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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE  
TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in documents A/35/L.35 and A/35/L.36

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

I. Draft resolution A/35/L.35

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution contained in document A/35/L.35, the General Assembly would approve the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/35/23 /Part I-VI/) covering its work during 1980, including the programme of work envisaged for 1981.

2. By operative paragraph 12 (d) of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Special Committee to continue to pay particular attention to the small Territories, including the sending of visiting missions thereto, as appropriate, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination, freedom and independence.

3. In accordance with operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the facilities and services required for the implementation of the present resolution, as well as of the various resolutions and decisions on decolonization adopted by the General Assembly and the Special Committee.

A. Proposed 1981 work programme of the Special Committee

4. The various elements of the proposed 1981 work programme, as set out in chapter I, paragraphs 164-176, of the report of the Special Committee (A/35/23 /Part I/), and their estimated costs are described below:

(a) Participation of national liberation movements in the Committee's work (\$3,000)

5. It is anticipated that the Committee will continue to invite, in conformity with the relevant decision of the General Assembly and in accordance with the established practice, representatives of national liberation movements recognized by OAU to participate as observers in its proceedings relating to their respective countries. The related costs of travel and subsistence are estimated at \$3,000.

(b) Invitations to individuals (\$26,100)

6. The Committee intends to invite, in consultation with OAU and the national liberation movements concerned, individuals who could furnish it with information on specific aspects of the situation in colonial Territories, which it might not be able to secure otherwise. The estimated cost would amount to \$26,100. As on previous occasions when similar expenditures by the United Nations were envisaged, the Secretary-General considers that specific authority by the General Assembly would be required to enable him to enter into commitments of this nature and would proceed on the assumption that adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution would constitute such authority.

(c) Consultations with specialized agencies (\$11,800)

7. The Committee intends to continue its consideration of the question of the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. It is envisaged that further consultations and contacts with these organizations would require expenditures of \$11,800.

(d) Consultations of the Chairman of the Special Committee with the President of the Economic and Social Council (\$3,700)

8. The estimate for these purposes will cover the cost of travel and subsistence relating to visits to Geneva by the Chairman of the Committee, accompanied by the Secretary of the Committee, for consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council.

(e) Consultations with the Organization of  
African Unity (OAU) (\$21,000)

9. Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 34/42 the Committee will maintain close contact on a regular basis with the Secretary-General of OAU and senior members of the organization with a view to facilitating the effective implementation of the decisions of the various United Nations bodies by the organizations concerned. It is estimated that an amount of \$21,000 would be required to cover related costs.

(f) Sending of visiting missions to colonial  
Territories (\$112,000)

10. The Committee, having regard to the constructive role played by previous United Nations visiting groups, continues to attach vital importance to the dispatching of such groups as a means of collecting adequate and first-hand information on conditions in the Territories and on the wishes and aspirations of the people concerning their future status. Accordingly the Committee intends to continue to seek the full co-operation of the administering Powers in order to obtain such information through the sending as appropriate of visiting groups to the Territories in the Caribbean and Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Ocean areas, and Africa. The specific Territories which would be involved in the event of the adoption by the General Assembly of the various draft resolutions or draft consensus recommended by the Fourth Committee in this regard are listed in the annex to this document. On the assumption that the proposed visits to certain of these Territories could be combined, the total expenditures relating to travel, subsistence and miscellaneous costs are estimated at \$112,000.

(g) Consultations with non-governmental  
organizations (\$27,400)

11. It is anticipated that the Committee will continue to dispatch groups of its members to hold consultations with non-governmental organizations and to participate in conferences, seminars and other special meetings dealing with decolonization, arranged by these organizations. The requirements for such consultations and contacts in 1981 are estimated at \$27,400.

(h) Meetings away from Headquarters (\$384,700)

12. Recalling the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 1654 (XVI) and 2621 (XXV), by which the Assembly authorized the Committee to meet elsewhere than at United Nations Headquarters whenever and wherever such meetings might be required for the effective discharge of its functions the Special Committee intends to hold a series of meetings away from Headquarters. It is assumed that one such series of meetings will be held in 1981 in Africa. It is further assumed that the duration of the meetings would be 28 days, that the Committee would send a delegation of 26 members, one representative of SWAPO and one representative of OAU

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would be invited to participate in the meetings, that 51 members (9 from PATD, 3 from FOD, 11 from DPI and 28 from DCS) would provide substantive and conference services to the meetings. Related estimated costs for travel and subsistence would amount to \$384,700.

## II. Draft resolution A/35/L.36

13. By operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document A/35/L.36 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, having regard to the suggestions of the Special Committee, to continue to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, including publications, radio and television, to give widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization and, inter alia.

(a) To continue, in consultation with the Special Committee, to collect, prepare and disseminate basic material, studies and articles relating to the problems of decolonization and, in particular, to continue to publish the periodical Objective: Justice and other publications, special articles and studies, including the Decolonization series, and to select from them appropriate material for wider dissemination by means of reprints in various languages;

(b) To seek the full co-operation of the administering Powers concerned in the discharge of the tasks referred to above;

(c) To intensify the activities of all information centres, particularly those located in Western Europe;

(d) To maintain a close working relationship with the Organization of African Unity by holding periodic consultations and by systematically exchanging relevant information with the organization;

(e) To enlist the support of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in decolonization in the dissemination of the relevant information;

(f) To ensure the availability of the necessary facilities and services in this regard;

(g) To report to the Special Committee on the measures taken in implementation of the present resolution.

14. In terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Special Committee to follow the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

15. The implementation of draft resolution A/35/L.36 would not require additional resources besides those which have been already requested under Section 27, Public Information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981.

Consequently, financial implications arising from draft resolution A/35/L.35 would entail expenditures estimated at \$589,700 of which \$418,100 would relate to Section 3A.2, \$48,400 to Section 27 and \$123,200 to Section 29. The appropriations for the activities of the Committee in 1980-1981 under Section 3A.2 of the budget is \$451,000. \$126,000 of this amount has been spent in 1980. The balance of resources available for 1981 under the same section of the budget is therefore \$325,000, which if applied to total estimated expenditures of \$418,100 under Section 3A.2 in 1981, would leave a balance of \$93,100 required for the activities of the Committee in 1981.

16. In summary, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions contained in documents A/35/L.35 and A/35/L.36 total additional appropriation in an amount of \$264,700 would be required of which \$93,100 relate to Section 3A.2, \$48,400 to Section 27 and \$123,200 to Section 29 of the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981.

ANNEX

Draft resolutions which imply dispatching of visiting  
missions to colonial Territories

		<u>Adoption by the Fourth Committee</u>	
<u>Document</u>		<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>
A/C.4/35/L.15	Question of American Samoa	25	6 November 1980
A/C.4/35/L.13	Question of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat	25	6 November 1980
A/C.4/35/L.16	Question of the United States Virgin Islands	25	6 November 1980
A/C.4/35/L.14	Question of Guam	25	6 November 1980
A/C.4/35/L.19	Turks and Caicos Islands	27	7 November 1980

Draft consensuses implying dispatching of visiting  
missions to colonial Territories

A/35/23 (Part VI)	Question of the Cocos (Keeling Islands)	20	30 October 1980
A/C.4/35/L.11	Tokelau	25	6 November 1980
A/C.4/35/L.12	Question of St. Helena	25	6 November 1980

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