APPENDIX

A MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING & REPORTING SYSTEM



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A. DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM ELEMENTS

1. PREFACE

This section of the Appendix presents a preliminary description of the reports to be produced by the management accounting and reporting system, the data elements required to produce these reports, their associated coding structures and the principal sources for data to be collected.

The reporting system is described in considerable detail for the conventional planning and results reporting functions. However, a further reporting area, that of program evaluation, was beyond the scope of this study. This area requires considerable effort by IDRC management and staff to determine the qualitative and quantitative measurement to be applied.

The data elements required for the report production are of three distinct types. The General Ledger consists of the information required to produce the financial statements and budget and actual comparative reports. Information concerning Program Projects is for use in the production of reports related to projects that are in either the presigning or post-signing stages. It includes the completion dates for significant events and forecasts of cash flows. The last set of data, the General Journal, is closely related to the requirements of an accounting system, since it consists of all the entries posted to the General Ledger.

A further feature that is fundamental to the relationship between the data and the reports is the development of well structured coding systems. The major coding systems proposed are described in this Appendix. However, the allocation of the actual code numbers will be carried out in the detailed design stage.

The detailed specification of procedures governing the collection of basic data will be undertaken during detailed design. In principle, data should be collected at the earliest point in its life - at the source if possible - and should be authorized for use in the system. No change in form should have taken place prior to its entry into the system. The system itself will perform the required processing of data. Sources for the required data are listed in this Appendix.

2. REPORTS

Illustrations of the proposed reports are presented in the following pages, along with narratives which explain the purpose, content and production frequency of each. The reports proposed in this system are:

- a) Balance Sheet
- b) Statement of Operations
- c) Summary Analysis of Expenses
- d) General Administration Expenses Departmental Summary
- e) General Administration Expenses Departmental Cost Analysis
- f) Project Administration Expenses Divisional Analysis by Object
- g) Project Administration Expenses Activity Cost Analysis
- h) Project Expenses Divisional Summary by Object
- i) Project Expenses Divisional Summary by Activity
- j) Project Expenses World Area Analysis by Activity
- k) Project Expenses Divisional Analysis of Commitments by Purpose
- 1) Project Expenses Activity Summary by Object
- m) Project Expenses Activity Summary by Project
- n) Project Financial Report
- o) Project Status Report
- p) Cash Management Plan
- q) Divisional Cash Requirements Forecast
- r) Projected Divisional Cash Flow
- s) Divisional Appropriation/Commitment Status
- t) Divisional Administration Cost Ratios by Activity
- u) Program Cost Ratios Administration
 - Salary
 - Travel

BALANCE SHEET

PURPOSE:

To show the financial position of the Centre.

FREQUENCY:

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

This report groups the assets and liabilities into contemporary accounting classifications and shows the comparative figures for the same month in the prior year.

BALANCE SHEET

	Period End	ed
	<u>1973</u>	972
400		
ASSETS		
CASH		
MARKETABLE SECURITIES		
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
PREPAID EXPENSES		
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LIABILITIES AND	SURPLUS	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITY	TIES	
ADVANCES - C.I.D.A.		
SURPLUS		
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

PURPOSE:

To show the operating results of the Centre.

FREQUENCY:

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

This report shows amounts for the year to date of:

- (1) revenue by principal sources,
- (2) expenses for projects and administration.
- (3) excess of revenue over expenses, and
- (4) surplus, including adjustments.

Comparative figures for the same period in the prior year also are presented.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	Period	Ended
	1972-	1971 -
	1973	1972
REVENUE		
GOVERNMENT GRANT		
INTEREST		
OTHER		
EXPENSES		
PROJECT		
ADMINISTRATION		
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		
SURPLUS - BEGINNING OF PERIOD		
SURPLUS - END OF PERIOD		

SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES

PURPOSE:

To present an analysis of operating costs by major program and administrative area.

FREQUENCY.

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

This report presents in summary form for the year to date the project expenses by program areas and the administration expenses by program area and administrative area (responsibility centre).

Comparison is made to the equivalent period in the prior year as well as with the current annual budget and the budget for the current year to date.

SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES

			Period	Ended
	Budge Fiscal Year	t	Acti To [
	Ending March 31, 1973	Year To Date	1972- 1973	1971- <u>1972</u>
PROJECT EXPENSES				
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITION SCIENCES				
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMAN RESOURCES				
INFORMATION SCIENCES				
POPULATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES				
INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE				
CANADA AND DONOR AGENCIES				-
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES				
PROJECT ADMINISTRATION				
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITION SCIENCES				
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMAN RESOURCES				
INFORMATION SCIENCES				
POPULATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES				
INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE				
CANADA AND DONOR AGENCIES	. ,			
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		-		
BOARD OF GOVERNORS				
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD				
PRESIDENT				
SECRETARY				
TREASURER				
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION				
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION				
				
TOTAL EXPENSES				:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARY

PURPOSE:

To present an analysis of the current status of

departmental administration expenses.

FREQUENCY.

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

This report presents for each non program administrative function or department the object breakdown of expenses. Budget and prior year's figures are also shown.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARY

Department			
Responsible Person			Period End
	Budget		Actual
	Fiscal Year	Year	1072- 1071-
	Ending March 31, 1973	To <u>Date</u>	1972- 1971- <u>1973 1972</u>
SALARIES BENEFITS			
TRAVEL			
EQUIPMENT			
SUPPLIES			
OTHER			

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES
DEPARTMENTAL COST ANALYSIS

PURPOSE:

To present a detailed analysis of administration expenses for each functional cost centre within a department.

