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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/SPC/L.313

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

1. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/L.313, adopted by the Special Political Committee at its 940th meeting on 28 November 1974, the General Assembly would authorize the Special Committee:

(a) To send missions to Governments of Member States and to the headquarters of the specialized agencies of the United Nations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as required, for consultations to promote the international campaign against apartheid;

(b) To hold consultations with the Preparatory Committee of the International Conference of Trade Unions against Apartheid;

(c) To participate in conferences concerned with apartheid;

(d) To invite the representatives of South African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) for consultations whenever necessary; and

(e) To organize a seminar in 1975, in consultation with OAU, to consider the present situation in South Africa and the means for promoting public action against apartheid, as proposed in paragraph 236 of the report of the Special Committee.

2. Further, under the terms of operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would recommend that sufficient funds be allocated for the expansion of the activities of the Unit on Apartheid. It may be recalled that, in resolution 3151 C (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, the General Assembly requested and authorized the Secretary-General to invite voluntary contributions by States and organizations, to be used, in consultation with the Special Committee, for the expansion of the activities of the Unit on Apartheid, in particular, with regard to:

(a) The production of publications in languages other than the official languages of the United Nations;

(b) Grants to appropriate non-governmental organizations and institutions for the reprinting and dissemination of United Nations information material on apartheid and for the production of audio-visual material on apartheid.

3. The General Assembly, by resolution 3151 (XXVIII), approved an appropriation for the biennium 1974-1975 of \$108,000 for the programme of work of the Special Committee, of which \$80,000 would relate to the programme of work for 1974. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, when considering the Special Committee's proposed programme of work in 1974 and the related estimates of financial implications prepared by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1577), concluded that the proposed programme could be carried out more economically than estimated by the Secretary-General. The Advisory Committee, nevertheless, did not recommend a reduction in the Secretary-General's request, because savings made in 1974 would be available for use in connexion with 1975 activities.

4. The proposed programme of work for 1974 (document A/C.5/1577), is recapitulated below, with current estimates of the costs of implementation.

	<u>Estimates shown in</u> <u>document A/C.5/1577</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>estimates</u>
	(US dollars)	
(a) A special session of the Special Committee on <u>Apartheid</u> in Europe (General Assembly resolution 3151 B (XXVIII), para. 3)	47,000	53,000
(b) Missions to Governments of Member States for consultations on action against <u>apartheid</u> (<u>Ibid.</u> , para. 4 (a))	10,000	9,200
(c) Representation of the Special Committee at the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of OAU, at Mogadiscio, Somalia (<u>Ibid.</u> , para. 4 (b))	9,000	-
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	<u>Estimates shown in</u> <u>document A/C.5/1577</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>estimates</u>
	(US dollars)	
(d) Participation by the Special Committee in four conferences concerned with <u>apartheid</u> (<u>ibid.</u>), para. 4 (c))	9,000	4,600
(e) Meetings at Headquarters for consultation with representatives of anti- <u>apartheid</u> and other African liberation movements invited for this purpose from Africa and Europe (<u>ibid.</u> , para. 4 (d))	5,000	7,200
	<u>80,000</u>	<u>74,000</u>

Despite the increased costs of travel since the original estimates were prepared, and because economies have been effected in the planned programme, it will be seen that \$6,000 may be carried over from the programme of work for 1974 towards the cost of implementing the 1975 programme of work, in addition to the \$28,000 for 1975 approved in the programme budget for 1974-1975.

The programme of work for 1975

5. In regard to the missions to Governments of Member States and to the Headquarters of the specialized agencies, it is the Secretary-General's understanding that three such missions are envisaged. Two would consist of two members of the Special Committee, accompanied by two Secretariat staff members; of these, one mission would be to European countries and would last for approximately 16 days, and one would be to countries in the Americas and would last for approximately 12 days. A further mission to Australia of one member of the Committee, accompanied by one member of the Secretariat, is also envisaged. It is estimated that for the three missions the related costs of travel, subsistence and miscellaneous expenses would be \$18,000.

