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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977  
AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1976-1979

Administrative and financial implications of draft  
resolution G recommended by the Special Political  
Committee (A/10342, para. 27)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed ABOUL GHEIT (Egypt)

1. At its 1744th and 1745th meetings, on 20 and 21 November 1975, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1706 and Corr.1) concerning the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution G recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/10342, para. 27).
2. In his statement, the Secretary-General indicated that the draft resolution entailed financial implications in respect of (a) the proposed programme of work of the Special Committee against Apartheid for 1976 (\$165,000, of which \$92,000 related to a seminar to be held in a Latin American country); (b) the proposed strengthening of the Unit on Apartheid and the conversion of the Section for African Questions into a Centre against Apartheid, with the addition of three professional (P-5, P-4 and P-2) and two General Service posts and one reclassification from D-1 to D-2 (\$177,000); and (c) wider dissemination of information (\$35,000). Since, however, an amount of \$94,000 was already included in the proposed programme budget for 1976-1977 for the programme of work of the Special Committee, the additional appropriations required in respect of (a) above were limited to \$71,000.
3. In a related statement (A/10008/Add.8), the Advisory Committee recommended that the Secretary-General review the requirements related to the seminar with a view to achieving economies particularly in the number of substantive staff,

and that the estimates be reduced by \$17,000. The Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Secretary-General's request for a P-5 post, a P-2 post and one General Service post for the proposed Centre against Apartheid; it was not, however, convinced of the need for one P-4 post or a second General Service post. With regard to the Secretary-General's request for the upgrading of a D-1 post to the D-2 level, the Committee recalled its observations in paragraph 61 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for 1976 and 1977 1/ and its recommendations in paragraph 62 of the same report to the effect that no further reclassifications of posts be requested by the Secretary-General until the International Civil Service Commission has considered and reported on that question. The Advisory Committee therefore recommended a reduction of \$60,000 in the provision for this purpose; the total reduction recommended by the Advisory Committee was therefore \$77,000.

4. Almost all of the delegations which participated in the debate indicated their concern about the effect which the reductions proposed could have on the programme of work of the Special Committee against Apartheid and on the assistance provided to the Committee by the Section for African Questions, to be converted into a Centre against Apartheid. The representative of Algeria, supported by those delegations, formally proposed that the Fifth Committee approve the proposals submitted by the Secretary-General (see para. 7 below).

5. One delegation expressed its confidence in the judgement of the Advisory Committee whose recommendations could not be termed arbitrary.

6. One delegation indicated that it had supported the draft resolution in the Special Political Committee but maintained the reservations it had expressed in that Committee regarding the relationship between the Special Committee against Apartheid and the World Peace Council.

#### DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. By a roll-call vote of 66 to 4, with 22 abstentions, the Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that the adoption of draft resolution G recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/10342, para. 27) would entail an additional appropriation of \$283,000 (\$71,000 for section 3 A, \$177,000 for section 3 D and \$35,000 for section 21). Furthermore, an additional amount of \$41,000 for staff assessment would be required under section 25, offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1. The voting was as follows:

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/10008).

- In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Burma, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.
- Against: France, Germany (Federal Republic of), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.
- Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Subsequently, the representative of Ethiopia stated that, had he been present at the time of the vote, he would have voted in favour.

8. Statements made in explanation of vote after the vote are summarized in the relevant summary records.

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