

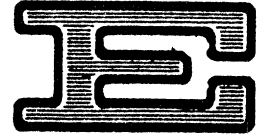


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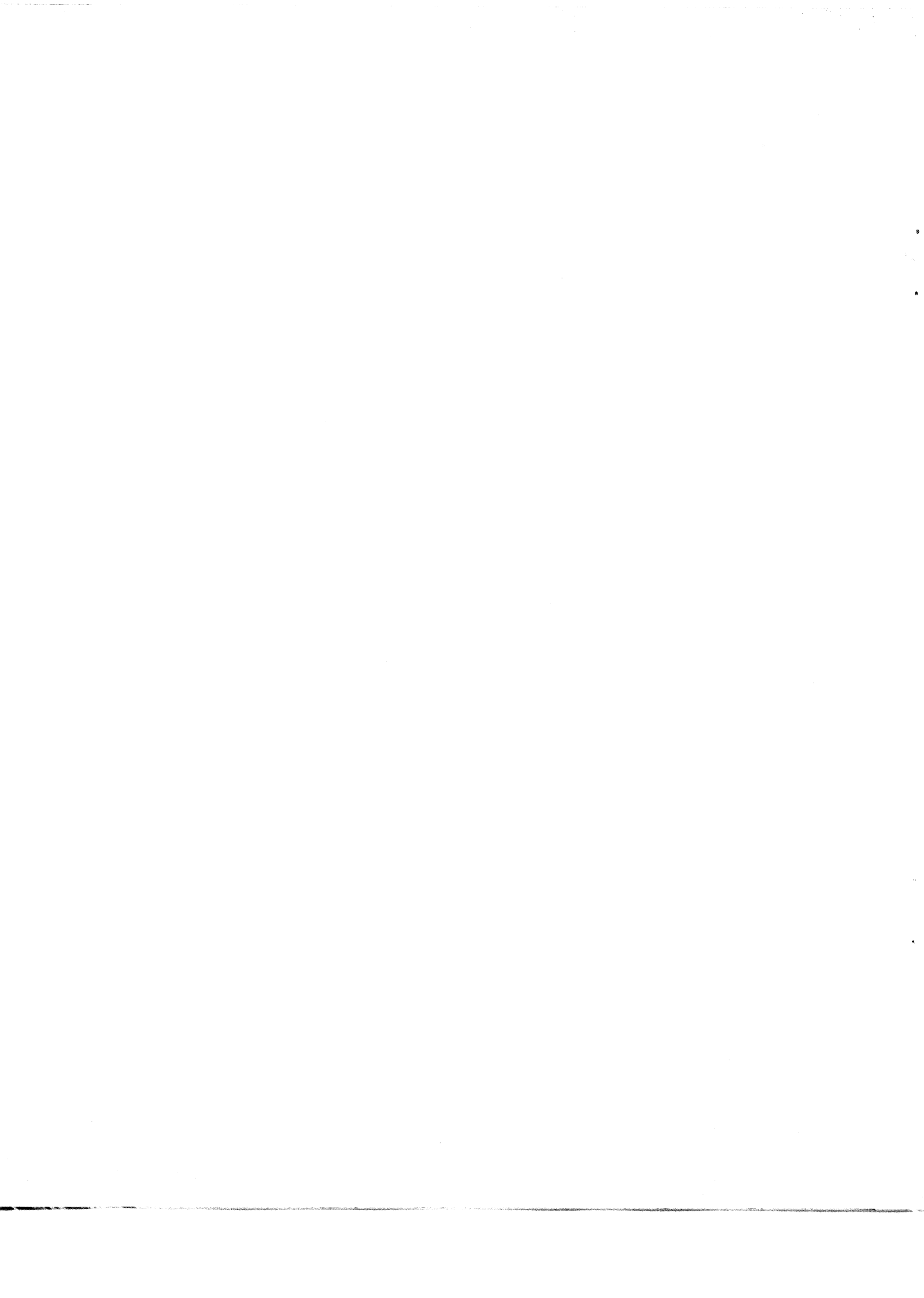
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**FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMMES  
TRUST FUND FOR ESCWA REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Note by the Executive Secretary



### Background

1. In its review of the programme of work at its second session, the Commission noted that the level of resources provided by the regular programme budget was inadequate to meet the programme needs; particularly for the great number of projects requested for the region, the provision of extrabudgetary resources was therefore necessary for the successful implementation of the Commission's programme of work. In the operative paragraph of its resolution 11(II) of 9 May 1975, the Commission recommended that urgent consultations be held with member States with a view to exploring the best and speediest ways of establishing an additional fund financed from voluntary contributions for the extrabudgetary financing of the Commission's work programmes, and for meeting requests by member States for studies and advisory services.

