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UNEP ASST. EXDIR FROSCH FEELS, ON BASIS REPORT OF WORKING GROUP ON WEATHER MODIFICATION RESEARCH PROJECT, THAT HE CAN REASONABLY RECOMMEND UNEP BACKING. HOWEVER, AS WORKING GROUP REPORT NOT APPROPRIATE TO PRESENT TO UNEP, HE SUGGESTS THAT SUITABLE VEHICLE FOR FURTHER UNEP CONSIDERATION WOULD BE LETTER UP-DATING PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND INCLUDING AS AN ENCLOSURE SOMETHING SIMILAR TO WORKING GROUP REPORT BUT WITH INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL DELETED. PLEASE ADVISE.

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1. DEPT WOULD WELCOME MEETING OF GENEVA GROUP BOTH PRIOR TO AND DURING FORTHCOMING WMO SEVENTH CONGRESS. BELIEVE FIRST SESSION, WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT TIME WHEN MEMBERS OF GENEVA GROUP ARE FINALIZING THEIR POSITIONS IN PREPARATION FOR CONGRESS. SUGGEST SECOND MEETING TAKE PLACE DURING SECOND WEEK OF CONGRESS, AFTER GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TEST POSITIONS OF OTHERS.

2. ACCORDINGLY REQUEST MISSION CONSULT OTHER GG MEMBERS ALONG ABOVE LINES. BELIEVE GROUP MIGHT FOCUS PRIMARILY ON SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM AND BUDGET AND RELATED MATTERS. US POSITION THESE ITEMS NOT YET FINAL, BUT BELOW ARE OUR PRELIMINARY VIEWS WHICH MISSION MAY DISCUSS INFORMALLY AT THIS STAGE. US WOULD OF COURSE WELCOME PRELIMINARY VIEWS OF OTHERS.

3. PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR SEVENTH FINANCIAL PERIOD: DEPT CONCERNED BY MAGNITUDE OF SECRETARY GENERAL'S SUPPLEMENTARY REQUEST CONTAINED IN DOCS 19, 42, 76 AND 84, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW LATENESS OF CIRCULATION SECRETARY GENERALS PROPOSALS WHICH HAS PROVIDED GOVERNMENTS ONLY MINIMUM TIME TO CONSIDER. WITH THESE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND ADD-ONS, SECRETARY GENERAL'S ESTIMATES NOW TOTAL APPROXIMATELY DOLS 49 MILLION. ON BASIS OUR REVIEW SO FAR, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THIS AMOUNT BY TEN TO FIFTEEN PERCENT. THIS WILL BE MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF OUR EFFORTS, WITH HIGHER FIGURE BEING DESIRED GOAL AND LOWER BEING REDUCTION NECESSARY TO PERMIT US SUPPORT. DEPT BELIEVES REDUCTION OF THIS MAGNITUDE FULLY POSSIBLE WITHOUT IN ANY WAY ENDANGERING ORGANIZATION'S SUBSTANTIVE
PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. FOLLOWING ARE OUR PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON ELEMENTS OF SECRETARY GENERAL’S PROPOSALS:

(A) SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS: BASICALLY, US BELIEVES SECRETARY GENERAL HAS PRESENTED BALANCED PROGRAM WHICH WE CAN SUPPORT IN ITS BROAD OUTLINES, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS CAN BE ACHIEVED. BELIEVE TOTAL REDUCTIONS IN PARTS III/A (WORLD WEATHER WATCH), III/B (RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM), III/C (METEOROLOGICAL APPLICATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS), CAN BE ACHIEVED OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 1,330,000 BY REDUCING REQUESTS FOR ADDED STAFF FOR WHICH JUSTIFICATION EITHER LACKING OR INADEQUATE; REDUCING NUMBER OF MEETINGS AND WORKING GROUPS AND SHORTENING OTHERS. US WELCOMES SECRETARY GENERAL’S PROPOSED INCREASED ACTIVITIES IN WEATHER MODIFICATION AND AGROMETEOROLOGY IN SUPPORT OF FOOD PRODUCTION. NEVERTHELESS, DEPT BELIEVES ESTIMATES BOTH THESE PROGRAMS CAN BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED WITHOUT IN ANY WAY ENDANGERING PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. WE ESTIMATE ON BASIS OUR PRELIMINARY REVIEW THAT SAVINGS FROM THESE TWO PROGRAMS COULD BE ACHIEVED ON ORDER OF DOLS SEVEN TO EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND AND POSSIBLY MORE.

