISSION**

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMISSION**

- (v) Commission resolution 137(XII) on technical  
co-operation activities and technical  
assistance projects

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1. With reference to resolution 137(xii), the following is pertinent to the advisory services and technical co-operation projects foreseen for 1986-1987.

I. REGIONAL ADVISORY SERVICES

2. The secretariat of the Commission, in compliance with the said resolution, established contact with members of the Commission through official channels and mounted missions to identify the priority needs of member countries for advisory services. The secretariat of the Commission also established contact with United Nations Headquarters to explore the possibility of increasing the number of regional advisory posts available to the secretariat. In view of the limited resources for advisory services and the financial constraints facing the United Nations, it was not possible to increase the number of posts. However, the secretariat of the Commission will continue its contact with organizations of the United Nations system as well as with regional and bilateral donors with the aim of increasing its advisory services to member countries.

3. In view of the above, the following short-term advisory services will be provided in 1986:

(a) Eight regional advisers financed under section 24 of the regular budget in:

- (i) Human resources development;
- (ii) Development planning;
- (iii) Informatics and microelectronics development;
- (iv) National accounts and economic statistics;
- (v) Industrial project identification, formulation and appraisal;
- (vi) Transport and communications;
- (vii) New and renewable sources of energy;
- (viii) Sampling and household survey design.

(b) Two regional advisers financed by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) in the following areas:

- (i) Demographic studies and analysis;
- (ii) Population statistics and censuses.

(c) One regional adviser financed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in industrialization and mechanical engineering;

(d) Two regional advisers within the context of the household survey project financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in:

(i) Data processing;

(ii) Household survey training and execution.

4. Additionally, and depending on the resources that will become available in 1987, the secretariat of the Commission endeavours to provide advisory services in agriculture, science and technology, human settlements and environment.

## II. PROJECTS

5. ESCWA, as executing agency, will execute projects mainly financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UNFPA and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). As the process of project identification, formulation, approval and budgeting is a continually evolving one, and as the priority areas for UNDP's programming cycle are yet to be determined, it is not possible to list all projects that will be financed from extrabudgetary resources. However, the following indications may be listed for 1986-1987:

Project title	Estimated financial resources in US\$	Remarks	Programme
<b>A. <u>Approved (including ongoing) projects</u></b>			
1. Assistance in perspective planning country and regional models.	15,945 Government of the Netherlands	Agreement reached between the Government of Bahrain and ESCWA for training programme to be undertaken in 1986.	Development Issues and Policies
2. Seminar on problems and policies of urban primacy - RMI/80/PO4	100,000 UNFPA	Ongoing project; funds approved by UNFPA for 1986; financial estimate includes projection for 1987.	Population
3. Development of capital goods	33,000 Government of the Netherlands	Ongoing project.	Industrial Development
4. Regional advisory services and training in demographic data collection and analysis - RMI/85/PO1.	661,000 UNFPA	Ongoing project; funds approved by UNFPA for 1986; financial estimates included projection for 1987.	Population
5. ESCWA population publications and documentation - RMI/85/PO2.	426,000 UNFPA	Ongoing project; funds approved by UNFPA for 1986; financial estimate includes projection for 1987.	Population
6. Household survey services - RAB/80/009.	853,000 UNDP 230,000 ESCWA	Ongoing project; funds approved by UNDP for 1986; financial estimates include projection for 1987.	Statistics
<b>B. <u>Project proposals submitted for approval of funding</u></b>			
7. Alternative architectural designs for schools.	18,482 United Nations Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities	Proposal for additional funds submitted to the Government of France.	Human Settlements
8. Promotion of pilot project in the field of energy conservation and efficiency of low cost housing.	10,000 Government of France	Project for 1986, awaiting additional funds from Agence Francaise pour la maitrise de l'Energie (AFME).	Human Settlements
9. Micro-electronics and informatics application in the Arab countries.	500,000 UNDP 120,000 ESCWA 40,000 UNIDO	Project document submitted to UNDP for funding; ESCWA and UNIDO contribution in kind; UNIDO envisaged as associate agency in the implementation of the project.	Industrial Development

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10. Women trainers in maintenance skills for electric appliances	165,000 UNIFEM 335,000 Arab Gulf Programme for the United Nations Development Organization (AGFUND)	Project proposal submitted to UNIFEM consultative committee for funding. AGFUND's contribution depends on UNIFEM approval.	Social Development
11. Guide for Arab women on legislation related to personal status, family and employment laws and procedure.	97,000 UNIFEM	Project proposal submitted to UNIFEM consultative committee for funding.	Social Development
12. Production of T.V. educational programmes for literacy follow-up for women.	70,000 UNIFEM 36,000 Arab Literacy and Adult Education Organization (ARLO) 1,000,000 General Arab Women Federation (GANF)	Project Proposal submitted to UNIFEM consultative committee for funding. Other donors' contributions depend on UNIFEM approval.	Social Development
13. Appropriate technology for women in rural and mountainous areas in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.	185,000 UNIFEM 50,000 Government of the People's Democratic of Yemen 10,000 General Union of Yemeni Women 32,000 ESCWA	Project proposal submitted to UNIFEM consultative committee for funding. Other donors' contributions depend on UNIFEM approval of project.	Social Development
14. The role of women in preserving the environment and public amenities.	90,000 UNIFEM 160,000 AGFUND	Project proposal submitted to UNIFEM consultative committee for funding. Other donor's contribution depends on UNIFEM approval of project.	Social Development
15. Development of skills of women in modern technologies (word processing and computer programme).	304,000 UNIFEM 60,000 (ERI-NRC) Electronic Research Institute - National Research Centre, Cairo	Project proposal submitted to UNIFEM consultative committee for funding. Other donor's contribution depends on UNIFEM approval of project.	Social Development
16. Organizing self-help groups to promote income-generation among poor women.	69,000 UNIFEM 11,000 Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)	Project proposal submitted to UNIFEM consultative committee for funding. Other donor's contribution depends on UNIFEM approval of project.	Social Development
17. Developing a regional training programme for women trainers specialized in the socialization of children.	200,000 UNIFEM 369,000 AGFUND	Project proposal submitted to UNIFEM consultative committee for funding. Other donor's contribution depends on UNIFEM approval of project.	Social Development
18. Promoting women's role in the production of traditional handicrafts in the region.	40,000 UNIFEM 80,000 AGFUND	Project proposal submitted to UNIFEM consultative committee for funding. Other donor's contribution depends on UNIFEM approval of project.	Social Development

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19. Regional training module for women in integrated rural development.	160,000 UNIFEM 300,000 AGFUND	Project proposal submitted to UNIFEM consultative committee for funding. Other donor's contribution depends on UNIFEM approval of project.	Social Development
C. <u>Projects planned</u>			
20. Micro-electronics for ESCWA	20,000 Government of France.	Project planned for 1986, on the assessment of research and development needs in informatics.	Industrial Development
21. Demonstration and training centre on simple solar appliances.	16,787 United Nations Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities	Joint project of ESCWA and L'Agence Francaise pour la Maitrise de l'Energie (AFME). Awaiting response from the Government of the Yemen Arab Republic on the proposed programme of activities.	Human Settlements
22. Seminar on small scale solar and wind technology for rural and remote areas in the ESCWA region.	56,000 UNDP 27,000 ESCWA	Project designed to train participants from ESCWA region October-November 1986.	Natural Resources, Science and Technology
23. Computer listing of well data.	33,826 United Nations Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities	Training project for Yemen Arab Republic and People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. During initial phase missions were undertaken to these countries to investigate activities related to computerization of water well data.	Natural Resources, Science and Technology



