

UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY



Distr.
GENERAL

A/9440
11 December 1973

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Twenty-eighth session
Agenda items 70 and 79

QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

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

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions
I and II recommended by the Fourth Committee (A/9419, para. 16)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ernesto C. GARRIDO (Philippines)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 1624th meeting, on 11 December 1973, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with the provisions of rule 155 of the rules of procedure, considered the statements by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1582 and A/C.5/1581) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Fourth Committee (A/9419, para. 16).

II. DRAFT RESOLUTION I

2. Under the terms of draft resolution I, the General Assembly would:

"(a) Approve the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia, including the recommendations contained therein and the programme of work envisaged for 1974 and decide to make adequate financial provision for their implementation (sect. I, para. 9);

"(b) Request all subsidiary organs of the United Nations, intergovernmental bodies and conferences, to ensure that the rights and interest of Namibia are protected and, to that end, among other things, to invite the United Nations Council for Namibia to participate in an appropriate capacity whenever such rights and interest are involved (sect. I, para. 17);

"(c) Decide to defray the expenses of a representative of the South West Africa People's Organization /SWAPO/ when accompanying such missions of the Council as the latter may determine and whenever called for consultation by the Council, and to authorize the Council to utilize the financial resources available, including the United Nations Fund for Namibia, to enable it to give assistance to the Namibian people when, in the opinion of the Council, such assistance would be required (sect. I, para. 18);

"(d) Request the Secretary-General to continue to provide the necessary assistance and facilities to the United Nations Council for Namibia and to the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia for the discharge of their respective duties and functions (sect. I, para. 19);

"(e) Request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations Council for Namibia, to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, to intensify the dissemination of information on the question of Namibia and, inter alia, to issue a further series of United Nations commemorative postage stamps on Namibia, to continue to issue the Namibia Bulletin, and to continue to explore additional measures for wider dissemination of information concerning the question of Namibia and concerning the activities of the Council (sect. III, para. 1)."

3. In his statement (A/C.5/1582), the Secretary-General indicated that the cost estimates related to the 1974 programme of work of the United Nations Council for Namibia would amount to \$169,000. These estimates were based on the costs of certain specific activities that the Council intended to undertake in the course of 1974, as indicated in paragraphs 330 to 333 of part four of its report to the General Assembly, 1/ including a visit by the Council as a whole to Africa; various missions of the Council to Africa, Europe and Latin America for consultations with OAU, officials of Governments and the specialized agencies; travel and subsistence expenses of a representative of SWAPO; and the publication of the Namibia Bulletin as well as a series of notes and documents.

4. With regard to the proposed series of commemorative postage stamps, the Secretary-General indicated that, since the 1974 stamp schedule had already been completed, the earliest this request could be implemented would be 1975. The Secretary-General also outlined the manner in which he proposed to comply with the request that would be addressed to him in section III, paragraph 1 of the draft resolution regarding the dissemination of information on the question of Namibia (A/9419, para. 16, draft resolution I).

5. Bearing in mind that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975 includes, under section 23, a tentative provision of \$104,000 for the Council's 1974 programme of work, the Secretary-General indicated that an additional appropriation of \$65,000 would be required, should the draft resolution be adopted by the General Assembly.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/9024).

6. In an oral report, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions indicated that the Advisory Committee agreed with the statement of the Secretary-General.

III. DRAFT RESOLUTION II

7. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide to allocate to the United Nations Fund for Namibia for 1974 the sum of \$100,000 from the regular budget of the United Nations.

8. In his statement (A/C.5/1581), the Secretary-General indicated that adoption of the draft resolution by the General Assembly would require an additional appropriation of \$100,000 under section 23 of the budget for the biennium 1974-1975.

9. In an oral report, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions indicated that the Advisory Committee agreed with the statement of the Secretary-General.

IV. PROCEEDINGS IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

10. One representative indicated that he expected that the United Nations Council for Namibia would have some degree of flexibility in administering this appropriation among its different activities, set out in paragraph 3 of the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1582).

V. DECISIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

11. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution I recommended by the Fourth Committee (A/9419, para. 16), an additional appropriation of \$65,000 would be required under section 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.

12. The Fifth Committee also decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution II recommended by the Fourth Committee (A/9419, para. 16), an additional appropriation of \$100,000 would be required under section 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.