FREQUENCY:

Monthly,

DESCRIPTION:

This report presents for each departmental cost centre a summary by object of expenses for the current year to date. Total and year to date budgets and prior year's expenses also are shown.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES DEPARTMENTAL COST ANALYSIS

			De de Code
esponsible Person			Period Ende
	Budget		Actual
	Fiscal Year	Year	
	Ending	То	1972- 1971-
	March 31, 1973	<u>Date</u>	<u>1973</u> <u>1972</u>
SALARIES			
BENEFITS			
TRAVEL			
EQUIPMENT			
SUPPLIES			
OTHER		· ·	-
OTHER			

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES DIVISIONAL ANALYSIS BY OBJECT

PURPOSE:

To present an analysis of project administration

expenses in the division.

FREQUENCY:

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

This report presents a divisional summary by object of the administration expenses which support program activities. Total and year to date budgets and prior year's expenses also

are shown,

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

DIVISIONAL ANALYSIS BY OBJECT

Division			
Responsible Person			Period Ended
			. *
	Budget		Actual
	Fiscal Year	Year	
	Ending	То	1972- 1971-
	March 31, 1973	Date	<u>1973</u> <u>1972</u>
SALARIES			
BENEFITS			
TRAVEL			
EQUIPMENT			
SUPPLIES			
OTHER			<u> </u>

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES
ACTIVITY COST ANALYSIS

PURPOSE:

To present an analysis of administration expenses for each activity in the program area.

FREQUENCY:

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

This report presents for each activity in the program area the year to date administration expenses by object. Total and year to date budgets and prior year's expenses also are shown.

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES ACTIVITY COST ANALYSIS

Activity				
Responsible Person			Period Ended]
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	Budget		Actual	
	Fiscal Year	Year	<u> </u>	
	Ending	То	1972- 1971-	
	March 31, 1973	<u>Date</u>	<u>1973</u> <u>1972</u>	
SALARIES				
BENEFITS	,			
TRAVEL				
EQUIPMENT				
SUPPLIES				
ATUED				
OTHER				
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PROJECT EXPENSES

DIVISIONAL SUMMARY BY OBJECT

PURPOSE:

To present an analysis of project costs by object

within the division.

FREQUENCY:

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

A separate report for each program division will show project expenses by object for the year to

date compared to the expenses for the comparable

period in the prior year.

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PROJECT EXPENSES DIVISIONAL SUMMARY BY OBJECT

Division		
Responsible Person		Period Ended
	1972- 1973	1971 - 1972
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
GRANTS		
SUPPLIES		
RENT		
EQUIPMENT		
TRAINING	•	
TRAVEL		
CONSULTANTS		
CONFERENCES		
OTHER		
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PROJECT EXPENSES

DIVISIONAL SUMMARY BY ACTIVITY

PURPOSE:

To present an analysis of the project expenses

for each activity in the program area in terms of

budget and actual expenses.

FREQUENCY:

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

This report presents for each activity in the program area the expenses for the year to date.

Total and year to date budgets and prior year's

expenses also are shown.

PROJECT EXPENSES DIVISIONAL SUMMARY BY ACTIVITY

vision				
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esponsible Person			Date 1	Prepared
`	Budget Fiscal Year	Year	<u>Actu</u>	<u>aı</u>
	Ending	To	1972-	1971
	March 31,1973	Date	1973	197
CROPS				
FISHERIES				
FISHERIES				
ANIMALS				
FORESTRY				
NUTRITION AND HOME				
SCIENCES				
RURAL DEVELOPMENT				
SYSTEMS				
DIVISIONAL ACTIVITY PROJECTS				
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PROJECT EXPENSES

WORLD AREA ANALYSIS BY ACTIVITY

PURPOSE:

To provide an analysis of project costs and

commitments by world area for the year to

date.

FREQUENCY:

Quarterly

DESCRIPTION:

This report will present for each world area

the dollars committed and spent to date in the current year by program area and activity.

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PROJECT EXPENSES WORLD AREA ANALYSIS BY ACTIVITY

told Area		Destad E de
orld Area	and the second s	Period Ended
	Commitment 1972 - 1973	Expense <u>1972 - 1973</u>
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITION SCIENCES		
CROPS		
FISHERIES		
ANIMALS		
FORESTRY		
NUTRITION AND HOME SCIENCES		
RURAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS	•	
DIVISIONAL ACTIVITY PROJECTS		
POPULATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES		
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMAN RESOURCE	ES .	
INFORMATION SCIENCES		

PROJECT EXPENSES

DIVISIONAL ANALYSIS OF COMMITMENTS BY PURPOSE

PURPOSE:

To analyze by activity area within each division the purpose of commitments made during the

current year.

FREQUENCY:

Quarterly

DESCRIPTION:

This report shows for each activity within a

division the purposes for which the commitments

during the current year were made.

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PROJECT EXPENSES DIVISIONAL ANALYSIS OF COMMITMENTS BY PURPOSE

Hulse espsonsible Person				Peri	od Ended
·	Training	Research	Productivity Improvement	Etc.	<u>Total</u>
ROPS					
ISHERIES					
ANIMALS					
FORESTRY					
NUTRITION AND HOME SCIENCES					
RURAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS					
DIVISIONAL ACTIVITY PROJECTS	· <u> </u>				
TOTAL					

PROJECT EXPENSES

ACTIVITY SUMMARY BY OBJECT

PURPOSE:

To analyze the expenses by object for each

activity in a program area.

FREQUENCY:

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

This report will show for each program activity the project expenses by object for

the year to date compared to the same period

in the prior year.

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PROJECT EXPENSES ACTIVITY SUMMARY BY OBJECT

Activity

Responsible Person Period Ended

1972-1973 1971-1972

GRANTS

SUPPLIES

RENT

EQUIPMENT

TRAINING

TRAVEL

CONSULTANTS

CONFERENCES

OTHER

PROJECT EXPENSES

ACTIVITY SUMMARY BY PROJECT

PURPOSE:

To present for each activity area the status of

each project in terms of commitment, and

budgetted and actual expenses.

FREQUENCY:

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

This report will present for each committed project in each activity area the committed amount of the project, the actual expenses for the current year to date and for the period from the project beginning to date and the budgetted expenses for the current year and for the period from the project beginning to

date.

