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of the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust
in the Eastern Region of its Distribution Area in Southwest Asia

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1. Opening

In accordance with the recommendations of the first session of the Executive Committee held in Rome, Italy in January 1995, the second session of the Executive Committee was held in Islamabad, Pakistan on June 21-22, 1995. This meeting took place before the 20th session of the Commission, scheduled to be held during June 25-28, 1995, in Islamabad.

Dr. Muhammed Shafi, Plant Protection Adviser and Director, Department of Plant Protection, Government of Pakistan, as Chairman of the Executive Committee welcomed the delegates from Afghanistan, India and I.R. Iran and the representative of the FAO Headquarters. Mr. Abderrahmane Haïraoui, Head of Locust, Other Migratory Pests and Emergency Operations Group, Plant Production and Protection Division, FAO, thanked the organizers for arranging the session and conveyed a message from the Director, AGP Division, FAO regarding his plans to visit the Region and hoping for improved policy to address the locust problems in the Eastern Region.

2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

According to the 19th session of the Commission, Pakistan was elected as Chairman and India as Vice-Chairman. This position was continued until new elections in the 20th session of the Commission.

3. Election of the Drafting Committee

The Drafting Committee comprises all members attending the second session of the Executive Committee including the FAO Secretariat.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The following agenda was approved for the session:

1. Opening
2. Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee
3. Election of the Drafting Committee
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Research
6. Training
7. Status of recommendations of the 19th Session of the Southwest Asia Commission
8. Recommendations of the Second-Session of the Executive Committee
9. Accounts TF9123 and programme of work and budget, workplan 1995/96
10. Agenda for the 20th Session of the Commission
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5. Research

Considering the potential interest of affected countries and some donors in research on environmental aspects, the Executive Committee felt that a series of research projects on locust control can be formulated by the member countries and supported by funding from donor sources. The Executive Committee, therefore, recommended to the Commission that: (i) FAO to initiate a programme

of research in member countries under regional or international consultation; and (ii) appreciating the efforts of the DG, FAO, for initiation in the Central Region of the Emergency Prevention System for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Disease (EMPRES), the Executive Committee recommended to the Commission to request the DG, FAO to extend this programme to the Southwest Asia Region with sufficient funds under EMPRES.

6. Training

Long-term Fellowships:

6.1 As the 33rd session of the DLCC approved one fellowship for the Region for long term training, a proposal will be made at the next session of the Commission regarding the nomination of one candidate, taking into consideration that such fellowships will be granted in rotation among member countries. The candidate must serve his National organization upon completion of the training according to the established rules of the DLCC. This high-level (Ph.D.) fellowship will be organized by FAO outside of the Region and will be funded under TF9161. The Commission may decide the award of this fellowship to a country and the rotation to be followed for future awards. Alternatively, the cost of this advanced-level fellowship may be utilized for 3-4 MSc level degrees to be obtained from institutes within the Region.

6.2 The Executive Committee recommended to the Commission that one candidate from each member country be trained at the MSc level under TF9123 within the Region.

Radio

6.3 The Executive Committee recommended to the Commission that for radio training, whenever it is scheduled in India and/or Pakistan, 4 persons from I.R Iran and 2 persons Afghanistan, be invited to participate under TF9123.

Exchange Visits

6.4 The Executive Committee recommended to the Commission that the Chairman of the Commission, in consultation with FAO, should send 2 teams, based on representation from the member countries, to affected countries in the Central Region according to the locust situation. These visits are to be funded under TF9123.

Regional Workshop

6.5 The Executive Committee reiterated the recommendation concerning the regional workshop and proposed to the Commission that a practical-based regional workshop should be organized by FAO in collaboration with national experts in the field on Desert Locust Survey and ULV application to be financed outside TF9123.

Remote Sensing

6.6 India requested in the first Executive Committee meeting that a training course be organized for remote sensing technicians within the Region. The Executive Committee requested India to formulate a proposal, estimating the costs of such a course and its benefits to the Region.

7. Status of the Recommendations of the 19th Session

Review of Progress

7.1 Since the last session of the Commission, the majority of the recommendations have been completed or are in the process of being implemented. On behalf of the Secretariat, Mr. Cressman visited the Region in December 1994 to further follow-up on the recommendations. The status of the recommendations was also reviewed at the first session of the Executive Committee in January 1995 in Rome.

Recommendation 1: I.R. Iran/Pakistan joint survey [status: completed]

7.2 A joint ground survey was carried out from mid April to mid May 1995 by one team each from the I.R. Iran and Pakistan. Mr. Cressman, FAO Locust officer, also joined the survey. A final report was produced and distributed to donors and countries.

