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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI
PRACTICES AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION
OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/SPC/35/L.16

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

1. At its 34th meeting, held on 18 November 1980, the Special Political Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/35/L.16. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/SPC/35/L.18).
2. In paragraph 9 of the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/35/L.16, the Special Committee would be requested "pending the early termination of the Israeli occupation, to continue to investigate Israeli policies and practices in the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, to consult, as appropriate, with the International Committee of the Red Cross in order to ensure the safeguarding of the welfare and human rights of the population of the occupied territories and to report to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and whenever the need arises thereafter".
3. In paragraph 10, the Committee would also be requested "to continue to investigate the treatment of civilians in detention in the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967".
4. In paragraph 11, the Secretary-General would be requested:

(a) To render all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories, with a view to investigating Israeli policies and practices referred to in the present resolution;

(b) To continue to make available additional staff as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its tasks;

(c) To ensure the widest circulation of reports of the Special Committee and of information regarding its activities and findings by all means available through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and, where necessary, to reprint those reports of the Special Committee which are no longer available;

(d) To report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the tasks entrusted to him in the present paragraph.

5. For the purpose of arriving at an estimate of expenditures of the Special Committee in 1981, the following assumptions have been made on the basis of indications given by the Special Committee that its activities in 1981 would continue to follow the pattern of the programme of work undertaken by the Committee since 1970.

(a) The Special Committee would meet at Geneva early in 1981, for a period of approximately 10 working days, to continue its study and analysis of the evidence and of documentary and other material that it has received. At that meeting, the Special Committee would review developments in the occupied territories, receive further allegations and evidence of violations of human rights, if any, and initiate studies of relevant new developments which may have taken place.

(b) In May/June 1981, the Special Committee would meet in Geneva for a period of approximately 10 working days to continue its study and analysis of further evidence, receive additional allegations and evidence of violations of human rights, if any, and begin the preparation of its draft report.

(c) In September 1981, the Special Committee would meet in Geneva for a period of approximately 10 working days to continue its study and analysis of further evidence and to adopt its report.

(d) Interpretation services would be required from and into English and French for the meetings held in Geneva; documents prepared for the Special Committee's use will be drafted in English, and translation into French would be required. Should Arabic-speaking witnesses be heard, interpretation from Arabic would also be required.

(e) The Special Committee would require up-to-date information on current developments in the Middle East region for this purpose, newspapers issued in the region would have to be reviewed on a day-to-day basis for information relevant to the work of the Special Committee, translation from Arabic and Hebrew into English and French of the appropriate articles appearing in Arabic and Hebrew publications would be required; in addition, the Special Committee would hear testimony of witnesses.

(f) The Special Committee would undertake a field mission to Europe and the Middle East. Prior to proceeding on the mission it is anticipated that the

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Special Committee would review developments in the occupied territories and decide whether it considers such a mission necessary. Should the Special Committee so decide, the mission would probably take place during the late spring or early summer of 1981 for a period of not more than 21 days. Alternatively, the Special Committee might invite witnesses to travel to Geneva to provide the Committee with information relevant to its mandate.

(g) During the field mission, the Special Committee would hear testimony and receive written statements from witnesses; it would be necessary for the Committee to insert paid notices in newspapers for the purpose of informing potential witnesses of its hearings; some witnesses might require financial assistance to make the journey to the place of meeting of the Committee in order to testify.

(h) During the field mission, interpretation from and into English, French, Arabic and Hebrew would be required. No summary records would be prepared; the oral testimony of witnesses would be recorded on tape and would be transcribed in Geneva, and the written testimony would be translated into English and French from Arabic or Hebrew; the records of oral and written testimony of witnesses would run to approximately 2,000 pages in English and would be translated into French.

6. Pursuant to subparagraph 11 (b) of the draft resolution, which requests the Secretary-General to continue to make available additional staff members as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its task, the Secretary-General would propose to continue to provide for another year on a temporary-assistance basis the funds necessary to continue to maintain on the staffing table of the Division of Human Rights a junior staff member and one General Service staff member, and to provide an additional General Service staff member for the purpose of assisting the Special Committee in indexing and preparing monthly summaries of transcripts of evidence which it continuously receives. In keeping the Special Committee furnished with up-to-date information on current developments in the Middle East region, newspapers issued in the region would be reviewed daily for information relating to the work of the Special Committee, and translation from Arabic and Hebrew into English and French of the appropriate articles appearing in Arabic and Hebrew publications would be required.

7. The P-3 post which was made available last year on the basis of temporary-assistance funds to provide for a full-time Hebrew translator would continue to be required. Translation from Arabic into English and French would continue to be provided from within existing resources.

8. The request to the Secretary-General, in subparagraph 11 (c) of the draft resolution, to ensure the widest circulation of the report of the Special Committee by all means available through the Department of Public Information would continue to be complied with within available resources.

9. On the basis of the above assumptions, the financial implications of the draft resolution can be estimated as shown below.