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PROJECT EXPENSES ACTIVITY SUMMARY BY PROJECT

ctivity				
Hulse				·
esponsible Person				Period Ended
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			Expenditure To Date	Expenditure Current Year
		Commitment	Budget Actual	Budget Actual
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	JRS			
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SORGHUM BREEDING	JRS			

PROJECT FINANCIAL REPORT

PURPOSE:

This report is intended to be used in conjunction with the Project Status Report to determine the qualitative and quantitative

status of a project.

FREQUENCY:

Whenever there is a change in financial information or at least every six months.

DESCRIPTION:

This report will present a statement of project expenses by object showing the amount committed, the expenses for the year to date and the expenses from the project beginning to date. The budget figures for expenses to date and for the current year will be shown in total only.

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	International (Development Rese	drch Centre		
	PROJECT F	FINANCIAL	PEDODT		
	TROOLOT	HAHOML	REPORT		
Project					
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Responsible Person				Period	Ended
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		Exper	nditure	Expen	diture
		То	Date	Current	Year
	Commitment	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
GRANT					
SUPPLIES					
RENT					
EQUIPMENT				i .	
TRAINING					
TRAVEL					
CONSULTANTS					
CONFERENCES					
OTHER					

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PROJECT STATUS REPORT

PURPOSE:

To indicate for all projects that have been identified the present status in terms of progress from identification to completion

FREQUENCY:

At least every six months or when there has been any significant change in information concerning the project.

DESCRIPTION:

The report is broken down into five categories:

- 1. The first section present information on the grantee.
- 2. The second gives information on the project status as it proceeds through the IDRC process from identification to completion.
- 3. The third section describes the project and states its purpose.
- 4. The fourth category monitors information on the events in the project. These events may be in terms of project financial reports, project technical reports, project visits, workshops, or other significant events. The definition of the events will be determined for each project at the time of its commitment.
- 5. The fifth category serves to monitor the anticipated schedule of disbursements.

Certain sections of this report will not be applicable until the project has reached the commitment stage.

International Development Research Centre	
PROJECT STATUS REPORT	
	Date Prepared
	File Number
Project	Funding
Grantee Country	Grantee Cantact
	Title
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	Date Identified
	Date Apprapriated
	Date Cammitted
	Date Campleted / Discontinu
	·
Date	COMMENT

EVENT ______ COMMENT

Original Plan Latest Plan Actual

DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE

AMOUNT

Division

Activity

Project

Responsible Person

Regional Office

Current Status

I.D.R.C. Funding

Other Funding

DESCRIPTION

Term

12345678

Grantee

<u>Date</u>

COMMENT

Original Plan Latest Plan Actual

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

PURPOSE:

To provide a basis for investment decisions

in the ensuing twelve month period.

FREQUENCY:

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

This report shows in summary form the cash

requirements and resources, as well as excesses or deficiencies of cash over the ensuing twelve months. The reliability of the estimate is indicated by the breakdown

of the requirements.

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CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

January 1973

										Do	ate Prepo	red
	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
CASH REQUIRMENTS												
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 100,000	100,000	110,000	110,000	115,000	105,000	135,000	115,000	115,000	120,000	120,000	140,000
PROJECTS- COMMITTED APPROPRIATED UNAPPROPRIATED CONTINGENCY	100,000	200,000	75,000 30,000	275,000 45,000	350,000 5,000 5,000	650,000 10,000 10,000 10,000	300,000 20,000 40,000	125,000 55,000 60,000	50,000 60,000 15,000	10,000 400,000 25,000	600,000 25,000 35,000	500,000 50,000 50,000
TOTAL	200,000	300,000	215,000	430,000	475,000	785,000	495,000	355,000	230,000	555,000	780,000	740,000
CASH RESOURCES												
GOVERNMENT GRANT	4,200,000				·				·			
INVESTMENT MATURING		100,000	175,000	450,000	375,000	600,000	545,000	200,000	300,000	400,000	600,000	740,000
	4,200,000	100,000	175,000	450,000	375,000	600,000	545,000	200,000	300,000	400,000	600,000	740,000
CASH-EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	4,000,000	(200,000)	(40,000)	20,000	(100,000)	(185,000)	50,000	(155,000)	(70,000)	(155,000)	(180,000)	

TITLE:

DIVISIONAL CASH REQUIREMENTS FORECAST

PURPOSE.

To indicate by division and activity the future requirements for cash on projects committed, appropriated and under consideration.

FREQUENCY:

Quarterly

DESCRIPTION.

This report presents for each division and activity the current year's commitments from either current or previous appropriations, the prior year's commitments yet unpaid and the payments to date in the current year to yield the total of unpaid commitments. These, plus appropriations not committed in the current or previous years, plus projects yet unappropriated, determine the total cash requirements for the division.

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DIVISIONAL CASH REQUIREMENTS FORECAST

Division										
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Responsible Per	son			_,					Date Pre	pared
	1972 - 1973 Commitments From 1972/1973 Appropriation Budget	1972-1973 Commitments From Prior Years Appropriations	Unpaid Commitments Of Prior Years As At April 1,1973	Payments Current Year	Total Unpaid Commitments	1972-1973 Appropriations Not Committed	Prior Years Appropriations Not Yet Committed	Total Uncommitted Appropriations	Total Unappro. Projects	Total Cash Requiremen
RICULTURE										
CROPS										
FISHERIES										
ANIMALS										
FORESTRY		•								
NUTRITION & HOME SCIENCE	S									
RURAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM	T ·									
DIVISIONAL ACTIVITY PROJECTS										

TITLE:

PROJECTED DIVISIONAL CASH FLOW

PURPOSE:

To analyze for each division the expected flow of cash on projects committed, appropriated and under consideration and to compare the total requirements with the expected cash available during the same period.

FREQUENCY:

Quarterly

DESCRIPTION:

This divisional report indicates at the activity level the expected timing for disbursement of funds on projects.