7.3 Special border surveys were carried out by India and Pakistan during the summer of 1994. A meeting was held on the border on the 7th of every month from June to November. However, the last two meetings were cancelled due to the outbreak of plague in India.

Recommendation 2: Locust Officer visits [status: completed]

7.4 One Locust Officer each from I.R. Iran and Pakistan visited Sudan and Yemen to assess the situation during April 1995. A final report was received by FAO. A visit to Saudi Arabia could not be made.

Recommendation 3: Provision of Technical Assistance by FAO [status: in progress]

7.5 FAO continues to provide technical assistance in the areas of survey and control.

Recommendation 4: Restoration of Commission Seat [status: pending]

7.6 The post associated with the seat was abolished by the FAO Conference in 1991. Since then the Locust Group at FAO Headquarters has assumed the technical responsibilities.

Recommendation 5: Madagascar Trials [status: completed]

Recommendation 6: Radio Training [status: pending]

7.7 FAO is in the process of consulting with radio suppliers regarding provision of national training in Pakistan and India financed under TF9123. If regional expertise can be identified, these could be utilized. Afghanistan could participate in those courses being held in other member countries. I.R. Iran should first establish a radio communications system complimentary to the other member countries.

Recommendation 7: Training in Australia [status: not completed]

7.8 Locust forecasting training in Australia could not be carried out due to a lack of available funds outside TF9123.

Recommendation 8: National survey and control training [status: pending]

7.9 This training should occur when locusts are most likely to be present in order to enhance the current level of expertise in member countries. One national course should be organized for Pakistan and one for India in 1995. Courses should last about one week and concentrate on standardised surveys, ULV control and planning. Training of the trainer should be emphasised. If courses can not be organised

in I.R. Iran and Afghanistan, four Locust Officers from these countries could be sent to the courses in India or Pakistan, financed under TF9123.

Recommendation 9: Training on ground and aerial control [status: pending]

7.10 The identification of the specific needs of the I.R. Iran regarding aerial control training is awaited. A training course on aerial control could be held in Pakistan and use aircraft available from the Plant Protection Department, financed under TF9123. A cost estimate of spray equipment for military helicopters in India is awaited.

Recommendation 10: Information Officer Training [status: completed]

7.11 The designated locust information officer from Iran was trained at FAO Headquarters for one week during the summer of 1994. Follow-up visits by Mr. Cressman to Tehran were made in December 1994 and April 1995. Information officers from India and Pakistan were previously trained at FAO Headquarters.

Recommendation 11: Provision of Training in Afghanistan [status: postponed]

7.12 This was postponed at the suggestion of the Executive Committee until national capacity allows such training. In the meantime, Locust Officers can join training courses in other member countries.

Recommendation 12: Equipment for Afghanistan [status: pending]

7.13 Assistance for the equipment needs of Afghanistan should be sought from donors and perhaps the FAO TCP programme. The Commission may assist these needs on a very limited basis.

Recommendation 13: Special Border Surveys [status: in progress]

7.14 The Executive Committee reiterated that this activity is to be paid by TF9123 and suggested that future amounts be increased to U.S. \$10,000 each for India and Pakistan.

Recommendation 14: Donor Support [status: in progress]

7.15 FAO has discussed this issue with the donors in a number of meetings and consultations and will continue to pursue this matter.

Recommendation 15: Equipment and budget [status: pending]

7.16 I.R. Iran, Pakistan and India each received two vehicles in 1994. A letter of assurance was sent to FAO from the Afghanistan government regarding the use of vehicles. Although GPS units are required for survey and control operations and member countries have very few if any, FAO could not initiate the purchase of such units without a clear recommendation from the Commission.

Recommendation 16: Commission contribution arrears [status: pending]

7.17 Member countries have been requested to pay their arrears as soon as possible.

Recommendation 17: Updating of financial records [status completed]

7.18 Updated records reflecting recent contributions by member countries are presented as another Working Paper.

Recommendation 18: Identification of institutes for locust training [status: in progress]

7.19 Potential institutes within the Region that can provide locust training have been identified. The names of these institutes were submitted to the FAO Fellowships Unit for follow-up on the details of their respective programmes.

Recommendation 19: Fellowships [status: pending]

7.20 Long term and fellowship training was reviewed by the Executive Committee. Nominations from member countries are awaited.

Recommendation 20: Commission convention [status: in progress]

7.21 The FAO Legal Office is in the process of reviewing this convention and will prepare draft of internal procedures and make it available to member countries for comments.