(B) REGIONAL PROGRAMS: WE WILL OPPOSE CREATION OF THIRD REGIONAL OFFICER FOR EUROPE, ASIA, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, AND ANTARCTICA ON GROUNDS THERE LITTLE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT THIS POSITION AND SO FAR AS WE AWARE THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE REGIONAL DEMAND. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE TEN REGIONAL TRAINING SEMINARS, AND 24 CONSULTANTS, APPEAR TO BE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES WHICH SHOULD BE SUPPORTED FROM EXTRA BUDGETARY SOURCES. THESE TWO ITEMS COULD, IN OUR VIEW, RESULT IN SAVINGS ON THE ORDER OF DOLS 1,135,000.

(C) EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS: WE BELIEVE THE PRESSURE TO PROVIDE DOLS 600,000 FOR LONG-TERM FELLOWSHIPS WILL BE IRRESTIBLE, ESPECIALLY WITH THE IMPACT OF INFLATION AND CURRENCY RE-valuATIONS ON THIS PROGRAM. WE NEVER-THELESS BELIEVE THAT THIS SECTION SHOULD BE REDUCED BY AN AMOUNT ON THE ORDER OF DOLS 220,000. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE
THAT THE PRESSURES TO APPROVE THE SECRETARY GENERALS
ESTIMATES WITHOUT CHANGE, BOTH IN REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND IN
THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION, WILL BE EXTREMELY HEAVY ON
THE PART OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FOR THIS REASON, WE
PLACE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
CONCERTED GENEVA GROUP POSITION. IT REMAINS OUR CENTRAL
POSITION WITH RESPECT TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT SUCH
ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE BORNE PRIMARILY FROM VOLUNTARY FUNDS,
IN THE CASE OF WMO, EITHER FROM UNDP OR FROM VAP.

(D) OTHER PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION MATTERS: WE BELIEVE
THAT FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF ARE POSSIBLE AND COULD RESULT
IN ADDITIONAL SAVINGS ON THE ORDER OF DOLS 1,210,000. WITH
REGARD TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSED REORGANIZATION,
IT IS IN THE US VIEW THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD
HAVE THE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF HIS
STAFF. WHILE WE THEREFORE WILL HAVE CERTAIN SUGGESTIONS
TO MAKE WITH REGARD TO HIS REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS, WE
DO NOT BELIEVE THAT CONGRESS SHOULD IMPOSE AN ORGANIZA-
TIONAL PATTERN ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL. WITH REGARD TO
THE D-1 PROGRAM PLANNING POSITION IN THE SECRETARY
GENERAL'S OFFICE, WE WILL PROPOSE THAT THIS POST BE ELIMI-
NATED AND ITS PLANNING FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED TO THE TWO NEW
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL POSITIONS WHICH THE SECRETARY
GENERAL PROPOSED TO ESTABLISH AND WHICH WE ARE PREPARED
TO AGREE. WE BELIEVE THAT SUPPORTING SERVICES SHOULD BE
DRAWN TOGETHER IN ONE DEPARTMENT HEADED BY A D-1. WE WILL
OPPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIAISON OFFICE IN NEW YORK
AS AN UNNECESSARY LUXURY WHICH THE WMO SHOULD FOREGO
IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY. ON BASIS OUR REVIEW AT THIS
STAGE, WE BELIEVE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD BE HELD TO A
TOTAL INCREASE IN STAFFING FOR SEVENTH FINANCIAL PERIOD
OF ABOUT 15-20 POSTS ABOVE 208 PLUS POSTS ACHIEVED DURING
SIXTH FINANCIAL PERIOD.

(E) WE WILL SEEK A REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 300,000
IN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REQUEST FOR RENTAL OF TEMPORARY
ACCOMMODATIONS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION STUDIES.

