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Second phase of the ALTERNEX project

As I have mentioned briefly to some of you, we have been approached by some agencies who are interested in supporting the continuity of our project. Among these are the Ford Foundation, the Canadian embassy, and UNICEF.

We are drafting a second phase of the project, which includes staff costs while the system is not self-sufficient, resources to purchase spare parts, a training and promotion program, resources to expand the services, etc. We are talking about a \$150,000 one-year budget for this second phase, to begin when the system starts to operate in full (say, mid-February or beginning of March).

We would appreciate receiving from you suggestions for the final version of this second phase of the project, especially in relation to expansion of services (more storage, more communication facilities, etc). We are including in the budget a monthly fee during one year to keep Marcio's team with us to continue developing the X.25 server facilities we have already described.

We could also include more resources for the IGC people to travel and stay here with us, honoraria, etc. Please give us your ideas on all this as soon as possible, since we plan to submit the project to the mentioned agencies by January 20th.

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