2. In operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of its resolution 33(III) of 14 May 1976 on the establishment of a voluntary fund, the Commission established a voluntary fund and requested that the resources of the fund be utilized to finance services in fields of economic and social development in favour of the least developed member States of the Commission.

3. At its fourth session, the Commission, in resolution 45(IV) of 28 April 1977 on the financial status of the Commission's programmes and the strengthening of the voluntary fund, inter alia, urged member States to make voluntary contributions towards the general financing of the programme of work or the financing of specific projects. In operative paragraph 4 of that resolution, the Commission called upon the Executive Secretary to submit a financial statement of the fund at each session; the present report is in response to that request.

### I. CONTRIBUTIONS

4. In response to the above-mentioned Commission resolution 33(III), the Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities was established by the Secretary-General in 1976. The status of contributions received from 1976 to 31 December 1991 is presented below:

| <u>Donors</u>  | <u>Year of contribution</u> | <u>Amount contributed<br/>(United States dollar<br/>equivalent)</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
| The Government of Iraq                               | 1975                        | 300 000   |
| The Arab Fund for Economic and<br>Social Development | 1975                        | 144 000   |
| The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic<br>Development     | 1975                        | 144 000   |
| The Government of Saudi Arabia                       | 1979                        | 300 000   |
| The Government of Yemen                              | 1980                        | 5 864   |

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| <u>Donors</u>  | <u>Year of contribution</u> | <u>Amount contributed<br/>(United States dollar equivalent)</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
| The Iraqi Fund for External Development                          | 1982                        | 15 000  |
| The Government of Qatar  | 1983                        | <u>100 000</u>  |
| Total contributions received since the establishment of the Fund |                             | 1 008 864   |

5. In operative paragraph 3 of resolution 45(IV), the Commission requests the Executive Secretary to invite member States of the Commission six months before the date of each session to determine the amount of their contributions towards the resources of the Fund.

6. In accordance with the procedure established by the Secretary-General and approved by the General Assembly, an annual pledging conference is held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, during which all States Members of the United Nations are requested to announce their contributions to all programmes and funds established in the United Nations. The aims and objectives of the Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities, together with the activities undertaken, are listed in the document on extrabudgetary resources containing background information on programmes and funds (E/ESCWA/16/7/Add.1), to be made available to all Member States before the next pledging conference.

7. Based on information received from the last conference, no contributions have been pledged and/or received for the Fund at any of the pledging conferences held since 1984.

## II. PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITES FINANCED FROM THE FUND

8. At its second session, the Commission, in its resolution 11(II) of 9 May 1975, decided to explore ways of establishing a voluntary fund to serve as a source of revenue for the extrabudgetary financing of the Commission's programme of work and for meeting requests by member States for studies and advisory services. At its third session, the Commission, in operative paragraph 2 of its resolution 33(III) of 14 May 1976, circumscribed the utilization of the resources of the Fund to the various fields of economic and social development in favour of the least developed member States of the Commission. At its seventh session, in its resolution 79(VII) of 22 April 1980 on the strengthening of the Financial Contributions Account of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, the Commission expanded the area of activities to be financed from the resources of the Fund to include surveys and statistical research, analytical studies, training, consultants' services, and all economic and social sectors and subsectors.