Recommendation 21: Next Session of the Commission [status: completed]

7.22 The 20th Session of the Commission will be held in Islamabad during June 25-28, 1995.

Recommendation 22: Observers at the Commission meetings [status: completed]

7.23 No requests were received from non-members of the Commission to attend the 20th session. The Chairman of the Near East Commission was invited. The donors are not invited to the Commission meeting.

Recommendation 23: Commission meeting follow-up [status: completed]

7.24 The Chairman of the Commission visited FAO in early July 1994 and met with officials on the issue of follow-up of recommendations.

Steps to Improve the Pending Implementation of the Recommendations of the 19th Session

7.25 To further improve the implementation of these recommendations, the Executive Committee, after a lengthy exchange of views, proposed to the Commission to adopt the following steps:

i. Recommendation 2: Locust Officers visits

In the context of exchange visits, the Executive Committee proposed that the Chairman of the Commission may constitute 2 teams, based on representation from the member countries, to visit locust affected countries. The FAO Headquarters will arrange such visits under TF9123.

ii. Recommendation 4: Restoration of Commission Seat

The Executive Committee proposed that the Commission should recommend the restoration of the Commission seat within the Region.

iii. Recommendation 6: Radio Training

It was proposed that Iran should get frequency allocated for radio sets to communicate with Karachi and Jodhpur on the locust situation. On the acceptance of the Government of Iran for

such communication and the allocation of frequency, to be intimated to FAO Headquarters, Iran will be supplied with the Codon-type radio sets.

iv. Recommendation 7: Training in Australia

FAO Secretariat informed the meeting that several possibilities of arranging "outside funds" for training in Australia, had been explored, as was suggested by India. However, since these are not possible to obtain nor is it possible to arrange under the Trust Fund, therefore India should be asked to organize this training on a bi-lateral basis i.e., between the Governments of India and Australia.

v. Recommendation 10: Information Officer Training

In the context of training of Information Officer in Rome, it was proposed that an officer be invited from Afghanistan; the candidate for this training will be nominated by the Government of Afghanistan.

vi. Recommendation 11: Provision of Training in Afghanistan

The Executive Committee proposed that whenever a training programme will be held in India and/or Pakistan, 2 officers from Afghanistan and 4 officers from Iran be invited to participate.

vii. Recommendation 12: Equipment for Afghanistan

On the request of the delegate from Afghanistan and for improving the locust control organization, the Executive Committee proposed to Commission that the following equipment be provided to meet the immediate need in Afghanistan:

- Exhaust Nozzle Sprayers	4
- Hand Sprayers	50
- Radio sets	4

It was agreed that the remaining equipment items, referenced in Annex II of the First Executive Committee report, will be considered by the Commission as per availability of funds and/or emergency need.

viii. Recommendation 15: Equipment

As FAO has received the required assurance from the Government of Afghanistan regarding the use of vehicle for locust operations only, the Executive Committee proposed to provide one vehicle to Afghanistan as recommended by the 19th session of the Commission.

ix. Recommendation 19: Fellowships

The Commission should ask nominations from member countries for the advanced-level long-term Ph.D. fellowship. This fellowship is funded by FAO under TF9161 and is organized outside the Region. Alternatively, the cost of this advanced-level fellowship may be utilized for 3-4 MSc level degrees to be obtained from institutes within the Region.

x. Recommendation 22: Observers at Commission meetings

The meeting was informed that no requests have been received from non-members of the Commission to attend the 20th session. In this context, FAO needs to initiate invitation to the three Central Asian States i.e., Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan, to attend the

Commission meetings either as members of the Commission or as observers. Also, certain "donors" e.g., U.S.A., Holland, U.K., France, Germany, Japan and the Islamic Development Bank, need to be invited as observers. In the context of observers' attendance, two additional points were proposed: (i) observers' attendance will be at their own expense; and (ii) the official working language of the Commission will be English.

8. Recommendations of the Second Session of the Executive Committee

8.1 In addition to discussing steps to improve the implementation of the earlier formulated recommendations, the Executive Committee also proposed the following set of new recommendations:

- i. **Equipment:** Pakistan requested 10 sets of ground-to-air communication system to facilitate contact while the aircraft is flying. The Executive Committee proposed to recommend this demand to the Commission for approval.
- ii. **Research:** Considering the potential interest of affected countries and some donors in research on environmental aspects, the Executive Committee felt that a series of research projects on locust control can be formulated by the member countries and supported by funding from donor sources. The Executive Committee, therefore, decided to recommend to the Commission that:
(a) FAO to initiate a programme of research in member countries under regional or international consultation; and (ii) appreciating the efforts of the Director-General, FAO, for initiation in the Central Region of the Emergency Prevention System for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Disease (EMPRES), the Executive Committee decided to recommend to the Commission to request the Director-General, FAO to extend this programme to the Southwest Asia Region with sufficient funds under EMPRES.
- iii. **Representation at the Near East Commission's Sessions:** The Executive Committee recommended that the Chairman of the Commission or his nominee will participate in the sessions of the Near East Commission, on a reciprocal basis.
- iv. **Visit of the Chairman to FAO Headquarters:** The Executive Committee recommended to the Commission that after the Commission's session, the Chairman of the Commission should go to FAO Headquarters in Rome to present the Commission's recommendations and for follow-up to the high-level authorities at the Headquarters, arranged by FAO's Secretariat. The Chairman will meet member countries' representatives at FAO and will brief them on follow-up of Commission's recommendations.

9. Accounts TF9123 and programme of work & budget, and workplan 1995/96

9.1 The Executive Committee thoroughly reviewed the budget (Trust Fund 9123 Budget and Expenditure for 1993-95) presented by the FAO Secretariat (see working paper No. 3 attached hereto) and focused on the following issues:

i. Non-payment of Arrears

The Executive Committee stressed that in order to ensure continuity in the Commission's activities and improve its performance, the member countries are required to pay their arrears of the contributions.

The delegate from Afghanistan pointed out that his country has recently transmitted \$ 5,500 to Rome, as arrears for two years 1992 and 1993. He supported his statement with a copy of the transmittal voucher. He further informed that the contributions for 1994 and 1995 are under

process. The Executive Committee, appreciating Afghanistan's effort to make this payment, asked FAO to check this position.

The representative of Pakistan also claimed payment and clearance of all dues. The representative of I.R. Iran said that some progress is being achieved and payment will be made in 4 instalments, beginning some time this year. The Executive Committee appreciated the efforts of the member countries to arrange for payments of contributions.

In case there is no progress in the payment of these arrears, the Chairman of the Commission will visit the concerned member countries to find a solution to the payment problem. On these visits, the Chairman will be accompanied by the Secretary of the Commission. FAO will arrange these visits.

ii. Budget Document to be sent in advance

The Executive Committee requested the FAO Secretariat that, in future, the budget documents should be sent well in advance to the member countries to allow time for review as well as clarifications from FAO, if required.

iii. Clarifications requested

The Executive Committee requested clarification from FAO on the following items of the Budget: Reference Table 1; Code 4000

Items:	
-Freight, incidental, POL	\$12,764

9.2 The Executive Committee sought clarification from FAO Secretariat as to the nature of these expenses and the reasons for the high expense on these items, especially in comparison to 1993.

Reference: Table 2; Code 4000

Items:	
-Commission report	\$ 1,500
-Letters of Invitation	\$ 150

9.3 The meeting sought clarification on the high cost of preparation of the Commission report. The Executive Committee recommended to the Commission that FAO has to provide all these services as it charges a 13% project servicing cost (ref. budget line 9100).

The meeting also inquired about the nature of "erroneous charge" in Code 2000.

Reference Table 6; Workplan 1995/96 Pg. 4 of 5

The Executive Committee recommended the following to the Commission:

-Reference Item (4) Equipment:

(a) The number of GPS units should be increased as follows: 20 each for India and Pakistan; 10 for I.R. Iran; and 5 for Afghanistan. This would increase the total cost of these units from \$ 40,000 to \$ 55,000.

(b) One car is allocated to Afghanistan. Other member countries should get one car each.

-Reference Item (5) 20th Session of the Commission

9.4 According to the Convention, the cost of FAO HQ staff travel to attend the sessions of the Commission and Executive Committee meetings is to be charged under regular programme of FAO and not to TF9123.

9.5 In exceptional circumstances, besides the approved plan, the FAO Secretariat should not use Commission funds without obtaining the approval of the Chairman of the Commission.

9.6 After the discussion, the Executive Committee recommended to the Commission to adopt the budget, with the suggested clarifications.

10. Agenda for the 20th Session of the Commission

The Executive Committee discussed and proposed the following agenda for the 20th session of the Commission:

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2. Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Commission
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Election of the Drafting Committee
5. The desert locust situation 1994-95 and Outlook for the summer of 1995
6. Review of the desert locust survey and control activities carried out by the member countries during 1994-95
7. Anti-locust survey and control potential available in member countries of the Commission
8. Review of recommendations of the 19th Session and progress made
9. Review and Approval of the Report of the Second Session of the Executive Committee.
10. Commission activities in the region
11. Assistance to member countries
12. Accounts TF9123 and programme of work and budget, workplan 1995/96
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15. Any Other Business
16. Date and Place of the next session
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It was recommended to the Commission that the Executive Committee should meet at least once a year, and one of the meetings may be connected with the meeting of the DLCC which is held every two years. *in ROME (FAO HQ).*

12. The Adoption of the Report

The Report of the Second Session of the Executive Committee was adopted for consideration and approval by the Commission.