4. WORKING CAPITAL FUND: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE
SECRETARY GENERAL HAS MADE A CASE FOR A WORKING CAPITAL
FUND OF 5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL FOUR-YEAR BUDGET AND SEE NO REASON WHY CONGRESS SHOULD NOT MAINTAIN THE PRESENT DOLS 1 MILLION LIMITATION.

5. SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS: THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS PROPOSED NO CHANGE IN THE PRESENT SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS. WE ASSUME THAT, AS IN THE PAST, THERE WILL BE PROPOSAL TO ADOPT THE UN SCALE. WE WILL OPPOSE ANY SUCH MOVE.

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1. Geneva Group (WMO) meeting chaired by US and attended by visiting delegates to 7th WMO Congress underway since April 28 was held at U.S. Mission on April 30. Japan was not represented.

2. Meeting was timed to precede detailed review of the program and budget of WMO. UK and US delegates to WMO Congress set tone by proposing that the budget for 4-year period 1976-79 should be somewhere in the $40 to 43 million range, approximately a 15 percent reduction from SYG’s proposal of $49 million. They stressed that all essential programs could be maintained under this reduced budget and gave examples of where major cuts could be made: Weather Modification Program, Agro-Meteorological Program, no regional or liaison officers outside Geneva; restriction on staff increases, especially in high level posts.

3. Survey around the table revealed a range of maximum figures from 35 millions (FRG) to about 45 millions. These figures would be increased by flexibility provision for inflationary developments. There was agreement on kinds of cuts that could be made without injuring program development.

4. In view of range of figures suggested at meeting, it was agreed that GG members would try to keep maximum target figures...
BETWEEN 40 AND 43 MILLIONS AND THAT THIS WOULD BE PRESSSED AS FIRST ITEM IN BUDGET DISCUSSION. IT WAS EXPECTED THAT SOME UPWARD ADJUSTMENTS WOULD RESULT FROM REVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS BUT CONSENSUS WAS TO KEEP MAXIMUM FIGURE BELOW 43 MILLIONS.

5. MEMBERS AGREED TO CONSULT ON STRATEGY DURING WHO SESSIONS. FURTHER GG (WMO) MEETING MAY BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN CO-CHAIRMEN, IF NECESSARY.

6. GENEVA GROUP (WHO) MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MAY 12, JUST PRIOR TO OPENING OF 28TH WHA. MEETING WILL BE CHAIRED BY UK BUT CHIEF USDEL, DR. THEODORE COOPER, ACTING ASH, WILL LEAD DISCUSSION, (SEE GENEVA 3133). ABRAMS

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1. SUMMARY. SEVERAL MAJOR MILESTONES ACHIEVED BY THE SEVENTH WMO CONGRESS, EXPANDING AND BROADENING WMO ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF METEOROLOGY AND HYDROLOGY. END SUMMARY.

2. AMENDMENTS TO WMO CONVENTION TO BROADEN ITS ACTIVITIES IN FIELD OF OPERATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROVIDES NEW INTERNATIONAL FOCUS FOR THIS WORK. DECISION TO INITIATE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL WEATHER MODIFICATION RESEARCH EFFORT IS DEPARTURE FOR ORGANIZATION IN FIELD OF GROWING SIGNIFICANCE. UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR GLOBAL ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH PROGRAM AND FIRST GARP GLOBAL EXPERIMENT INCLUDING INDICATIONS OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL PARTICIPATION BY MANY COUNTRIES AUGURS WELL FOR THIS PROGRAM.

3. CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR WORLD WEATHER WATCH DEVELOPMENT INSURES SYSTEMATIC IMPROVEMENTS IN WORLDWIDE WEATHER FORECASTING CAPABILITIES OF ALL NATIONS. ADOPTION OF MAJOR NEW EFFORT IN AGRICULTURAL METEOROLOGY IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION SHOULD ENABLE WMO TO MEET COMMITMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ON AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR CLIMATE AND CROPS, PENDING RESOLUTION OF PRACTICAL DETAILS LEFT FOR LATE CONSIDERATION. PROGRAM WILL ALSO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ENABLE THEM TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH IMPROVED AGROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES. CONGRESS ACTION THIS ITEM REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT RESPONSE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER’S INITIATIVE AT SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA.

