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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied  
Palestinian and other Arab territories

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/C.2/38/L.23/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with  
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 39th meeting, held on 14 November 1983, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/38/L.23/Rev.1. A statement of administration and financial implications was before the Committee in document A/C.2/38/L.34.
2. In operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/38/L.23/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to elaborate on his report (A/38/265) to cover also in detail the resources exploited by the Israeli colonies and the Israeli-imposed regulations and policies hampering the economic development of the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories. In operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would be requested to submit the detailed report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council.
3. It is considered that, given the nature of the request, an on-site assessment of the economic impact of Israeli policies, laws, regulations and administrative practices on natural resources would be necessary. For this purpose, a field survey of the availability and use of critical resources, such as water, and of economic activities, such as agriculture and small industries dependent on

indigenous resources, will be required. Two experts, one specializing on the utilization of natural resources and one on the economic impact of policies, laws and regulations relating to natural resources, would be needed on a consultancy basis for a combined total of four work-months at a cost of \$33,200, of which \$21,000 would represent the cost of their fees and an amount of \$12,200 would be the cost of their field travel and subsistence for a combined total of 90 days. An amount of \$2,500 is also requested to meet miscellaneous expenditures in connection with the preparation of the report.

4. Preparation of the proposed report would require, in addition to consultancy services along the lines indicated above, the contributions and involvement of several United Nations entities, including the Economic Commission for Western Asia, the Departments of Technical Co-operation for Development and of International Economic and Social Affairs, and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat). Input might also be required from a number of specialized agencies. Consultations would be undertaken in order to work out an appropriate division of responsibility and to determine the most effective co-operative arrangements for the preparation of the report.

5. As in the past, every effort will be made by the aforementioned units to meet within existing resources the expenditures to be incurred in excess of those referred to in paragraph 3 above.

6. It is proposed that, for administrative purposes, the resources requested under paragraph 3 above be placed under section 7 (Department of Technical Co-operation for Development) of the programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985.

7. In summary, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/38/L.23/Rev.1, an additional appropriation of \$35,700 would be required under section 7 of the programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985.

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