13. Closure of meeting

The Executive Committee appreciated the Chairman for his able management of the current session. The Committee acknowledged the generous hospitality and the efforts of the Government of

Pakistan and the Department of Plant Protection in facilitating the Committee session. The Committee also acknowledged the FAO Secretariat for providing the working papers and other assistance. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to the Secretariat for the well-prepared and organized meeting and to the delegates of the member countries for their useful contribution during the meeting.

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**20TH SESSION OF THE FAO COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING
THE DESERT LOCUST IN THE EASTERN REGION
OF ITS DISTRIBUTION AREA IN SOUTHWEST ASIA
AND
2ND SESSION OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Islamabad, Pakistan, 21-28 June 1995

TRUST FUND 9123 BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1993-95

1. Accounts for 1993 to 1995.

The accounts of this Trust Fund, final for 1993 and 1994 and provisional for 1995, are summarized in Table 1, indicating the total yearly expenditure and by object of expenditure.

Table 2 indicates the details of the expenditure according to each budget line.

Table 3 provides the provisional expenditures up to 16 June 95 including present financial commitments for 1995.

Tables 1 to 3 are submitted to the Commission for their approval.

2. Status of Contributions to Trust Fund 9123.

Table 5 indicates the outstanding contributions up to 31 December 1994, the contributions due for 1995, the contributions received up to 31.5.95 and the total outstanding as of 31.5.95.

3. Programme of Work & Budget for 1995/96.

Table 4 reflects the previously approved yearly budget for 1994/95. The budget for 1995/96 is submitted for approval by the Commission.

Table 6 indicates the Workplan 1995/96 as approved by the 1st Session of the Executive Committee, held 23-25 January 95 in Rome. This workplan is submitted to the Commission for their approval and subsequent adjustment of the budgets for 1995 and 1996 in line with the approved workplan 95/96.

In order to facilitate the budgetary control for FAO Administration it is desirable that the Commission approves the revised budget for 1995 and 96.

4. Activities from TF 9161 and other unidentified donors.

Tables 7 and 8 provide a list of information for funding under TF 9161 and donors still to be identified. Point for discussion to the meeting.

TABLE 1

TRUST FUND NO. 9123.00 - MTF/RAS/001/MUL
Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust
in South West Asia

Budget and Expenditures for the period 1993-95

	Budget 1990-95	Receipt/Expend. 1993 (final)	Receipt/Expend. 1994 (final)	Receipt/Expend. 1995 (provisional)
<u>Receipts</u>				
Balance brought forward from previous year	-	272,088.50	394,113.90	267,581
Contributions	71,450	111,183.86	35,735.21	12,526*
Interest	-	7,526.43	12,293.53	-
Total	71,450	390,798.79	442,142.74	280,107
<u>Code Personnel Services</u>				
1100 Short-term experts casual labour	7,000	-	-	-
13000 Admin. Support	-	-	-	-
<u>Travel</u>				
2000 Sessions of Commission, survey teams	15,000	-3,060.85**	14,948.793	33,814
<u>Contractual Services</u>				
3000 Transl., print.	1,810	-	-	-
<u>General Operating Expenses</u>				
4000 Freight, incidental, POL.	2,000	705.58	9,678.00	12,764
<u>Expendable Equipment</u>				
5000 Pesticides, supplies	7,000	2,011.99	-	-
<u>Non-Expendable Equipment</u>				
6000 Control, transport, radio survey	20,000	-	125,111.00	-
<u>Fellowships & Grants</u>				
8000 High-level and other frequencies	12,000	-2,448.00	13,596.52	697
Sub-Total	64,810	-2,791.28	163,334.31	47,275
<u>Project Servicing Costs</u>				
9000 5% of codes 50 & 60, 13% of codes 10,20,30, 40 & 80	6,265	-523.83	11,226.00	1,472

Receipt/Expend.	Budget	Receipt/Expend.		Receipt/Expend.
	1990-95	1993	1994	1995
		(final)	(final)	(provisional)
Unallocated balance	375	-	-	-
Total	71,450	-3,315.11	174,560.00	48,747¹
RESERVE FUND	-	394,113.90	267,581.00	-