6. The Secretary-General understands that it is planned that the consultations with the Preparatory Committee of the International Conference of Trade Unions against Apartheid would be held in Geneva for two days in May 1975. The special session would be attended by 19 representatives of the Preparatory Committee and five members of the Special Committee, accompanied by two Secretariat staff members. It is envisaged that the meetings would be held immediately prior to meetings of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation, so that no travel costs would be incurred for the 12 workers' representatives of the Governing Body, who are also members of the Preparatory Committee. It is estimated that the costs of travel of other representatives of the Preparatory Committee, and for subsistence allowance for all representatives and members of

the Secretariat for the duration of the consultations, would amount to \$12,000. Accommodation for the special session would be provided by ILO, and no documentation would be issued. In the event that interpretation into English and French cannot be provided without charge by the United Nations Office at Geneva or by ILO, a further \$2,000 would be required for locally recruited interpreters: as it may be possible to obtain the services of interpreters without charge, no provision has been made for this amount in the total requirement shown in paragraph 10.

7. As regards attendance at conferences, there is as yet no specific indication of the number and location of the conferences at which the Special Committee may be represented. As noted in paragraph 3 (d) above, an amount of \$9,000 was provided for this purpose for 1974. It is estimated that if a level of activity similar to that planned for 1974 is implemented in 1975, an amount of \$10,000 would be required.

8. In connexion with invitations to representatives of South African liberation movements recognized by OAU to travel to Headquarters for consultations, the Secretary-General understands that it is envisaged that such consultations may take place in March and September of 1975 and that invitations would be extended to representatives of the two liberation movements recognized by OAU. Based on these assumptions, the related travel, subsistence (for a period of approximately 10 days on each occasion), and miscellaneous expenses would amount to \$8,000.

9. Under operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/L.313, the Assembly would authorize the Special Committee to organize, in 1975, a seminar to consider the present situation in South Africa and the means for promoting public action against apartheid. The Secretary-General understands that this seminar could be held at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, for five days in April/May 1975; that it would be attended by 35 participants and experts, including members of the Special Committee on Apartheid, accompanied by eight Secretariat staff members, including a press officer, from Headquarters; that there would be two meetings per day, with interpretation into English and French from the official languages of the Committee; that there would be no pre-session documentation or summary records; and that a final report of approximately 15 pages would be reproduced by stencil in English, French, Russian and Spanish. Based on these assumptions, the related costs are estimated at \$59,000, comprising \$33,500 for travel, \$16,500 for subsistence of participants and staff, \$2,200 for cables, local transportation and miscellaneous expenses, \$4,000 for the salary, subsistence and travel of interpreters and \$2,800 for translating and reproducing the final report.

10. In summary, should the Assembly approve the proposed programme of work for 1975 of the Special Committee on Apartheid by adopting the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/L.313, as recommended by the Special Political Committee, a further appropriation for the biennium 1974-1975 in the amount of \$73,000 would be required under section 3 of the programme budget, as follows:

	<u>\$US</u>	
(a) Missions to Governments of Member States and to headquarters of the specialized agencies of the United Nations		18,000
(b) Special session of the Committee for consultations with the Preparatory Committee of the International Conference of Trade Unions against <u>Apartheid</u>		12,000
(c) Attendance at conferences concerned with <u>apartheid</u>		10,000
(d) Invitations to representatives of South African liberation movements recognized by OAU to travel to United Nations Headquarters for consultations		8,000
(e) A seminar for promoting public action against <u>apartheid</u>		59,000
		<u>107,000</u>
Less:		
	<u>\$US</u>	<u>\$US</u>
(f) Amount available from the 1974-1975 appropriation related to the 1974 programme of work (see para. 4 above)	6,000	
(g) Amount already appropriated in the 1974-1975 programme budget and earmarked for the 1975 programme of work	<u>28,000</u>	<u>34,000</u>
Estimated additional requirement for the biennium 1974-1975		<u><u>73,000</u></u>

As a consequence of the provision of \$4,000 net salaries for interpreters at the seminar, in item (e) above, a further appropriation of \$2,000 would be required under section 34 of the programme budget (staff assessment), offset by a similar amount under income section 1 (income from staff assessment).

11. In addition, in view of the recommendation in operative paragraph 8, and pending receipt of voluntary contributions in cash, the Secretary-General would propose that any funds required for expansion of the activities of the Unit on Apartheid should be allocated with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under the provisions of the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures for the biennium 1974-1975.