Separate totals are shown for projects committed, appropriated but not committed and under consideration. The total is compared to expected cash available for projects over this same time frame to indicate the extent to which further projects may be developed, appropriated and committed.

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PROJECTED DIVISIONAL CASH FLOW

Agriculture, Food And Nutrition Division	n Sciences								
J. Hulse Responsible Person								Date Pre	pared
	Total Cash				2-1973		1973-1974	1974-1975	1975 - 1976
CROPS - COMMITTED - APPROPRIATED - UNDER CONSIDERATION	Requirements	<u>l st</u>	Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Payment	<u>Payment</u>	Payment
FISHERIES- COMMITTED - APPROPRIATED - UNDER CONSIDERATION									
OTHER-COMMITTED -APPROPRIATED -UNDER CONSIDERATION									
TOTAL - COMMITTED - APPROPRIATED - UNDER CONSIDERATION									
CASH BUDGET									
AVAILABLE		. ====							

TITLE:

DIVISIONAL APPROPRIATION/COMMITMENT STATUS

PURPOSE:

To identify the balance available for appropriation in the current year for each division and activity.

FREQUENCY:

Monthly

DESCRIPTION:

This report indicates the total of the current year's appropriation budget, the commitments, appropriations and projects under consideration and the balance available for new projects. This is presented by activity within the division.

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DIVISIONAL APPROPRIATION/COMMITMENT STATUS

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Hulse esponsible Person	•				Date Prepared
topologic (Goon	1972–1973 Appropriation Budget	Commitments From 1972 - 1973 Appropriation Budget	1972 – 1973 Appropriations Not Yet Committed	Under Consideration	Balance Available
CROPS					
ANIMALS					
FISHERIES					
FORESTRY					
NUTRITION AND HOME SCIENCES					
RURAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS					
DIVISION ACTIVITY PROJECTS					

TITLE:

DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION COST RATIOS
BY ACTIVITY

PURPOSE:

To provide various measures of cost performance

for activities within a division.

FREQUENCY

Quarterly

DESCRIPTION:

This report will show for each activity the ratio of administration costs to project dollars committed, appropriated and disbursed in the current

year.

DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION COST RATIOS BY ACTIVITY

Division							Date Prepared
	Project \$ Com	Project \$ Approp	Project \$ Spent	Direct \$ _Admin.	Admin. Com.	Admin. Approp.	Admin. Spent
ROPS							
ISHERIES							
NIMALS							
ORESTRY							
NUTRITION AND HOME SCIENCES							
RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
SYSTEMS		-	-				
DIVISIONAL ACTIVITY PROJECTS							
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TITLE:

PROGRAM COST RATIOS

PURPOSE:

To provide for each division certain relevant cost ratios to program expenses as partial

measure of performance.

FREQUENCY:

Quarterly

DESCRIPTION:

These reports show for each division the ratios of divisional administration costs, divisional salary costs and divisional travel costs to

selected costs and other values.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION COST RATIOS

Date Prepared

Agriculture, Food And Nutrition Sciences

Population And Health Sciences Social Sciences And Human Resources

Information Sciences

RATIO OF TOTAL ADMIN. COSTS TO

- I NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
- 2 NUMBER OF PROFESSIONALS
- 3 NUMBER OF PROJECTS UNDER ADMINISTRATION
- 4. NUMBER OF PROJECTS COMMITTED CURRENT YEAR
- 5 VALUE OF PROJECTS COMMITTED CURRENT YEAR
- 6. VALUE OF PROJECTS UNDER ADMINISTRATION
- 7. VALUE OF PROJECTS
 APPROPRIATED CURRENT
 YEAR
- 8. PROJECT CASH OUTLAY CURRENT YEAR

PROGRAM SALARY COST RATIOS

Date Prepared

Agriculture, Food And Nutrition Sciences

Population And Health Sciences Social Sciences And Human Resources

Information Sciences

RATIO OF SALARY COSTS TO

- I NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
- 2. NUMBER OF PROJECTS UNDER ADMINISTRATION
- 3. NUMBER OF PROJECTS COMMITTED CURRENT YEAR
- 4 VALUE OF PROJECTS COMMITTED CURRENT YEAR
- 5. VALUE OF PROJECTS UNDER ADMINISTRATION
- 6. VALUE OF PROJECTS
 APPROPRIATED CURRENT
 YEAR
- 7 PROJECT CASH OUTLAY CURRENT YEAR

PROGRAM TRAVEL COST RATIOS

Date Prepared

Agriculture, Food And Nutrition Sciences

Population And Health Sciences Social Sciences And Human Resources

Information
Sciences

RATIO OF TRAVEL COSTS TO

- I NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
- 2. NUMBER OF PROFESSIONALS
- 3. NUMBER OF PROJECTS UNDER ADMINISTRATION
- 4 NUMBER OF PROJECTS COMMITTED CURRENT YEAR
- 5 VALUE OF PROJECTS COMMITTED CURRENT YEAR
- 6 VALUE OF PROJECTS UNDER ADMINISTRATION
- 7. VALUE OF PROJECTS
 APPROPRIATED CURRENT
 YEAR
- 8. PROJECT CASH OUTLAY CURRENT YEAR

3. FILES AND CODING STRUCTURES

The information necessary to produce the reports previously presented will be maintained in terms of three distinct functions:

- * The General Ledger
- * The Program Projects
- * The General Journal

This section describes in general terms the purpose and content of the files to be maintained. A detailed data or file base structure will be developed at the time of detailed design.

Inherent in the maintenance of information on file are several coding structures. The purpose and structure of these codes are presented and, in some cases, a preliminary allocation of codes has been set out to serve as a basis for use in the later detailed design.

a) General Ledger File

PURPOSE:

To store the information required for financial reporting on the affairs of the International Development Research Centre.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The file contains one record for every General Ledger account number code. The account number code identifies the type and classification of the account. Additionally, it identifies for project expenses the program and activity to which the expense is to be allocated, and for administrative expenses the responsibility centre. It provides also for the identification of the expense by object.