* As of 31.5.95.
 ** The minus sign means a credit to the project

¹ As of 16.6.95

TABLE 2

TRUST FUND NO. 9123.00 - MTF/RAS/001/MUL
 Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust
 in South West Asia

Details of Expenditures incurred for the period 1993-94

	1993 (final)	1994 (final)
2000 <u>Travel</u>		
- 18th session of the Commission, India, 1991 Travel of delegates (recovery)	-3,060.85	
- Duty Travel HQ Officer to Iran and Pakistan, 4-16/12/94 to follow-up on Commission's recommendations		4,130.00
- 19th session of the Commission, Iran, 5 to 9/2/94, Travel of delegates		4,958.96
- Travel of Chairman to FAO HQ for revision of Commission's activities 5 to 9/7/94		2,081.00
- Individual Training of Iranian Plant Protection Officer to FAO HQ in Desert Locust Information & Forecasting, 8 to 12/8/94		2,676.83
- Travel of Chairman to Cairo, Egypt, December 94 to attend EMPRES meeting and meeting of the Near-East Commission (DSA only for period (1-20/12/94)		424.00
- Erroneous charge to the Commission's TF (amendment will be reflected in 1995 accounts)		678.00
<u>Sub-total 2000</u>	<u>-3,060.85</u>	<u>14,948.79</u>
4000 <u>General Operating Expenses</u>		
- Desert locust border survey (Pakistan)	-	5,000.00
(India)	-	5,000.00
- Hospitality costs, 19th session of the Commission Teheran, February 1994	-	769.00
- General operating expenses for IGR field tests, Tulear, Madagascar, May 1994 (allotment advice)	-	200.00
- Commission report (DPR)	705.58	-
- Commission report 19th session (DPR)	-	1,500.00
- Letters of invitation to 1st Session of the Commission Executive Committee, Rome, Jan. 1995	-	150.00
- Credits	-	-2,941.00*
<u>Sub-total 4000</u>	<u>705.58</u>	<u>9,678.00</u>

* The minus sign means a credit to the fund.

5000	<u>Expendable Equipment</u>		
-	Spare parts (on allotment advice to Pakistan)	2,011.99	=
6000	<u>Non-expendable Equipment</u>		
-	Toyota Land-Cruiser 4x4 Station Wagon, diesel and Toyota Hilux 4x4, double cabin, pick-up, diesel (India) (PO 47758)	-	42,215.48
	(Pakistan) (PO 47753)	-	42,092.54
	(Iran) (PO 47727)	-	40,612.60
-	Allotment advice for FAO Madagascar for renting of vehicles for IGR tests, Tulear, May 1994	-	1,300.00
-	Credits	-	-1,109.62
	Sub-total 6000	-	<u>125,111.00</u>
8000	<u>Fellowships & Training</u>		
-	Training of 4 Plant Protection Officers from Afghanistan, India, Iran and Pakistan at Ciba-Geigy, Montreux, Switzerland, 1991		
	Recovery against commitments	-2,448.00	
-	Mission costs of 4 Plant Protections Officers from Afghanistan, India, Iran and Pakistan participating in IGR tests, Tulear, Madagascar, May 1994	-	13,596.52
		-2,448.00	<u>13,596.52</u>
9100	<u>Project Servicing Costs</u>		
-	5% of codes 50 & 60; 13% of codes 10, 20, 30, 40 & 60	-523.83	11,226.00
	Total	<u>-3,315.11</u>	<u>174,560.00</u>

TABLE 3

TRUST FUND NO. 9123.00 - MTF/RAS/001/MUL
 Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust
 in South West Asia

Provisional Expenditures for 1995

2000	<u>Travel</u>	
-	1st Session of the Commission Executive Committee Meeting, Rome, January 95 (4 delegates)	11 235
-	20th Session and 2nd Executive Committee Meeting, Islamabad, 21-28 June 95 (3 delegates)	4,913
-	Pakistan/Iran locust survey	17,666
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		33,814
4000	<u>General Operating Expenses</u>	
-	Meeting Islamabad, 21-28 June 95	2,500
-	Operating Expenses Pakistan/Iran locust survey	10,264
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		12,764
8000	<u>Fellowships and Training</u>	
-	Training	697
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	TOTAL	47,275

TABLE 4

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 in South West Asia

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR 1994/95

<u>Code</u>		\$
1100	Personnel Services	7,000
2000	Travel	15,000
3000	Contractual Services	1,810
4000	General Operating Expenses	2,000
5000	Expendable Equipment	7,000
6000	Non-Expendable Equipment	20,000
8000	Fellowships and Training	12,000
	Sub-Total	<u>64,810</u>
9000	Project Servicing Costs:	
	5% of codes 50 & 60	
	13% of codes 10, 20, 30, 40 & 80	6,265
	Unallocated balance	375
	TOTAL	<u>71,450</u>

Note:

As agreed by the Fifth Session of the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the eastern region of its distribution area in South-West Asia, the budget should be regarded as flexible (subject to the overall limit of expenditure and to the type of activity specified), in that the amount allocated for a particular purpose may be increased or decreased at the discretion of FAO to meet the changing needs of the locust situation.