4. MAXIMUM EXPENDITURES APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS AT REASONABLE FIGURE OF DOLS 40,542,000 ALMOST TWO MILLION DOLLARS BELOW MAXIMUM EXPENDITURES ACCEPTABLE TO US. INCREASE IN SECRETARIAT
RESTRICTED TO TOTAL OF 17 OF POSTS TOTALLING 238. BELIEVE THESE BUDGETARY AND PERSONNEL PROVISIONS SHOULD PERMIT EFFICIENT OPERATION FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS WHILE REDUCING NUMBERS OF WORKING GROUPS AND PAPERWORK. SUPPORT FOR REASONABLE BUDGETARY LEVEL GENERAL THOUGHTOUT CONGRESS.

5. BUDGET RESOLUTION INCLUDES THREE FLEXIBILITY CLAUSES, (A) TO COVER INCREASES IN STAFF SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES RESULTING FROM UN DECISIONS TO EXTENT NOT COVERED BY ECONOMIES; (B) TO COVER EXCHANGE RATE LOSSES UP TO DOLS 500,000; AND (C) TO COVER UNFORESEEN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES OF AN URGENT NATURE UP TO DOLS 500,000, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MEMBERS. SECOND FLEXIBILITY CLAUSE, AS PRESENTED BY SECGEN, PROVIDED COVERAGE ALSO OF INFLATION, BUT THIS DELETED AT US INITIATIVE. ONLY ON THE ISSUE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING AID CONGRESS DID VOTE AMOUNTS SOMewhat LARGER THAN US DESIRED BUT STILL REASONABLE IN VIEW OF OVERALL REDUCTION ACHIEVED FROM SECGEN’S ORIGINAL PROPOSALS.

6. A SUMMARY OF THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY VOTED FOR EACH MAJOR AREA OF ACTIVITY FOLLOWED:

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D. Hydrology and Water Resources Development Programme | 1,900

IV. Technical Cooperation Regional and Training Program | 4,500

V. Programme Supporting Activities | 9,152

VI. Administration and Common Services | 6,900

VII. Other Budgetary Provisions | 1,310

**TOTAL** 40,142

7. CONGRESS ALSO APPROVED SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION FOR SIXTH FINANCIAL PERIOD OF 1.4 MILLION DOLS. THIS AMOUNT, AS RESULT OF INFLATION AND CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS, EXCEEDS RECOMMENDATION OF 26TH EC BY DOLS 300,000, WHICH LATTER AMOUNT WILL BE COVERED BY UNEXPECTED INCOME AND WILL NOT BE ASSESSED AGAINST MEMBERS.

8. POLITICAL ISSUES RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA, SEATING OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS OBSERVERS, ADMISSION OF NORTH VIETNAM AND NORTH KOREA, AND SEATING OF PRG WERE DECIDED ALONG
PREDICTABLE LINES, WITH US TAKING LEAD IN INSISTING THAT WMO CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURE BE SCRUPULOUSLY FOLLOWED.

9. EC ELECTION RESULTS, WHILE REFLECTING COMMON UN TENDENCY TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION LDC'S, DOES NOT APPEAR INDICATE CONSCIOUS ANTI-WESTERN BIAS ON PART OF MAJORITY OR DESIRE ITS PART DENY ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION TO COUNTRIES HAVING ADVANCED WEATHER SERVICES. FAILURE TO HAVE WESTERN REPRESENTATIVE ON BUREAU REQUIRES RECTIFICATION AND POINTS UP NECESSITY OF CAREFUL PLANNING FOR NEXT CONGRESS. FAILURE TO OBTAIN SEAT FOR MASON (UK) ON BUREAU INFLUENCED LARGELY BY PERSONAL ELEMENT. EXPECT ARRANGEMENTS FOR INFORMAL PARTICIPATION OF US IN BUREAU DELIBERATIONS WHICH WILL GIVE NECESSARY VOICE TO WEST IN BUREAU DECISIONS.