Included in every revenue and expense account is the provision for recording the budget amount as well.

While the file contains the appropriation budget details by program and activity, it does not contain the amount appropriated. The actual amount appropriated is stored on the Program Projects File.

Description

CONTENT:

Element Name

Account Number Code	The unique identifier for a General Ledger File record.
Account Name	The name of the account record in the form it is to appear on the Trial Balance Report.
Financial Statement Line Indicator	The line of the financial statements in which this account balance is to be included.

Element Name

Description

Account Balance

Assets and Liabilities: Contains the month-end balances for the current financial year and the first three months subsequent to the current financial year.

Revenue and Expenses: Contains each month's revenues or expenses for previous and current financial years and the first three months of the next financial year.

Revenue and Expense Budgets

Revenues: The annual approved or planned budget for this and the next year (by quarter) and for the next five years by year. This may be revised periodically for the current year. It will reflect the budget approved by the Board for the current year and for next year when possible.

Expenses. The annual approved or planned budget for this year and the next five years with the current and next year by month and the remaining by year. In the case of administration expenses, it is by responsibility centre and in the case of program/project expenses, by program and activity. In the second case, for program/projects, the actual expenses are not collected on this record but at a lower level of detail where the object is specified.

Approved Appropriation Budget

The annual budget for appropriations for this year and the next five years by year. The details of the appropriation budgets are not recorded on the General Ledger File.

Actual Expenses
Prior Years

The total expended for a project in the years prior to the last financial

Element Name

Description

year. This only applies to project expense accounts and is recorded by object.

Committed Amount

The amount committed by object in expenses for each project. It is the total dollars committed to the project as a result of a signed agreement. The actual dollars are accumulated at the same level for comparison against the committed amount.

b) Program Projects File

PURPOSE:

To store the information required for the control of potential or signed projects.

To store information on the forecasted cash flows resulting from signed projects and the forecast of cash flows that could result from potential projects.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The file contains information on projects from the time of identification through the signing of an agreement, the disbursement period of the project, and up to the completion of any follow-up stage.

The information is both for descriptive and project control purposes. It provides the facility to report on the completion of events that are identified as being meaningful for project control purposes.

The facility is provided for storing financial data including forecasts of the cash disbursements for the project.

CONTENT:

Element Name	Description
Program/Activity	The primary program/activity within which the project is administered.
Project Number	A unique number that identifies the project.
Project Name	The abbreviated name commonly used to refer to the project.
Project Description	A brief description of the project.
Purpose	The major purpose of the project.

Element Name

Description

Term of the Project

The forecast number of years from agreement date to final disbursement date.

Type of Funding

A code identifying the type of funding that is being made available by IDRC e.g. External Grant

Other Funds

The amount of funds to be contributed by other agencies or the grantee.

Grantee Name

The name of the grantee organization.

Grantee Contact and Title

The name of the contact in the grantee organization and the title of the position.

Country of Grantee

A code identifying the country of the grantee.

Responsible IDRC Staff Member The name of the staff member at IDRC who is responsible for the project.

Region/Office

A code identifying the region or office responsible for the administration of the project.

Project Status

A code identifying the stage the project is at:

e.g. Identified
Approved
Appropriated
Committed
Signed
Completed

Termination Date

The date identified in the agreement by which the last disbursement must be made.

First Identification
Date

The actual date the project was identified as ready to be entered into the system.

Appropriation Date

The actual date of the appropriation approval.

Element Name

Description

Commitment Date

The actual date on which the agreement

is deemed to have taken effect.

Completion Date

The date on which the project was

considered by IDRC to be completed

or discontinued.

Subsidiary Project Control Information - one item per event to be controlled.

Event Number

The number that identifies the event. This number may be the same as that used in a planning document such as

a critical path network.

Description

A brief description of the event.

Original Completion

Date

The original planned completion date. This is not normally changed after the project reaches the committed status

Revised Completion

Date

The revised completion date. This date is revised as required during the

life of the project.

Actual

Completion

Date

The date on which the event was

completed.

c) General Journal File

PURPOSE.

To maintain a record of each entry posted to the General Ledger File.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This file carries a complete record of all entries posted to the General Ledger File. The records are created at the time that a financial transaction enters the system.

CONTENT:

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Description

Account Number

Code

The number of the account to which

the entry was posted.

Effective Date

The effective date of the journal

entry.

Amount

The debit or credit amount of the

posting.

Description

A brief description of the transaction.

Entry Number

The document number on which the entry was recorded for input to the

system.

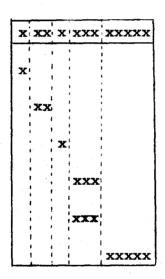
d) General Ledger Account Number Code

PURPOSE:

To identify a General Ledger Account.

STRUCTURE:

The code is a numeric 12 position number. The code is made up of five sub-codes. The sub-codes are described in detail in the following pages of this Appendix.



Account Type

Account Classification

Expense Segment

Responsibility Centre
(Administration expenses only)
Program and Activity Code
(Project expenses only)
Project Number (Project
expenses only)

d) i) Account Type Code

PURPOSE:

To identify the type of account, i.e., asset, liability, revenue or expense.

STRUCTURE:

It is a one position, numeric code, with the following codes allocated:

1 - Asset

2 - Liability

3 - Revenue

4 - Expense

5 - Contract Funds

d) ii) Account Classification

PURPOSE:

To identify, within each account type, the

nature of the account itself.

STRUCTURE: It is a two position numeric code.

