

RECTOR'S STATEMENT

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I am pleased, once again, to have the opportunity to appear before you and to present to this body the University's Supplementary Budget proposal for this biennium. The reason why I have found it necessary to propose a supplementary budget are two-fold. The first is that since I last appeared before you, substantive progress has been made in establishing the World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER) in Helsinki and here I must pay tribute to the very generous financial and other support which the University has received from the Government of Finland. Second, the financial resources of the University, during this biennium, have increased by an amount of US \$693,000 which does not include incomes specifically earmarked for the proposed Institute of Biotechnology (IOB) in Venezuela and for WIDER.

Against this assured and attainable additional income and following consultations with the Committee on Finance and Budget and committee on Institutional and Programmatic Development of the University Council, I have proposed additional activities, the details of which are shown on page 3 and Annex 1 of the document now before you. Additionally, I am proposing an increase to the overall staffing complement of the University of 3 posts and an up-grading of an existing post. I would like to mention that only those posts are proposed which are essential for the development of the University and its programmes and that before doing so, attempts have been made to meet some of the growing needs through the re-deployment of the University's existing staff resources rather than seek new posts.

You will note that against the assured additional income to the University of US \$693,000 I am proposing expenditure of US \$590,000 which will be further reduced by the application of the delayed recruitment factor to the new posts.

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However, as you will have gathered from our supplementary budget proposal, the Institute to which I referred previously - WIDER - is the most significant part of this proposal. Significant in the sense that it has generated a substantial in-flow of funds to the University, earmarked of course, and will enable the University to establish the first of the University's research and training centres as foreseen in the Charter of the University.

#### WIDER

1. The philosophy behind its creation.
2. Its organizational relationship to the University, the Council, and the Rector.
3. Its financial relationships to the overall University budget.
4. The staffing proposals for the Institute - i.e. core academic = 9, co-ordinator plus professional and other support staff, not to exceed about 35 in total.
5. In addition to the core staff, there will be visiting scholars, trainees and fellows/interns.
6. The need to appoint a Director at the ASG level for the following reasons:
  - to enable UNU to attract candidates of the highest possible calibre;
  - to enable him/her to interact at the highest possible level; and
  - that some of the candidates now being considered are already at that level or have been at that level in the UN system.

As has been explained in the document, a realistic and comprehensive programme and budget for WIDER will be prepared after the appointment of its Director and after decisions have been made on the substantive programmes of WIDER. In the meantime, I am requesting the approval of the Council for an over-all indicative budget for WIDER so that the initial institutional building activities can be undertaken and necessary expenses incurred to ensure the smooth development of the WIDER programme of research and training, establishment of its infrastructure, and recruitment of its key academic and administrative personnel.