10. IN SPITE OF POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES EARLY IN SESSION AND HARD BARGAINING ON BUDGET, CONGRESS CLOSED MAY 23 ON QUIETLY OPTIMISTIC NOTE. HOWEVER, IN A GENERALLY COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING STATEMENT, SOVIET DELEGATE HINTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD DIFFICULTY WITH THE LEVEL OF THE BUDGET AND MIGHT BE FACED WITH SERIOUS PROBLEMS IF EXPENDITURES ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE THE MAXIMUM EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS. DALE

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SUMMARY: 29TH SESSION WMO EC ENDED MAY 30 WITH ADOPTION PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1976, SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION FOR 1975, AND OTHER ACTIONS STEMMING FROM DECISIONS OF JUST-CONCLUDED SEVENTH CONGRESS. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY:

(A) EC ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1976 TOTALLING DOLS 9,401,500 APPROXIMATELY 23 PCT. OF QUADRENNIAL MAXIMUM EXPENDITURE ADOPTED BY CONGRESS FOR SEVENTH FINANCIAL PERIOD. BUDGET PROVIDES FOR TOTAL OF 229 SECRETARIAT POSTS IN 1976, INCREASE OF 7 POSTS OVER PRESENT COMPLEMENT AND 9 FEWER POSTS THAT CEILING OF 238 ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS. UNIT VALUE FOR ASSESSMENTS ON MEMBERS IS DOLS 8,088.64, MAKING U.S. ASSESSMENT, BASED ON 274 UNITS, DOLS 2,216,287.36.

(B) 1975 SUPPLEMENTAL: AS FORECAST DURING SEVENTH CONGRESS, SECRETARIAT PRESENTED ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR 1975 OF $1,249,000 RESULTING FROM SALARY INCREASES AND ALLOWANCES APPROVED BY UN SINCE MAY 1974, OF WHICH SECGEN ABLE ABSORB $449,000 BY EFFECTING ECONOMIES ELSEWHERE IN BUDGET. REMAIN $800,000 WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLEXIBILITY CLAUSE OF BUDGETARY RESOLUTION 24 OF SIXTH CONGRESS. THIS AMOUNT IS IN ADDITION TO INCREASE IN MAXIMUM EXPENDITURE OF $1,400,000 FOR 6TH FINANCIAL PERIOD VOTED BY 7TH CONGRESS, OF WHICH $300,000 WILL BE COVERED BY SAVINGS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

(C) WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 7TH FINANCIAL PERIOD: PURSUANT TO 7TH CONGRESS DECISION, EC ESTABLISHED LEVEL OF WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 7TH FINANCIAL PERIOD (BEGINNING JAN 1, 1976) AT $2 MILLION. AMOUNT DUE FROM MEMBERS PER UNIT OF ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION WILL BE $1,721 COMPARED WITH $752 FOR 6TH FINANCIAL PERIOD. AMOUNT DUE FROM U.S. WILL BE $265,553.

2. REVIEW OF EC PANELS AND OTHER EC BODIES: EC AGREED CONTINUATION WORKING GROUP ON ANTARCTIC METEOROLOGY, AND ALL EC PANELS OF EXPERTS EXCEPT THAT ON METEOROLOGY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. ALSO
AGREED RETAIN FGGE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL (WITH ARGENTINA AND IRAN ADDED); WMO/ICSU ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ON GARP, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OCEANIC METEOROLOGICAL RESEARCH AND SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR IMO PRIZE. GIBBS, AUSTRALIA, TO TAKE OVER CHAIRMANSHIP OF CLIMATE CHANGE PANEL. MEMBERSHIP OF VAP PANEL TO CONSIST OF TAHA (CHAIRMAN), BESSEMOURIN (FRANCE), GIBBS (AUSTRALIA), ISREAL (USSR), SUSENBERGER (FRG), TEMUNGA (UGANDA), WHITE (USA), MOHRI (JAPAN), NOBLE (CANADA), AND PEREIRA (BRAZIL, PRESIDENT OF RA III).

3. EC APPROVED VAP RULES ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS RULES, ONLY CHANGES BEING THOSE NECESSARY TAKE ACCOUNT RELEVANT CONGRESS VII DECISIONS; I.E., ADDITION, WHERE APPROPRIATE, OF REFERENCES TO HYDROLOGY AND SHORT-TERM FELLOWSHIPS AND TRAINING SEMINARS WHERE WWW SUPPORT IS INVOLVED.