	Account Type	Account Code	Account Classification
	Assets	1 01	Petty cash
		02	Bank general (Toronto Dominion)
		03	Bank overseas (Royal)
		06	Bank general (Hong Kong and Shanghai)
		07	Bank general (Royal Bank of Canada - Bogota)
		20	Federal government grants receivable
		21	Other grants receivable
		30	Accounts receivable - standing travel advance
		31	Accounts receivable - staff travel advance
		32	Accounts receivable - staff other
		33	Accounts receivable - deposit accounts
		34	Accounts receivable - projects
		35	Accounts receivable - other
		40	Short term investments
		41	Canadian Savings Bonds
		50	Long term investments
		60	Accrued interest
		65	Prepaid expenses
		70	Deferred charges program commitments
Li	abilities	2 01	Accounts payable - trade
		02	Accrued rent
		03	Accrued travel

Account Type	Account C	Code	Account Classification
Liabilities	2	06	Wages payable
	-	07	Other payable
		00	Decree 11 of carriers
		09	Payroll clearing Columbian income tax
		10	Federal income tax
		11	
•		12	Canada pension plan
		13	Unemployment insurance
		14	Quebec income tax
		15	Quebec pension plan
		16	Quebec health insurance
		17	Ontario health insurance
		18	Ontario Blue Cross dental plan
		19	Ontario Blue Cross foreign coverage
		20	Foreign hospitalization
		21	Supplementary death benefits
		22	Group surgical and medical plan
		23	Public service management insurance
		24	Long term disability insurance
		25	Supplementary retirement benefits
		26	Teachers Insurance Annuity Association
		27	Public Service Superannuation
		28	Civil Service Cooperative Society
	2	3 5	Program commitments
		45	Provision for contingencies
		50	Surplus
Revenues	3	01	Government grants
TC V CITA CB	,	02	Contract income
		03	Consulting income
		04	Investment income
		05	Endowment income
		06	Other income
		07	Prior years adjustments
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Expenses	4	01	Salaries
eting in the last open and		02	Employee benefits
		03	Casual help
		04	Honoraria

Account Type	Account Co	<u>ode</u>	Account Classification
Expenses	4	05	Allowances - overseas
		06	Allowances - rental
		07	Allowances - other
		08	Professional and special services
		09	Travel
		10	Govenors meetings and travel
		11	Relocation expenses
		12	Utilities
		13	Telephone, telegram, telex
		14	Office supplies and expenses
		15	Office furniture and equipment
		16	Equipment rental
		17	Postage
		18	Translation services
		19	Printing and duplicating
		20	Insurance
		21	Publication
		22	Freight and express
		23	Bank charges and exchange
		24	Local mileage and parking
		25	Training
		26	Hospitality
		27	Public relations
		28	Membership fees
		29	Seminars, meetings and conferences
		30	Renovations
		31	Others
Contract Funds	5	01	Bank account
	-	02	Accounts receivable
		03	Short term investments
		04	Deferred charges
		10	Accounts payable
		11	Program commitments
		12	Surplus
		13	Contract income
		14	Investment income
		15	Program expenses
		16	Bank charges

Expense Segment Code d) iii)

PURPOSE:

To identify whether an expense has been incurred for a project or for administration purposes. This code is only used with respect to expenses.

STRUCTURE: It is a one position numeric code:

Administration

Project

d) iv)a) Responsibility Centre Code

PURPOSE: To identify a position within the organization

that has responsibility for control of admini-

stration expenses.

STRUCTURE: It is a three position, numeric code that

identifies the position of an individual within

the organization as having budget responsibilities. This code is used only with an expense not di-

rectly attributable to an approved project.

100 Board of Governors

110 Chairman

120 President

200 Secretary

300 Treasurer

400 Director of Administration

410 General Administration

420 Conferences

430 Publications

440 Purchasing

450 Registry

460 Personnel

500 Director, Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Sciences

600 Director, Population and Health Sciences

700 Director, Information Sciences

800 Director, Social Sciences and Human Resources

900 Vice-President - International Assistance

950 Vice-President - Canada and Donor Agencies

d) iv) b) Program and Activity Code

PURPOSE:

To identify program areas and the activities

within each program

STRUCTURE:

This is a three position, numeric code, of which the first position identifies the program area and the second and third positions identify the activities. This code is used only with an expense directly attributable to an

approved project.

i	Agriculture, Food	01	Crops
	and Nutrition	02	Fisheries
	Sciences	03	Animals
		04	Forestry
		0.5	Nutrition and Home Sciences
		06	Rural Development Systems
	* a	20	Divisional Activity Projects
2	Population and	01	Fertility Regulation Methods
	Health Sciences	02	Family Planning - Action Research
		03	Demography and Population
		04	Health Sciences
		20	Divisional Activity Projects
3	Information Sciences	01	International Information Systems
		02	International Development Research Centre Library
		20	Divisional Activity Projects
4	Social Sciences and Human Resources	01	Process of Modernization and Change
		02	Applied Social Sciences
		03	International and Regional Research Networks
		20	Divisional Activity Projects
5	International Assistance	01	Liaison
		20	Divisional Activity Projects

6 Canada and Donor Agencies

01 Liaison

20 Divisional Activity Projects

d) v) Project Number Code

PURPOSE:

To provide a unique code for projects or

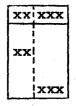
potential projects.

STRUCTURE:

This is a five position, numeric code. The code is assigned at the time that the project

is first identified and is retained throughout

the life of the project.



Year of the project identification.

Serial from 001 for a given year.

e) Financial Statement Line Indicator Code

PURPOSE:

To indicate in which line on the Financial

Statements an account balance is to be

included.

STRUCTURE:

It is a three position numeric code.

f) Country Code

PURPOSE:

To identify each country with a specific

code,

STRUCTURE:

It is a three position, numeric code. This code is arranged such that all countries in the same world area (region) will fall

in the same block of numbers.

g) Region/Office Code

PURPOSE:

To provide a code that identifies an

IDRC administrative region or office.

STRUCTURE:

The code is a two position, numeric with the first code (00) reserved for the Head Office in Ottawa and the remaining

assignable as follows:

01 to 20

Canadian Offices

30 to 99

Overseas Offices

h) Project Purpose Code

PURPOSE:

To provide a code to describe the end

use or purpose of a project.