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PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR 1994/95

<u>Code</u>	\$
1100 Personnel Services	7,000
2000 Travel	15,000
3000 Contractual Services	1,810
4000 General Operating Expenses	2,000
5000 Expendable Equipment	7,000
6000 Non-Expendable Equipment	20,000
8000 Fellowships and Training	12,000
Sub-Total	<u>64,810</u>
9000 Project Servicing Costs:	
5% of codes 50 & 60	
13% of codes 10, 20, 30, 40 & 80	6,265
Unallocated balance	375
TOTAL	<u>71,450</u>

Note:

As agreed by the Fifth Session of the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the eastern region of its distribution area in South-West Asia, the budget should be regarded as flexible (subject to the overall limit of expenditure and to the type of activity specified), in that the amount allocated for a particular purpose may be increased or decreased at the discretion of FAO to meet the changing needs of the locust situation.

TABLE 5

**TRUST FUND No. 9123.00 – MTF/RAS/001/MUL –
Inter-Regional – Commission for the Control of Desert Locust in the East Region**

Status of Contribution as at 31 MAY 1995
(expressed in US\$)

Member Governments	Outstanding 31/12/1994	Contribution due for 1995	Received up to 31/05/1995	Outstanding 31/05/1995
AFGHANISTAN	8,250.00	2,750.00		11,000.00
INDIA *	19,911.46	27,000.00		46,911.46 *
IRAN	234,928.91	25,000.00		259,928.91
PAKISTAN	46,955.25	16,700.00	12,525.75	51,129.50
TOTALS	310,045.62	71,450.00	12,525.75	368,969.87

* 25% paid in local ccy through Imprest/Acc.

TABLE 6

TRUST FUND No 9123.00 - MTF/RAS/001/MUL
 Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust
 in South West Asia

WORKPLAN 1995/96

The Executive Committee agreed on the below-mentioned activities to be financed from TF 9123.

(1) Desert Locust border survey Pakistan/Iran, 20 April to 15 May 1995:	
(For cost estimate 30 days are counted)	
15 days for 10 team members at US \$ 56 (UN per diem in Pakistan)	= US \$ 8400
15 days for 2 team members at US \$ 100 (lower than UN p.d. in Iran)	= US \$ 3000
15 days for 3 team members at US \$ 70 (lower than UN p.d. in Iran)	= US \$ 3150
15 days for 5 team members at US \$ 39 (National UN p.d. for Iranians in Iran)	= US \$ 2925
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total per diem	US \$ 17 475
Fuel at US \$ 100/day for 30 days (50 % to Iran and same to Pakistan)	= US \$ 3000
GOE Iran	= US \$ 2500
GOE Pakistan	= US \$ 2500
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total survey in Pakistan/Iran	US \$ 25 475
rounded to	US \$ 25 000
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Implementation modality: Authorize the FAO Representations in Pakistan and Iran to disburse funds to the head of the national plant protection offices. Country team leaders will be in-charge of mission teams in their respective areas during the surveys. Survey experts will travel by their Government cars, no air-travel involved.

Action to be taken immediately in line with the recommendation of the 19th Session of the Commission. It is to be noted that the 19th Session report indicates TF 9161 as funding source for this activity. In view of the discussions of the Executive Committee on this point it is clear that any reference to TF 9161 is erroneous, as the survey within the South-West Asia Region (Iran/Pakistan) is to be financed by its own Commission Trust Fund, TF 9123.

(2) Special Border Survey India/Pakistan:

date: Sept/Oct 95 at US \$ 10 000 per country

total cost US \$ 20 000

(3) Training:

Training courses/technical assistance to I.R. Iran:

1- Codan Radio Training Courses in:

India
Pakistan

duration: 1 week in each country;

lecturer: CODAN technician, if not available (meaning to pay his honorarium) then countries to identify a local expert;

date: to be fixed and depending on final approval of the Commission on the 95/96 TF 9123 Workplan.

estimated cost: CODAN travel cost (ticket + per diem) US \$ 4 000

local per diem Pakistan = 3 000

local per diem India = 3 000

total cost 10 000

2- Study to establish radio network in Iran.