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I. Meeting in Geneva January/February 1981 (10 working days)

Travel and subsistence of three members

Travel	5 700
Subsistence	4 400
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Subtotal I	10 100
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II. Meeting in Geneva May/June 1981 (10 working days)

Travel and subsistence of three members

Travel	5 700
Subsistence	4 400
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Subtotal II	10 100
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III. Field mission to Europe and the Middle East in late spring or early summer 1981 (approximately 21 days) - Geneva/London/Middle East region/Geneva

(a) Travel and subsistence of three members

(i) Travel	8 400
(ii) Subsistence	6 800
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Subtotal (a)	15 200
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(b) Travel and subsistence of substantive and administrative staff (1 principal secretary, 1 assistant secretary, 1 administrative and finance officer, 1 information officer)

(i) Travel	6 000
(ii) Subsistence	6 400
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Subtotal (b)	12 400
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(c) General operating expenses

- (i) Rental of conference room and office space
- (ii) Local transportation

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(iii) Communications

Administrative cables, telephone etc.

Press cables

(iv) Air freight (sound equipment, tapes etc.)

(v) Miscellaneous and unforeseen expenses (travel and subsistence of witnesses, costs for notices in newspapers etc.)

Subtotal (c) 13 000

Subtotal III 40 600

IV. Meeting at Geneva, September 1981 (10 working days) a/

Travel and subsistence

Travel 5 700

Subsistence 4 400

Subtotal IV 10 100

V. Supplementary staff and other expenditures

(i) Temporary assistance for indexing and summarizing of transcripts of evidence (P-2, salary and common staff costs) 44 100

(ii) Secretarial assistance and overtime to service Special Committee (2 General Service, salaries and common staff costs) 56 000

(iii) Overtime for secretarial staff 1 000

(iv) Temporary assistance for translation of newspaper articles, reports, written testimony and transcripts from Hebrew into English and French; and for translation of military orders and proclamations from Hebrew into English and French (P-3, salary and common staff costs) 54 100

a/ Should the Special Committee designate a member to attend meetings of the General Assembly and participate in its consideration of the Special Committee's report, provision should be made for travel and subsistence for the member so designated, either through savings which may then be available to the Committee or in the final performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981.

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(v) Running expenses (subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, purchase of publications, special cartographic services, equipment etc.)	22 200
Subtotal V	177 400
Grand total	248 300

Summary

I. Meeting in Geneva, January/February 1981	10 100
II. Meeting in Geneva, May/June 1981	10 100
III. Field mission to Europe and the Middle East in late spring or early summer, 1981	40 600
IV. Meeting in Geneva in September 1981	10 100
V. Supplementary staff and other expenditures	177 400
Total costs	248 300

10. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution in document A/SPC/35/L.16 and on the assumption that the Special Committee will implement in 1981 a programme of work similar to that carried out in 1980, including a field mission, an appropriation of \$248,300 would be required in the programme budget for 1980-1981 under section 23 to cover the general costs of the work programme of the Special Political Committee. Furthermore, an appropriation of \$35,500 would be required for staff assessment under section 31 offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1.

11. As regards conference-servicing requirements, estimated on a full-cost basis at \$264,500, these will be considered in the context of the consolidated statement to be submitted towards the end of the current session of the General Assembly. Details of those conference-servicing costs are provided as annex to the present document.

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SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING REQUIREMENTS

I. Meeting in Geneva, two weeks, 1981

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Daily rate</u> \$	<u>Cost</u> \$ \$	
<u>Interpretation (A, E, F)</u>				
Salaries	140	213	29 820	
<u>Documentation</u>				
Pre-session (50 pages: A, E, F)				
Salaries - Translation	14	185	2 590	
Revision	6	210	1 260	
Typing	21	69	<u>1 449</u>	5 299
In-session (20 pages: E, F)				
Salaries - Translation	6	185	1 110	
Revision	3	210	630	
Typing	8	69	<u>552</u>	2 292
Post-session (40 pages: E, F)				
Salaries - Translation	11	185	2 035	
Revision	4	210	840	
Typing	17	69	<u>1 173</u>	4 048
<u>Verbatim records (35 hours of recording)</u>				
Salaries - Translation	17	185	3 145	
Revision	14	210	2 940	
Typing	45	69	<u>3 105</u>	9 190
<u>Reproduction</u>	4	45		180
Distribution	3	45		135

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	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Daily rate</u> \$	<u>Cost</u> \$	
<u>Other conference staff</u>				
Meeting-room attendants	14	45	630	
Technicians: interpretation	14	45	630	
sound recording	14	45	630	
Cleaners	14	24	336	2 226
		Grand total	53 190	

II. Field mission to Europe and the Middle East in late spring or
early summer 1981 (approximately 21 days) - Geneva/London/
Middle East region/Geneva

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u> \$	<u>Cost</u> \$	
<u>Salaries</u>					
Interpreters	4	23	213	19 596	
Précis-writers	4	23	210	19 320	
Translators	2	23	185	8 510	
Typing	4	23	69	6 348	
Sound engineer	1	23	45	<u>1 035</u>	54 809
<u>Travel and subsistence cost of above staff</u>					
Travel				22 500	
Subsistence				<u>27 600</u>	50 100
			Grand total		<u>104 909</u>