STRUCTURE:

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It is a two position numeric code. The

following is a preliminary list of what

these purposes might be:

Project identification

Productivity improvement

Training - Seminar 01 Training - Conferences 02 Training - Academic 03 04 Training - On the job 05 Research - Development of capability Research - Studies in specific areas (e.g. 06 Health, Agriculture) 07 Information collection and distribution International coordination 08 09 External liaison

i) Event Number Code

PURPOSE:

To identify the events in the life of a project that are to be monitored for project control purposes.

STRUCTURE:

A two position, numeric code, serially assigned to identify the events within a project that are to be monitored. The event number may be directly related to a project critical path network if desired. In any event, it is intended as a flexible tool for program management activity.

j) Project Status Code

PURPOSE:

To identify the status of a project.

STRUCTURE:

This is a two position, numeric code that is associated with a potential or actual signed project agreement. This is the standard IDRC status identifier which operates independently of individual event code patterns.

- 1 Identified by discussion or proposal submission
- 2 Recommended by Program Director
- 3 Approved in principle
- 4 Recommended to the President by the Project Committee
- Recommended to the Executive Committee by the President
- 6 Recommended to the Board of Governors by the Executive Committee
- 7 Approved by the Board of Governors
- 8 Agreement signed by the Grantee
- 9 Agreement completed
- 10 Project not recommended
- 11 Project lapsed
- 12 Project rejected

k) Type of Funding Code

PURPOSE:

To identify the type of funding being

supplied to the project.

STRUCTURE:

This is a one position numeric code.

The following types of funding are cur-

rently in use at IDRC:

1 External grant

- 2 Centre partnership grant
- 3 Centre administered grant

4. INPUT DATA

There are three types of input associated with each kind of input data. These are:

- a) descriptive
- b) file maintenance
- c) routine

Descriptive data provides such information as General Ledger Account name or project name. File maintenance data are concerned with adding, removing and correcting records on the file. Routine data are associated with journal entries and project control information of a regular operating nature. In this section of the Appendix, the nature and sources of all of these types of input data are identified.

a) Descriptive Information

General Ledger Account Name	Accounting
Project Names	Program
Responsible Program Officer Names	Program
Grantee Name	Program
Grantee Contact and Title	Program
Project Description	Program
Project Purpose	Program
Other Funds in the Project	Program
Event Descriptions	Program
Term of the Project	Program
Type of Fundings Provided	Program
Country Code of Grantee	Program
Region	Program
Project Status Code	Secretary, Program
Termination Date	Program

Source

b) File Maintenance Information

New General Ledger Accounts	Accounting
New Projects	Program
Financial Statement Line Indicator	Accounting
Removal of General Ledger Accounts	Accounting
Removal of Projects	Program

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c) Routine Operating Information

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General Ledger Journal Entries	Accounting
Approved Cash Budget	Accounting
Approved Appropriation	President
Committed Amount	Accounting
Commitment Date	Program
Appropriation Date	Program
Date Project Identified	Program
Forecast of Cash Disbursement	Program
Actual Completion Date	Program

B. DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND SCHEDULE

The detailed implementation plan and schedule presented in this Appendix identifies the tasks involved and the expected time frame for the implementation of the system. The program is divided into eight phases. Phases A to G are concerned with the design and implementation of the proposed computer system itself. Phase H is a short term phase designed to introduce immediate modifications to the current management accounting process. The short term modifications introduced in this phase will be consistent with the proposed computer system design.

The program schedule presents the estimated elapsed time for each task. The starting and completion points have been carefully interrelated to ensure that prerequisite tasks are completed. The time scale is shown as elapsed weeks from the start of the schedule. The chart scale is one week to each column. Adjustments to the schedule may be required following the selection of the staff for implementation of the plan, if the level of available resources falls short of the expectation upon which this plan is based.

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A .		ORGANIZATION AND START-UP																					
	1	Agree and arrange for IDRC staffing and other support requirements.																					
	2	Obtain the necessary office accommodation.																					
	3	Formalize the regular progress reporting procedure and internal reporting processes.																1					
	4	Specify standard practices for system design and programming.																					
	5	Specify documentation standards for system design, programming and operations.																					
	6	Specify the unit program testing procedures and responsibility.											-										
	7	Specify the system testing procedures and responsibility.	·																				
В		DETAILED SYSTEM DESIGN																					
	1	Confirm the conceptual system design.		+	+																		
	2	Specify details of coding structure and their related codes.																					
	3	Obtain approval for the coding structure.				+	$\frac{1}{1}$																
	4	Complete detailed report designs.		-		+																	
	5	Obtain approvals on the detailed report designs.				+																	
	6	Design files.				+	+																
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B	7	Design input formats and relate to interim source documents.																						
	8	Reconcile the file design with the inputs and reports.			-																			
	9	Design program processing logic and identify the programs required.																						
	10	Prepare detailed program specifications.								+														
	11	Agree on procedures to be used to select a contract programming firm.																						
	12	Invite bids from selected contract programming firms.									-													
	13	Select the firm to be used and arrange contract.	:								-													
	14	Review the schedule and revise where necessary.																						
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С		PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	:																					
	1	Brief programmers.																						
	2	Obtain acceptance by the programmers of the program specifications.																						
	3	Code programs.*											++	-		-								
	4	Develop test data for program testing.												H										
	5	Unit test the programs.*												+		-								
	6	Review tested programs and documentation as being complete and ready for system testing.											-			-								
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	1	Review the schedule and revise where necessary.																					
	2	Develop additional system test data where required.												+									
	3	Develop program and system operation procedures.												-									
	4	Design testing process.												\perp									
	5	Prepare and test the necessary job procedures.												\parallel	H								
	6	Process and check the systems test data.														+ + 1	+	-					
	7	Accept programs as system tested.															-						
E		IMPLEMENTATION																					
į	1	Review the schedule and revise where necessary.																H					
	2	Brief IDRC staff on the nature of the new system.																					
	3	Identify conversion data sources.										+											
	4	Train the required personnel.										-	$\frac{1}{1}$		+		$\frac{1}{1}$				+	$+\!\!+\!\!\!+$	$\frac{1}{1}$
	5	Design forms and procedures for conversion data collection.										+											
	6	Collect and prepare conversion data.																					
	7	Convert and commence parallel operation.																				$\downarrow \downarrow$	-
	8	Collect parallel operation data.													+			\prod				\prod	-
	9	Obtain IDRC management acceptance.																			H	$\dashv \downarrow$	-
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F		STAFF SELECTION AND TRAINING																								
		The additional IDRC staff requirements will be identified early. The process of selection and training will be ongoing through the project.																								
G		MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY CONTROL																								
		These functions continue over the life of the plan.								$\frac{1}{1}$											$\frac{1}{1}$	\parallel			+	_
н		INTRODUCTION OF SHORT TERM MODIFICATIONS TO THE MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING PROCESS																								
	1	Identify extent of changes to be made.		-	-																					
	2	Identify staffing requirements.	·	-																						
	3	Specify documentation requirements.		-													-									
	4	Design and obtain approval for proposed reports.				-																				
	5	Design source documents and related clerical procedures.																								
	6	Specify system controls.				+	_																			
	7	Test system.																								
	8	Train IDRC personnel.																								
	9	Implement new system.																								
	10	Follow up the problems and review adequacy of procedures and controls.									_															
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C. A DISCUSSION OF COMPUTING POWER AND SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS

