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This document attempts to depict the resource requirements for a number of important programmes under the "Draft Programme of Work and Priorities of the Commission for 1978-1979" (E/ECWA/44) which could not be approved under the Regular Budget of the United Nations as a result of constraints affecting the overall United Nations budgetary allocations.

Under the circumstances, it was necessary to carry out a thorough examination and hence a re-allocation of available and estimated resources forthcoming. Depending on ECWA's priorities, resource allocations to some programmes have been drastically reduced both in terms of professional and general service work-months. Proposed activities under these programmes which were designed to start or expand, such as the Development Planning, Projections and Policies Programme (particularly the Programme element dealing with the Economic Survey of ECWA Countries); Statistics Programme; the Population Sub-programme on Demographic Projections and Policies; and the Transport, Communications and Tourism Programme have been heavily curtailed by the reduced budgetary allocations. Other programme elements were deferred, or their scope was limited.

The attached table gives an approximate indication of professional and general service work-months required to implement the programme elements mostly affected by the reduced staffing estimates. In this respect, the table reveals that a minimum of 500 professional and 300 general service work-months (i.e., 21 and 13 staff members respectively), and U.S. \$100,000 will be needed during the biennium. The projects affected will, therefore, have to be set aside for possible financing from extra-budgetary sources. This is an addition to the extra-budgetary resources already requested for the programme of the Commission. Thus the sum of extra-budgetary resources required for the implementation of the work programme amounts to an estimated total of U.S. \$ 8.5 million for the biennium.

Effect of reduced staffing estimates from regular budget on the Draft Programme of Work and Priorities of the Commission for the period 1978 - 1979 (E/ECWA/44)

Programme	Subprogrammes and programme elements	E/ECWA/44 Ref. page No.	Resource Requirements (Extra-budget) 1/				Remarks
			P	GS	CE/	Other Resources (US \$)	
Development Planning Projects & Policies	Review and Assessment of Trends (SP-1)						
	- Programme element (i)	8	144	40	6	25,000	Deferred
	Assistance & Training (SP-2)						
	- Programme element (i)	12	24	8	-	4,000	Limited in scope
Natural Resources	Energy resources (SP-1)						
	- Programme element (ii)	55	11	6	3	7,500	Deferred
	- Programme element (ix)	70	11	6	-	-	Implementation & completion Postponed (1979-81)
	Mineral resources (SP-2)						
	- Programme element (vii)	87	18	6	2	3,000	Deferred
	- Programme element (viii)	90	4	2	-	5,000	Limited in scope
	Water resources (SP-3)						
	- Programme element (iii)	97	6	2	-	4,000	Limited in scope
	- Programme element (iv)	98	6	1	-	5,000	Limited in scope
	- Programme element (vii)	104	18	6	-	7,000	Limited in scope
Industry	Development of selected Industrial branches (SP-2)						
	- Programme element (i)	116	12	-	9	7,000	Highly limited in scope
	- Programme element (ii)	118	12	-	9	7,000	Highly limited in scope
International Trade and Development	Assistance in Expanding and Diversifying Export Trade (SP-1)						
	- Programme element (i)	134	24	12	-	4,000	Deferred
	Trade and Payments Policies (SP-3)						
	- Programme element (ii)	144	24	12	6	4,000	Deferred
Transport, Communications & Tourism 3/	Transport, Communications & Tourism Statistics (SP-1)						
	- Programme element (i)	152	11	17	-	1,000	Limited in scope & postponed
	Transport Integration (SP-2)						

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			P	GS	C <u>2/</u>	Other Resources (US \$)	
	- Programme element (ii)	156	14	2	4	1,000	Limited in scope
	- Programme element (iii)	158	22	4	-	-	Limited in scope
	Transport and Communications Technologies (SP-3)						
	- Programme element (i)	161	11	3	-	-	Limited in scope
	Programme element (ii)	163					Cancelled
	Subregional Cooperation in Development of Tourism (SP-4)	166	22	4	-	1,000	Limited in scope
	- Programme element (i)						
Social Development	Participation of Youth in National Development (SP-1)						
	- Programme element (ii)	191	6	-	-	3,500	Deferred
	Integration & Participation of Women in National Development (SP-2)						
	- Programme element (ii)	197	3	-	-	2,500	Deferred
	- Programme element (iii)	198	3	-	-	2,500	Deferred
	The constraint of Social factors on absorption Capacity (SP-5)						
	- Programme element (i)	216	6	<u>4/</u>	-	-	Limited in scope
Science and Technology	Transfer, Development & Choice of Technology (SP-2)						
	- Programme element (ii)	268	12	-	-	2,000	Highly limited in scope
	Application of Science & Technology in Selected Sectors (SP-3)						
	- Programme element (iii)	275	6	-	-	1,250	Limited in scope
Statistics	Statistical services (SP-1)						
	- programme element (i)	282	3	48	-	-	Highly limited in scope
	- Programme element (iii)	285	6	16	-	-	Limited in scope
	- Programme element (iv)	286	15	24	-	6,000	Deferred

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Population	Demographic Data (SP-1) - Programme element (v)	302	20	24	3	-	Highly limited in scope
	Demographic projections & policies (SP-2) - Programme element (i)	304	12	6	12	-	Highly limited in scope
	- Programme element (ii)	306	6	6	12	-	Highly limited in scope
	- Programme element (iii)	308	24	18	-	-	Highly limited in scope
	Programme element (iv)	311	6	18	-	-	Highly limited in scope
	- Programme element (v)	313	-	-	12	-	Highly limited in scope
GRAND TOTAL			528	303	78	103,250	

<sup>1/</sup> Resources shown in this column are in addition to what has already been indicated, if any, under the extra-budgetary resources (section c) of the programme elements in the "Draft Programme of Work and Priorities for 1978-1979", E/ECWA/44. All figures should be regarded as tentative.

<sup>2/</sup> The symbols signify as follows: P = Professional, GS= General Service, and C= Consultancy.

<sup>3/</sup> The total actual reduction in professional staff under this programme amounts to 108 work months instead of 132 work months. The balance of 24 work month is provided for by one borrowed post from the Division of Administration.

<sup>4/</sup> The figure for General Services under Subprogramme 5, programme element (i) entitled "A study on social factors determining absorption capacity of ECWA countries" should read 21 work months and not 15 work months.