9. In accordance with the above objectives, the activities financed from the Fund, from its inception in 1976 to 31 December 1991, are as follows:

| Projects   | Amount<br>utilized<br>(United States dollars) |
|--|---|
| 1. ESCWA Regional Documentation Centre   | 66 219  |
| 2. ESCWA science and technology programme of work                                      | 73 559  |
| 3. Statistical Abstract of the ESCWA Region  | 288 382                                       |
| 4. Consultancy services to the Government of Democratic Yemen                          | 3 309   |
| 5. Studies on the Arab brain drain   | 22 810  |
| 6. Geological survey in Yemen  | 1 604   |
| 7. Workshop on Commodity Balances and Input-Output Analysis at Current Prices          | 30 297  |
| 8. Joint Meeting on Food Security  | 5 700   |
| 9. Regional advisor in agricultural project identification, formulation and evaluation | 66 594  |
| 10. Arab Regional Centre for the Transfer and Development of Technology                | 18 678  |
| 11. ESCWA Regional Water Meeting   | 33 736  |
| 12. Study of an integrated transport and communications network in the ESCWA region    | 34 105  |
| 13. Completion of a Directory of Information Facilities in the Arab Countries          | 2 336   |
| 14. Study on economic cooperation and integration in Western Asia                      | 28 575  |
| 15. Study on the establishment of subsidiary bodies of ESCWA                           | 1 842   |
| 16. Identification of regional industrial projects                                     | 2 197   |
| 17. Study of an organizational framework for regional cooperation and coordination     | 3 690   |
| 18. Project on the management, conservation and development of agricultural resources  | 51 348  |
| 19. Regional cooperation strategy for industrial development scenarios                 | 10 260  |

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| Projects  | Amount<br>utilized<br>(United States dollars) |
|---|---|
| 20. Expert Group Meeting on the Arab Brain Drain  | 45 530  |
| 21. <u>Ad Hoc</u> Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on the Medium-Term Plan  | 4 081   |
| 22. <u>Ad Hoc</u> Expert Group Meeting on the Development of Petrochemicals and Fertilizers   | 16 159  |
| 23. <u>Ad Hoc</u> Expert Group Meeting on Identification of Projects for Regional Cooperation in Capital Goods and Heavy Engineering Industries | 14 163  |
| 24. Panel meetings on capital goods and the petrochemical industry  | 17 445  |
| 25. Seminar on Technology Policies in the Arab States   | 5 666   |
| 26. Preparation of a study on the potential and the socio-economic conditions of the Palestinian Arab people                                    | 156 375                                       |
| 27. Demonstration and Training Centre on Simple Solar Applications  | 811   |
| 28. Alternative architectural design for schools  | 3 803   |
| 29. Computer listing of well data   | 11 440  |
| 30. Energy planning   | 3 797   |
| 31. Micro-electronics for the ESCWA region  | 6 597   |
| 32. Non-baked bricks technology   | 7 461   |
| 33. Seminar on Technology Policies in Arab States   | 39 296  |
| 34. Statistical Abstract of the Region of the Economic Commission; and National Accounts Studies of the ESCWA Region                            | 67 245  |
| 35. <u>Ad Hoc</u> Expert Group Meeting for the Review of National Experiences with Development Projects in Selected Countries of Western Asia   | 11 300  |
| 36. Alternative scenarios for industrial development in the countries of the ESCWA region   | 10 916  |
| 37. Workshop on Computer Processing of the Arabic Language  | 18 079  |

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| Projects   | Amount<br>utilized<br>(United States dollars) |
|--|---|
| 38. Ministerial Solidarity Meeting for Cooperation in Industrial Development in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen  | 16 950  |
| 39. Intergovernmental Meeting on the General Study of the Economic and Social Situation and Potential of the Palestinian Arab People                                     | 10 836  |
| 40. New and renewable sources of energy  | 9 554   |
| 41. Second Baghdad International Conference on Computer Technology and Applications  | 8 168   |
| 42. Development of financial structures and activities in the occupied Palestinian territories   | 19 209  |
| 43. Education and training of high-level scientific and technological manpower   | 9 177   |
| 44. Patterns of technology transfer in the ESCWA region  | 14 659  |
| 45. Social welfare policies and programmes in the ESCWA region, with special emphasis on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons | 15 824  |
| 46. Social institutions for rural development in the ESCWA region, with special emphasis on popular participation  | 9 494   |
| 47. Vocational and technical training in the Arab world: present situation and priority needs  | 40 835  |
| 48. Assessment of existing environmental statistics in selected countries of the ESCWA region  | 7 703   |
| 49. Unified Arab Statistical Abstract  | 10 451  |
| 50. <u>Ad Hoc</u> High-Level Expert Group Meeting on the Medium-Term Plan and Programme Priorities for 1990-1995   | 39 470  |