This Appendix discusses the nature of IDRC requirements for computer power in greater technical detail than is presented in the body of the report. The information is based on the discussions which P. S. Ross & Partners' staff conducted with the management and staff at IDRC, and on the Digital Methods Ltd. feasibility study report on the implementation of ISIS at IDRC. The requirements of the proposed management accounting and reporting system, as analyzed by P. S. Ross & Partners, form the final element of information.

Based on the discussions held, it appears that the computer power requirements of IDRC can be grouped into three categories:

- * Batch business data processing
- * On-line data entry
- * Computational

The proposed management accounting and reporting system is a business data processing system that is most suited to being operated in a batch environment. The ISIS system, on the other hand, requires the capability of both on-line data entry and batch processing. The last type, computational power, is required for statistical analysis work in the various program areas.

In the design and implementation of any proposed system, we recommend that IDRC adhere to a philosophy that will enable the Centre to follow an orderly plan of computer power procurement. At this time, there does not appear to be sufficient justification for IDRC to have an in-house computer. However, this position could alter in the future. Accordingly, IDRC should pay careful attention in the design and implementation of any computer system to avoid closing off future procurement options. This can be done by imposing constraints on the design of the systems. Any constraints introduced must, of course, be reviewed to ensure that they do not seriously affect the efficiency of a system. However, at the present time, the nature of the computer requirements outlined in this Appendix are such that, by following the policy described above, the Centre can take three independent routes in satisfying the current computing power requirements, while, at the same time, retaining the flexibility of combining these at a later date.

1. Proposed Management Accounting and Reporting System Computer Requirements

The conceptual system design presented in this report should result in the creation of a series of programs that operate on a batch computer system. The computer system will be of medium size, with the capability of handling programs that use as many as seven files including card reader and line printer files. Since we recommend that the system be programmed in COBOL, the system must be capable of compiling and running COBOL programs with seven files. The mix of tape and disk input/output files is dependent upon the particular detailed system design that is actually developed. However, the constraints on the detailed system design should be such that the system will be capable of being operated on an in-house computer of the minimum configuration required by the present ISIS system. Though some modification undoubtedly will be required to achieve this, these should not add measurably to the costs of the design and implementation or to the operating cost of the system. The recommendations with regard to the computer configuration to be utilized is based on the possibility that at some time in the near future IDRC may decide to implement the ISIS system at a local computer utility, converting later to a medium size computer configuration located within IDRC. The computer configuration envisaged now must be capable of conversion to such an in-house system with a minimum of programming and system effort.

2. ISIS Computer Requirements

The Digital Methods Ltd. (DML) report recommends that IDRC install ISIS at Alphatext with a one year contract and that IDRC consider the option of re-coding the system for a small computer. In the event that the second recommendation led to budget savings, an in-house computer installation could become a possibility.

In our review we were concerned with the impact that the operation of the ISIS system would have on IDRC's requirement for computer power. The philosophy recommended by P. S. Ross & Partners to govern the procurement of computing power is similar to that presented by DML in their report. Hence, in reviewing the report, we were concerned with the DML recommendations with respect to the immediate acquisition of computer power and the likely configuration of the in-house computer that would result.

In terms of the DML recommendations for the procurement of computer power, we are satisfied with the validity of their approach.

While DML did not carry out an exhaustive study of the IDRC in-house computer requirements, the likely dimensions of the configuration were identified as:

- * IBM 360/30 or equivalent
- * 128K core
- * 4 tapes
- * 3 disk drives
- * l line printer
- * 1 card reader

Accordingly, we recommend that the detailed system design for the management accounting and reporting system take account of these dimensions as a design constraint.

3. Other Computer Usage Requirements

In the course of our discussions with the management of IDRC, one further requirement for computer power was identified, that of statistical analysis capability. The demands come from inhouse projects and as the result of requests from the grantees on funded projects. The frequency of such work is spasmodic and of varying volume. The problems are capable of being solved on the in-house Hewlett-Packard computers, on any of the service bureaus or university computing centres in Ottawa, or at some site more convenient to the grantee. Accordingly, we recommend that IDRC treat each requirement on its merits and direct it to the most appropriate source of computer power. At such time as these requirements become more significant or IDRC considers the procurement of an in-house computer system, this policy should be reassessed.