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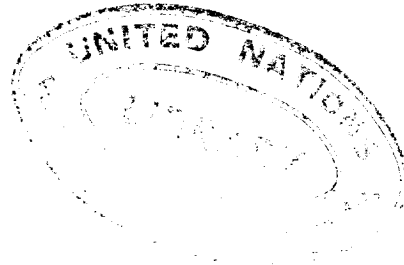
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ECWA TRUST FUND FOR REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Report of the Executive Secretary

It may be recalled that a resolution was adopted at the Third Session of the Commission (Resolution 33 (III)) on the establishment of a voluntary fund from contributions for the extra-budgetary financing of the Commission's work programmes, and for meeting requests by member States for studies and advisory services. As a result of this resolution, the Executive Secretary was called upon "to utilize the resources of the fund to finance the greatest possible amount of services in the various fields of economic and social development in favour of the least developed States Members of the Commission".

Contributions have since been received by ECWA as follows:

(a) Contribution from the Government of Iraq .....	\$ 300,000
(b) Additional contributions from other institutions:	
i) Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development	\$144,000
ii) Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	<u>\$144,000</u>
	<u>\$ 288,000</u>
TOTAL .....	<u>\$ 588,000</u>

The establishment of ECWA Trust Fund for Regional Activities has been approved by the Controller. The contributions received and credited to the Fund are administered at U.N. Headquarters and channelled to ECWA through the system of sub-allotments based on requests submitted by ECWA for the utilization of the resources of the Fund as and when the needs arise.

A concise report of the position of the contributions so far received is as follows:

A. Iraqi Contribution

From the Iraqi Government's contribution of \$ 300,000, the secretariat has entered into commitments as follows:

<u>Item I:</u> Cost of a Seminar on Technology Transfer and Change in the ECWA Region (Preparations are underway for the holding of the Seminar in September 1977) .....	\$ 72,000
<u>Item II:</u> Cost of a consultant to advise the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen on legal aspects of petroleum refining industries ..	\$ 2,800
<u>Item III:</u> Provision for Working Group on Production Accounts, Commodity Balances and Input-Output at Current and Constant Prices (scheduled to take place in October 1977) .....	\$ 41,000
<u>Item IV:</u> Cost of a mission consisting of a geologist and a mineral economist to prepare the terms of reference for geological surveys to be carried out for some selected areas in Yemen Arab Republic which constitutes one of the projects included in Yemen's New Five-Year Development Plan .....	\$ 4,000
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TOTAL .....	\$ 119,800
	(say \$ 120,000)

After taking into account the above commitments, there is an estimated balance of \$ 180,000 which has been earmarked for financing of the following projects:

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Ports and harbour advisory services ..... | \$ 75,000 |
| 2. Transport Economist .....                 | \$ 62,500 |
| 3. International Trade Economist .....       | \$ 62,500 |

TOTAL ..... \$200,000

B. Arab Fund/Kuwait Fund

Contributions for the implementation of specific projects have been received from the Arab Fund and the Kuwait Fund as follows:

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|--------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development | \$ 144,000 |
| 2. Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development     | \$ 144,000 |

TOTAL ..... \$ 288,000

Out of the above contributions, allotments have been received from United Nations Headquarters New York to cover the cost of implementation of certain projects as follows:

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| 1. ECWA Documentation Centre                                                                     | \$ 62,000 |
| 2. Statistical Abstract of the Arab World                                                        | \$ 60,500 |
| 3. Regional Advisory Services in Agricultural Project, identification, formulation and appraisal | \$ 75,000 |
| 4. Cost of a study on Brain Drain                                                                | \$ 28,000 |

Total \$ 225,500      \$ 225,500

Unspent balance ..... \$ 62,500

It will, therefore, be seen that as a result of commitments already made to carry out certain projects mentioned above, there is an unspent balance of \$ 62,500.

It should be noted in this connexion that the contributions from the Arab Fund and the Kuwaiti Fund were meant to cover the costs of two additional regional advisers in the following fields of activity:

- (a) Industrial projects, identification, formulation and appraisal
- (b) Port and shipping.

Unfortunately, due to lack of funds, these two regional advisers cannot be appointed from the balance of funds available from contributions from the Arab Fund and the Kuwaiti Fund. The additional resources amounting to \$ 87,500 may have to be obtained from outside resources.

Recapitulation (Combination of all contributions):

Estimated Balance at end of 1977

1. Iraqi contribution	\$	180,000
2. Arab/Kuwait Fund	\$	62,500
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TOTAL .....	\$	242,500
Earmarked for projects	\$	200,000
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Unspent balance .....	\$	42,500
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