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| Projects   | Amount<br>utilized<br>(United States dollars) |
|--|---|
| 51. Workshop on Marketing Issues Related to Petrochemicals and Fertilizers produced in the ESCWA Region                                    | 11 575  |
| 52. First Meeting of the Inter-Organizational Task Force on Human Resources Development and Rehabilitation Programmes for Disabled Persons | 12 684  |
| 53. Development of ports in Western Asia   | 14 690  |
| 54. Development of air transport in Western Asia   | 2 588   |
| 55. Environmental management in the petroleum-refining industry  | 10 242  |
| 56. Technical assistance for cement, textile and engineering industries  | 19 855  |
| 57. Expert Group Meeting on Identification of Priority Projects for the Occupied Palestinian Territories                                   | 16 560  |
| 58. Seminar on the Role of the Public and Private Sectors in Structural Adjustment   | 41 644  |
| 59. Preparation of four country background papers on industrial development  | 13 560  |
| 60. Technical study on long-term environmental perspectives in Western Asia  | 4 500   |
| 61. Conference on the Capabilities and Needs of Disabled Persons in the ESCWA Region   | 15 546  |
| 62. Consultancy on identification of priority projects for the occupied Palestinian territories  | 8 500   |
| 63. ILO-ESCWA Workshop on the Integration of Disabled Persons in Cooperative Movements in the ESCWA Region                                 | 5 000   |
| 64. Status and development of the pulp and paper industry in a number of Arab countries  | <u>6 196</u>                                  |
| Total  | 1 580 875                                     |



III. STATEMENT FOR THE BIENNIUM 1988-1989

A. Statement of income and expenditure for the 24-month period  
of the biennium 1988-1989 ending 31 December 1989  
(United States dollars)

Income

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Interest income      | 46 695       |
| Miscellaneous income | <u>6 808</u> |
| Total income         | 53 503       |

Expenditure

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Staff and other personnel costs | 47 541        |
| Travel                          | 10 828        |
| Operating expenses              | 3 433         |
| Fellowships, grants, other      | <u>35 000</u> |
| Subtotal                        | 96 802        |

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Programme support costs | <u>13 118</u> |
| Total expenditure       | 109 920       |

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Excess of income over expenditure | (56 417) |
|-----------------------------------|----------|

B. Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 1989  
(United States dollars)

Assets

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Cash                              | 220 065    |
| Accounts receivable               | 2 577      |
| Deferred charges and other assets | <u>166</u> |
| Total assets                      | 222 808    |

Liabilities

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Unliquidated obligations           | 9 227     |
| Due to United Nations General Fund | <u>--</u> |
| Total liabilities                  | 9 227     |

Fund balance

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Balance available 1 January 1988       | 269 998  |
| Add: excess of income over expenditure | (56 417) |
| Balance available 31 December 1989     | 213 581  |
| Total liabilities and Fund balance     | 222 808  |

IV. STATEMENT FOR THE BIENNUM 1990-1991

A. Statement of income and expenditure for the 24-month period  
of the biennium 1990-1991 ending 31 December 1991  
(United States dollars)

Income

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Interest income      | 33 978    |
| Miscellaneous income | <u>29</u> |
| Total income         | 34 107    |

Expenditure

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Staff and other personnel costs   | 21 790       |
| Travel                            | 5 000        |
| Operating expenses                | --           |
| Fellowships, grants, other        | <u>--</u>    |
| Subtotal                          | 26 790       |
| Programme support costs           | <u>2 275</u> |
| Total expenditure                 | 29 065       |
| Excess of income over expenditure | 5 042        |

B. Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 1991  
(United States dollars)

Assets

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Cash                | 232 631      |
| Accounts receivable | <u>3 069</u> |
| Total assets        | 235 700      |

Liabilities

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Unliquidated obligations           | 17 077    |
| Due to United Nations General Fund | <u>--</u> |
| Total liabilities                  | 17 077    |

Fund balance

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Balance available 1 January 1990   | 213 581 |
| Add: excess of income expenditure  | 5 042   |
| Balance available 31 December 1991 | 218 623 |
| Total liabilities and Fund balance | 235 700 |