ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

1978-1979 Budget Estimates of the
International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT

Note by the Director-General


Section 11B. International Trade Centre

Estimate submitted by the Secretary-General .................. 5,968,000
Estimate recommended by the Advisory Committee ............... 5,552,000
Revised appropriations 1976-1977 .................................. 5,169,200
Initial appropriations 1976-1977 .................................. 4,720,600
Actual expenses 1974-1975 ........................................ 3,659,000

\[a/\] See para. 11B.1 below.

11B.1 As indicated in paragraph 11B.1 of the estimates, the United Nations share of the budget of the joint UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre (ITC) is shown for the first time in a separate budget section. Previously, this item was included in section 11 under the programme heading "Trade promotion".

11B.2 Table 11B.1 of the proposed programme budget shows a 1978-1979 estimate of $5,968,000 for the International Trade Centre. This would represent 50 per cent of the Trade Centre's assessed budget for 1978-1979, the other half to be met by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) under the terms of its agreement with the United Nations for joint financing of the Centre.

11B.3 During discussions between the Advisory Committee and representatives of the Secretary-General it became apparent that questions with regard to several important elements of the proposed budget for the ITC were as yet unresolved. These included matters involving both personnel and accommodation for the Centre.

11B.4 Under the circumstances the Advisory Committee recommends that a new submission be prepared, after the uncertainties referred to above have been settled, for presentation to the Advisory Committee at its autumn 1977 session and to the General Assembly. Pending such a submission the amount recommended by the Advisory Committee for section 11B at this stage corresponds to the appropriations for 1976-1977, recosted at 1977 rates, with the addition of a provision for inflation in 1978-1979.

Provisional reduction recommended

Section 11B. International Trade Centre .................. $416,000