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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1974-1975
AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1977

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions B, C, and D
recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/9232/Add.1, para. 28)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 1627th meeting, on 13 December 1973, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with the provisions of rule 155 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1577) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions B, C and D recommended by the Special Political Committee in part II of its report (A/9232/Add.1, para. 28). The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is contained in document A/9008/Add.27.

II. DRAFT RESOLUTION B

2. Under the terms of draft resolution B, the General Assembly would authorize the Special Committee on Apartheid:

(a) To hold a special session in Europe in 1974;

(b) To send missions to Governments of Member States for consultations on action against apartheid;

(c) To send representatives to the Organization of African Unity for consultations on co-operation in action against apartheid;

(d) To participate in conferences concerned with apartheid; and

(e) To hold consultations with experts, African Liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, anti-apartheid movements, trade union organizations and other non-governmental organizations concerned with the campaign against apartheid, in order to consider ways and means of intensifying international action against apartheid.

3. In section I of his statement (A/C.5/1577), the Secretary-General indicated that the total costs of the 1974 programme of work of the Special Committee were estimated at \$80,000, under certain assumptions as to the specific activities to be undertaken. Since an amount of \$28,000 had been provided in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975 for this purpose, the Secretary-General indicated that a further appropriation of \$52,000 would be required. The Secretary-General further pointed out that an amount of \$28,000 had also been provisionally included for the 1975 programme of work of the Special Committee. Since the Special Committee would only formulate its 1975 programme of work in the course of 1974, the Secretary-General had no basis at this stage to make a more precise estimate, and he therefore suggested that the amount of \$28,000 provisionally requested for 1975 remain unchanged, pending the submission of revised estimates to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

4. In paragraph 4 of its report (A/9008/Add.27), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions noted that the amount already recommended by the Fifth Committee in first reading for the activities of the Special Committee (\$56,000), together with the additional appropriation requested by the Secretary-General, would constitute a considerable increase over the corresponding budgetary provisions in recent years. The Advisory Committee indicated that the principal activity for which funds were being requested was the proposed session of the Special Committee in Europe, the costs of which had been calculated on the assumption that the 16 members of the Special Committee would be accompanied by a staff of 18. The Advisory Committee was of the opinion that the number of supporting staff could be reduced without impairing the effectiveness of the session, and also recommended that the Special Committee's itinerary be planned in the most economical manner. While believing that the proposed programme of work of the Special Committee in 1974 could be carried out more economically than estimated by the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee did not recommend any reduction in his request on the grounds that any savings made in 1974 would be available for use in connexion with the Special Committee's activities in 1975.

III. DRAFT RESOLUTION C

5. Under the terms of draft resolution C, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, the Office of Public Information and the Unit on Apartheid to continue and intensify various activities dealing with the dissemination of information on apartheid. The Secretary-General would, in particular, be requested to continue his efforts to produce more films and audio-visual material on apartheid and to promote the widest possible distribution of such material

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through the production of additional language versions; to establish as soon as possible an information centre in an independent African State neighbouring South Africa, at its request, taking into consideration the financial difficulties of the host country; and to invite voluntary contributions by States and organizations to be used in connexion with informational activities on apartheid.

6. In section II of his statement (A/C.5/1577), the Secretary-General indicated various activities which would be undertaken in pursuance of paragraphs 1 and 4 of the draft resolution, without the need for additional appropriations. With regard to the production of additional language versions of films and audio-visual material, the Secretary-General estimated that an additional appropriation of \$9,000 would be required. Additionally, the Secretary-General estimated at \$93,000 the costs for the biennium related to the establishment of an information centre, as requested in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution.

7. In paragraph 8 of its report (A/9008/Add.27), the Advisory Committee indicated that it had no objection to the \$9,000 requested for the production of additional language versions of films and audio-visual material. With regard to the costs of establishing a new information centre, the Advisory Committee noted that while the Secretary-General had applied a 40 per cent delayed recruitment factor, the Advisory Committee was of the opinion that the appropriate deduction to be applied should be the one it had recommended for all new posts in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975. ^{1/} Accordingly, the Advisory Committee considered that the total requirements could be reduced by \$29,000, to \$64,000. As a consequence of this reduction, the estimate for staff assessment, as well as the offsetting estimate of income from staff assessment, would be reduced from \$10,000 to \$6,000.

IV. DRAFT RESOLUTION D

8. Under the terms of draft resolution D, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to reinforce the Unit on Apartheid in the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs so as to enable it to discharge the tasks indicated in paragraph 300 of the Special Committee's report (A/9022), and to provide it with the necessary staff and resources.

9. In section III of his statement (A/C.5/1577), the Secretary-General indicated that undertaking the services outlined in paragraph 300 of the Special Committee's report would require three additional posts (one P-5, one P-3 and one G-5). The related salary and common staff costs were estimated at \$118,000. Additionally, appropriations of \$22,000 would be needed in connexion with the provision of office space, furniture, equipment and other related costs for the staff concerned, and \$24,000 in connexion with staff assessment, the latter offset by an equal amount of income from staff assessment.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/9006), para. 42.

10. In section III of its report (A/9008/Add.27), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions recalled that in its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975, ^{2/} it had recommended that the delayed recruitment factor to be applied to all new posts for 1974-1975 should be 50 per cent for Professional and higher posts and 35 per cent for General Service posts. On this basis, the Secretary-General's estimates for salaries and common staff costs could be reduced by \$40,000 (to \$78,000), those for office space and other general expenses by \$6,000 (to \$16,000), and the provisions for staff assessment and income from staff assessment by \$9,000 each (to \$15,000).

V. DECISIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

Draft resolution B

11. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution B recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/9232/Add.1, para. 28), an additional appropriation of \$52,000 would be required under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.

Draft resolution C

12. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution C recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/9232/Add.1, para. 28), an additional net appropriation of \$73,000 would be required, comprising \$9,000 under section 27-A, \$64,000 under section 27-B, and \$6,000 under section 34, the latter offset by an equal amount under income section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.

Draft resolution D

13. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution D recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/9232/Add.1, para. 28), an additional net appropriation of \$84,000 would be required, comprising \$78,000 under section 4, \$6,000 under section 28, and \$15,000 under section 34, the latter offset by an equal amount under income section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.

^{2/} Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (A/9008).