4. PROGRAM DECISIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT CONGRESS VII DECISIONS RELATING TO WWW, OCEAN AFFAIRS, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING GARP AND FGGE) AGRO-MET, AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS WERE ADOPTED. ALL DECISIONS IN THIS REGARD WERE COMPATIBLE WITH US OBJECTIVES AND NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED. COMMITTEE APPROVED SCHEDULE FOR FIRST GARP GLOBAL EXPERIMENT (FGGE), AS RECOMMENDED BY JOC, OPERATIONAL PHASE TO TAKE PLACE SEPT 1978 TO AUG 1979. PRVUSANT CONGRESS VII DECISION TO ESTABLISH REGISTER OF WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS AND EXPERIMENTS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES, EC REQUESTED SECGEN TO CIRCULATE QUESTIONNAIRE TO MEMBERS AS UNCLASSIFIED.

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BASIS FOR STARTING REGISTER. EC ALSO CLARIFIED ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (PEP) AND REQUESTED SECGEN TO CALL SESSION OF WEATHER MOD PANEL IN LATE 1975 OR EARLY 1976 TO RECOMMEND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PLANS FOR PEP.

5. EC APPROVED 1975 BUDGET FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY $1,232,000, SUPPORTED FROM OVERHEAD ALLOCATIONS FROM UNDP, EXCEPT, AS DECIDED BY CONGRESS VII, SECGEN MAY HAVE RECURS TO FLEXIBILITY CLAUSE RELATING TO STAFF SALARIES IF, AS RESULT CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS, IT BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE MEET ENTIRE STAFF COST FROM UNDP ALLOCATION. (COST OF STAFF FOR MANAGEMENT VAP REMAINS, AS IN PAST, CHARGE AGAINST REGULAR BUDGET).

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED WMO RAIN AUGMENTATION EXPERIMENT

1. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM UNEP OFFICIALS THAT WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL WEATHER MODIFICATION PROGRAM, AND THAT WE BELIEVE A PRECIPITATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE.

2. WE HOPE THAT UNEP WILL SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION IN THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL WEATHER MODIFICATION PROGRAM.

3. (FYI: THIS WMO RESOLUTION IS RELATED TO THE SAHELIAN RAIN AUGMENTATION EXPERIMENT DEVELOPED BY THE U.S. WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH FROSCH. WMO HAS AGREED TO CONDUCT A LONGER-RANGE EXPERIMENT ON RAIN AUGMENTATION THAN THE U.S. PROPOSED BUT DECIDED TO REVIEW POSSIBLE LOCATIONS INCLUDING THE SAHEL. WE ARE AGREEABLE TO PROCEED IN THIS FASHION.) KISSINGER
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SUBJECT: WMO/UNDP HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PROJECT FOR SAHEL: U.S. CONTRIBUTION

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED LETTER 20 AUGUST 1975 FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF SMO REGARDING INDICATION BY US OF SUPPORT IN RESPECT OF PROJECT "STRENGTHENING OF AGROMETEOROLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES OF THE SAHELIAN COUNTRIES", BEING EXECUTED BY SMO. LETTER REFERS TO STATEMENT MADE BY US PARTICIPANTS AT DONORS' MEETING GENEVA 1 JULY 1975, WHEN US REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT SUM OF $4 MILLION WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.

2. LETTER ALSO POINTS OUT THAT GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS PLEDGED SUBSTANTIAL SUM ON CONDITION THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS WOULD SUPPLEMENT THIS OFFER SO THAT ALTOGETHER TWO THIRDS OF REQUIRED US $9.5 MILLION WOULD BE MET.

3. AS FURTHER DONORS' MEETING ANTICIPATED FOR SEPTEMBER, WMO IS SEEKING WRITTEN STATEMENT CONFIRMING US OFFER IN ORDER THAT NETHERLANDS CAN BE INFORMED THAT THEIR CONDITION HAS BEEN MET, AND A DONORS' MEETING SUBSEQUENTLY ORGANIZED.

