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QUESTION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

Financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by Afghanistan, Algeria, Burma, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cyprus, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, the Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, the United Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia (A/L.516 and Add.1-3)

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In document A/L.516 and Add.1-3, the above-mentioned Member States have presented a draft resolution under the terms of which the General Assembly would, inter alia, decide to establish a United Nations Council for South West Africa, which would entrust such executive and administrative tasks as it deems necessary to a United Nations Commissioner for South West Africa to be appointed during the fifth special session by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Secretary-General.
2. The problem of meeting the costs of the draft proposals are dealt with in section III of the draft resolution and provide that:
 - "(a) The administration of South West Africa under the United Nations shall be financed from the revenues collected in the Territory;
 - "(b) Expenses directly related to the operation of the Council and the Office of the Commissioner - the travelling and subsistence expenses of members of the Council, the remuneration of the Commissioner and his staff and the cost of ancillary facilities - shall be met from the regular budget of the United Nations."

The proposal also envisages a co-ordinated emergency programme of technical and financial assistance to South West Africa.

3. In accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General herewith provides tentative estimates of the costs which might be incurred should the Assembly adopt the draft resolution in question. These estimates are intended to give only a preliminary indication of the financial requirements involved pending clarification of such questions as the number of members and the geographical distribution of membership of the Council and its servicing requirements, both at Headquarters and in the field.

4. In the absence of information regarding the composition of the United Nations Council for South Africa, the following costs are given on a per-member basis and assuming a Council comprised of either seven or eleven members. It has also been assumed that the provisions of operative paragraph 3 (a) (iii) of General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) will apply to the members of the Council, as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations. Accordingly, the travel and subsistence expenses referred to in section III of the draft resolution have been confined to the costs of: (a) round-trip travel of the members of the Council and the Commissioner and his staff, from Headquarters, New York, to the Territory, and (b) subsistence allowances for the time spent in travel status. This latter period has been calculated on the basis of a continuing stay in the Territory from 1 August 1967 until the proposed date of independence, 30 June 1968. No reliable cost estimates for such items as summary records and interpretation for meetings of the Council can be provided, at this stage, in the absence of information regarding the composition or requirements of the Council; obviously, however, conference servicing will be required to some extent.

I. Travel and subsistence costs of members of the Council

	1967	1968
	\$	\$
Round-trip travel, New York-Windhoek, South West Africa	1,680	
Subsistence in the Territory for eleven months	<u>3,400</u>	<u>4,100</u>
Total per member cost	<u>5,080</u>	<u>4,100</u>
For seven members	<u>35,560</u>	<u>28,700</u>
For eleven members	<u>55,880</u>	<u>45,100</u>

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II. United Nations Commissioner for South West Africa and staff

These costs have been based upon the assumption that:

- (a) The Commissioner will be appointed at the Under-Secretary level;
- (b) He will be supported by a small staff comprising one D-1, one P-5, two P-4, one G-5 and four other general service staff;
- (c) The staff will be required to travel with the Commissioner and the Council when they leave New York to assume duties in the Territory;
- (d) Although it is possible that some of the staff required for this mission will be detailed from the United Nations Secretariat, provision is made for the costs of the posts in question since in all probability any staff thus detailed would need to be replaced.

The estimates involved cover a period from 1 June 1967 to 30 June 1968, and are as follows:

	<u>1967</u> \$	<u>1968</u> \$
Salaries and wages including common staff costs	103,000	78,000
Travel of staff, and subsistence for eleven months in the Territory		
Travel	13,400	-
Subsistence	15,800	16,700
General expenses: cables, supplies, freight, etc., at Headquarters	<u>5,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<u>Totals:</u>	<u>137,200</u>	<u>96,700</u>

The estimated costs of the Council and the Commissioner and his staff, as detailed above, may be summarized as follows, the item for conference servicing costs being entered only pro memoria:

	<u>Council of seven members</u>		<u>Council of eleven members</u>	
	<u>1967</u> \$	<u>1968</u> \$	<u>1967</u> \$	<u>1968</u> \$
(1) Travel and subsistence of members of Council . .	35,560	28,700	55,880	45,100
(2) Salaries and wages including common staff costs	103,000	78,000	103,000	78,000
(3) Travel and subsistence of staff	29,200	16,700	29,200	16,700
(4) General expenses	5,000	2,000	5,000	2,000
(5) Conference servicing . .	<u>pro memoria</u>		<u>pro memoria</u>	
TOTAL:	<u>172,760</u>	<u>125,400</u>	<u>193,080</u>	<u>141,800</u>

It has been assumed that all other related costs in the field, such as communications, local transportation, office accommodation and furniture, equipment, supplies, etc., will be borne by the revenues of the Territory, as part of the costs involved in its administration.

5. With regard to the co-ordinated emergency programme of technical and financial assistance, the Secretary-General assumes that the resources required will be financed by means other than the United Nations regular budget.

6. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would assume that he was authorized to incur expenditures related to its implementation. The Secretary-General would report on the action taken, and the related costs, to the Assembly at its twenty-second session in connexion with the supplementary estimates for the financial year 1967. At that time, the Secretary-General would indicate the extent to which it might prove necessary to appropriate additional funds to meet the costs involved. With respect to requirements which will fall in 1968, the Secretary-General would present appropriate estimates to the Assembly at its twenty-second session.