Modalities not decided upon by the Committee. Possibility is to provide a radio expert from either Pakistan or India (release from their Government) to visit I.R. Iran and advise on radio network.

Date: not determined, to be confirmed by the Commission;

Estimated cost: ticket and per diem for 14 days travel within I.R. Iran, US \$ 3 500.

3- Training courses on ground sprayers, ULVA Mast, one course each for India, Pakistan and Iran for one week.

lecturer: ULVA Mast technician, alternatively Mr. Dobson of NRI.

date: to be fixed and to be confirmed by the Commission

estimated cost: ticket + per diem ULVA expert US \$ 4 250

local per diem Pakistan = 3 000 ?

local per diem I.R. Iran = 3 000 ?

local per diem India = 3 000 ✓

total cost 13 250

If lecturer is from NRI add minimum US \$ 10 000.

4- Regional Training Course on locust survey and control:

All four countries with lecturers from the region assisted by FAO.

Date and place: to be fixed and approved by the Commission.

Estimated cost: 5 persons per country for 4 countries

duration 10 days:

Per diem and travel = 15 000

Lecture cost = 5 000

International experts = 10 000

total cost 30 000

5- National Training Courses on locust survey/control:

Date and place: I.R. Iran for one week between March and June 95, if not then 4 persons to join the course either in Pakistan or India to be both held in September 1995.

Duration: one week in each country, date to be fixed and confirmed by the Commission; Afghanistan to be invited at one course.

Estimated cost:

Pakistan = 3 000

India = 3 000

Travel cost for AFG = 2 000

total cost 8 000

6- Aerial Application of Pesticides for Locust Control:

Place and date: PPD Karachi to be fixed and confirmed by the Commission

Estimated cost: Pilots and engineers from I.R. Iran to attend:

4 persons ticket + per diem = 6 000

Local operating expenses in Karachi = 1 000

total cost 7 000

7- Individual Training - Masters.

Four Masters, 2 years study for each of India, I.R. Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan within the Region to start in 1995.

Nominations to follow for presentation at the next Commission Session in June 1995 for approval by the Commission.

Estimated cost for study within the region: US \$ 16 000 per person/year

Total cost for 4 persons:	year 1 (1995)	= 64 000
	year 2 (1996)	= 64 000

total cost		128 000
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(4) Equipment:

- Afghanistan - one vehicle to be supplied upon confirmation of its use through an official letter from the Afghanistan authorities. Last Commission Session had already approved this supply.

Cost = US \$ 25 000

- One more car for each Commission member country:

Cost of 4 cars = US \$ 100 000

- GPS 10 units per country at US \$ 1000

total cost = US \$ 40 000

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(5) 20th Session of the Commission in Pakistan, June 1995:

Travel of 3 delegates = US \$ 2 000

per diem 10 days including Executive Committee meeting = US \$ 3 500

Local meeting cost = US \$ 1 000

One FAO HQ staff travel = US \$ 3 500

total meeting cost = US \$ 10 000

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15 000

Activities for 1995:

(1) Long-Term Fellowship, one person for 3/4 years - candidate to be decided by the next Commission Meeting:

(2) Inter-regional Survey of Desert Locust: One person each from India, Pakistan and I.R. Iran to visit Saudi Arabia and/or Yemen as of early March 1995 for 2-3 weeks to join the local national survey teams. Meeting point is to be Jeddah. One FAO officer also to join.

FAO HQ to approach the Saudi and Yemen authorities for approval and in the meantime the above-mentioned three Commission countries will submit nominations by latest mid February 1995.

Furthermore, FAO confirms in writing to the three countries the request for survey expert nominations.

At the same time, FAO will invite Saudi Arabia and Yemen to nominate their survey experts to join the India and Pakistan survey operations during the summer of 1995.

TABLE 8

Proposed activities under other unidentified funding sources

Source to be identified for activities in 1995/96:

(1) Training in Australia for one Indian:

Study tour to Australia for Desert Locust forecasting and reporting. The same proposal for one person from Pakistan and I.R. Iran. Australia to be invited to pay the training fees.

(2) Remote Sensing equipment for India:

Equipment for approximately US \$ 13 000 is required to improve the Remote Sensing Centre at the Locust Warning Organisation in India for use in India and the Region. Possible funding source could be the FAO Remote Sensing project which is to be funded by Belgium in 1995.

If no donor is identified, the Commission to approve funding from TF9123.

(3) Helicopter spray equipment

A number of spray units are requested for use on military helicopters in India, including training and technical assistance. India will submit a proposal to FAO for funding.