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WMO HOPES TO HAVE AN EARLY REPLY TO REFTEL. PLEASE ADVISE IF A DECISION IS LIKELY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. ABRAMS

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**WMO/UNEP INFORMAL MEETING ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF WEATHER MODIFICATION**

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SUMMARY. SUBJECT MEETING, COMPOSED OF LEGAL AND METEOROLOGICAL EXPERTS NOMINATED BY UNEP AND WMO RESPECTIVELY, DRAFTED SIX GENERAL PRINCIPLES RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES. LEGAL EXPERTS WISH TO PROCEED RAPIDLY IN THIS FIELD, BUT METEOROLOGICAL REPRESENTATIVES FELT THE STATE OF ART NOT SUFFICIENTLY DEVELOPED TO JUSTIFY EXTENSIVE CONTROLS AT THIS STAGE.

1. THE WMO/UNEP INFORMAL MEETING ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF WEATHER MODIFICATION WAS HELD AT THE WMO HEADQUARTERS, 17 THROUGH 20 NOV. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS INCLUDED US-CANADA AGREEMENT ON WEATHER MODIFICATION AND US-USSR DRAFT ENMOD TREATY BEFORE THE CCD. MAJOR AGENDA ITEM WAS DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND OPERATING GUIDELINES FOR WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES. DISCUSSION CENTERED PRIMARILY ON WORKING PAPER ON THAT SUBJECT PREPARED BY J.W. SAMUELS (CANADA) AND E.B. WEISS (US) FOR UNEP.

2. UNEP EXPERTS PUSHED HARD FOR AGREEMENT ON SET OF PRINCIPLES THAT WOULD IMPLEMENT STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE 1972 AS THEY MIGHT APPLY TO CLIMATE MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES. GOVERNING COUNCIL REQUESTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO STUDY THE "DESIRABILITY" OF SUCH SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES AND UNEP SECRETARIAT NOW APPEARS TO HAVE DECIDED THAT DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH PRINCIPLES SHOULD PROCEED FORTHWITH. UNEP WISHES TO SEPARATE THIS QUESTION FROM ITS STUDY OF THE REGULATIONS RELATED TO "INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND SHARED NATURAL RESOURCES" AND PERHAPS TO PROVIDE IN THE WEATHER MODIFICATION FIELD A MODEL AND STIMULUS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM. LEGAL EXPERTS AGREED AT THIS MEETING TO FOREGO DISCUSSION OF PRINCIPLES RELATING TO INTENTIONAL AND INADVERTENT CLIMATE MODIFICATION AND TO LIMIT PROPOSALS TO THOSE RELATING TO DELIBERATE INTERFERENCE WITH WEATHER.

3. METEOROLOGICAL EXPERTS FELT GENERALLY THAT ACTION TO ESTABLISH
LEGAL PRINCIPLES IN FIELD OF WEATHER MODIFICATION WAS PREMATURE. QUESTIONS OF POTENTIAL HARM AND TRANSMORDER EFFECTS CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF PRESENT SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE, AND REFERENCE TO SUCH SPECULATIVE EFFECTS MIGHT, IN THEIR VIEW, RAISE UNNECESSARY CONCERN AND ENCOURAGE RATHER THAN PREVENT CONFLICTS.

4. REPORT ADOPTED BY THE MEETING ESPOUSES GENERAL STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE CALLING FOR: THE ATMOSPHERE TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND; THE DEDICATION OF WEATHER MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES; THE INTERNATIONAL REPORTING OF WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES; AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES AND THEIR IMPACTS. RENEWED CONSIDERATION AT A LATER DATE IS PROPOSED FOR QUESTIONS THAT, ACCORDING TO EXPERTS, GO BEYOND THE STATE OF THE ART IN THE SCIENTIFIC FIELD, INCLUDING NOTIFICATION OF STATES THAT MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY ACTIVITIES IN ANOTHER STATE, CONSULTATION, MONITORING, INTERNATIONAL LEGAL REGIMES, LIABILITY OR COMPENSATION.

5. REPORT OF INFORMAL MEETING IS ADDRESSED TO SYG/WMO AND EXDIR UNEP FOR WHATEVER ACTION THEY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE. THE SUBJECT COULD BE BROUGHT UP AT NEXT SESSIONS OF THE UNEP GENERAL COUNCIL AND THE WMO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. DALE

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