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

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/SPC/34/L.19

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

1. At its 46th meeting, held on 7 December 1979, the Special Political Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/34/L.19. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/SPC/34/L.20).
2. In paragraph 9 of the draft resolution 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; and

(d) To report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth 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 1980 the following assumptions have been made on the basis of indications given by the Special Committee that its activities in 1980 would continue to follow the pattern of the programme of work undertaken by the Committee since 1970, except for the meeting indicated in paragraph 5 (d) below.

(a) The Special Committee would meet at Geneva early in 1980, 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 late spring/early summer 1980, 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 1980, 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) The Special Committee may also decide to meet for a period of approximately five working days in early November 1980 in New York to adopt a supplement to its report. Explicit authorization of the General Assembly would however be required to include this meeting in the programme of work of the Committee since the General Assembly at its current session has adopted the recommendation of the General Committee according to which "no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly ..." (see A/34/250/Add.2);

(e) 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;

(f) Members of the Special Committee would reside in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Dakar, Senegal and Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, respectively;

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(g) It may be anticipated that the Special Committee will require up-to-date information on current developments in the Middle East region; for this purpose, newspapers issued in the region will 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 will hear testimony of witnesses;

(h) Prior to proceeding on a field mission to Europe and the Middle East, it is anticipated that the Special Committee will 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 1980 for a period of not more than 21 days. Alternatively, the Special Committee may invite witnesses to travel to Geneva to provide the Committee with information relevant to its mandate;

(i) 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 may require financial assistance to make the journey to the place of meeting of the Committee in order to testify;

(j) 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 paragraph 11 (b), 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 and to provide an additional General Service staff 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 will be reviewed daily for information relating 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.

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 will 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 operative paragraph 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, will 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.	<u>Meeting in Geneva February/March 1980 (10 working days)</u>	
	Travel and subsistence of three members	
	Travel	5,200
	Subsistence	<u>4,100</u>
	Subtotal I	<u>9,300</u>
II.	<u>Meeting in Geneva, late spring/early summer 1980 (10 working days)</u>	
	Travel and subsistence of three members	
	Travel	5,200
	Subsistence	<u>4,100</u>
	Subtotal II	<u>9,300</u>
III.	<u>Field mission to Europe and the Middle East in late spring or early summer 1980 (approximately 21 days) - Geneva/London/ Middle East region/Geneva</u>	
	(a) Travel and subsistence of three members	
	(i) Travel	7,700
	(ii) Subsistence	<u>6,800</u>
	Subtotal (a)	<u>14,500</u>
	(b) Travel and subsistence of substantive and administrative staff (composition of staff listed below)	
	Principal secretary      1	
	Assistant secretary      1	
	Administrative and Finance Officer      1	
	Information Officer <u>1</u>	
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	(i) Travel	5,500
	(ii) Subsistence	<u>6,400</u>
	Subtotal (b)	<u>11,900</u>

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(c) General operating expenses	12,200
(i) Rental of conference room and office space	
(ii) Local transportation	
(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)	<u>12,200</u>
Subtotal III	<u>38,600</u>

IV. Meeting at Geneva, September 1980 (10 working days) 1/

Travel and subsistence of three members	
Travel	5,200
Subsistence	<u>4,100</u>
Subtotal IV	<u>9,300</u>

V. Meeting at New York, November 1980 (5 working days)

Travel and subsistence of members	
(i) Travel	8,400
(ii) Subsistence	2,200
Travel and subsistence of one staff member from Division of Human Rights	
(i) Travel	1,200
(ii) Subsistence	<u>500</u>
Subtotal V	<u>12,300</u>

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1/ 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 first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981.

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VI. Supplementary staff and other expenditures

(i) Temporary assistance for indexing and summarizing of transcripts of evidence (P-2 staff member, salary and common staff costs)	43,700
(ii) Secretarial assistance and overtime to service Special Committee (2 General Service, salaries and common staff costs)	54,400
(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)	53,600
(v) Running expenses (subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, purchase of publications, special cartographic services, equipment, etc.)	22,200

Subtotal VI 174,900

	<u>Human Rights Section 23</u>	<u>Conf. Serv. Section 29</u>
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SUMMARY		
I. Meeting in Geneva, February/March 1980	9,300	69,700
II. Meeting in Geneva, late spring/early summer 1980	9,300	69,700
III. Field mission to Europe and the Middle East in late spring or early summer, 1980	38,600	96,500
IV. Meeting in Geneva in September 1980	9,300	69,700
V. Meeting in New York in November 1980	12,300	89,700
VI. Supplementary staff and other expenditures	<u>174,900</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of costs	<u>253,700</u>	<u>395,300</u>

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10. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution in document A/SPC/34/L.19 and on the assumption that the Special Committee will implement in 1980 a programme of work similar to that carried out in 1979 including a field mission, an appropriation of \$253,700 would be required in the proposed 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 \$31,700 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 \$395,300, 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 in which the Secretary-General will report on the level of additional conference resources to be requested in the light of the pattern of conferences for the year 1980 as approved by the General Assembly. Details of those conference servicing costs are provided as annex to the present document.

12. All the estimates referred to above have been calculated at the rate of 1.73 Swiss francs per United States dollar.

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ANNEX

I. Meetings in Geneva, two weeks 1980

	<u>No. of staff</u>	<u>No. of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Interpretation (E,F)</u>					<u>17 304</u>
Salaries	6	14	206	17 304	
<u>Documentation</u>					
Pre-session: 65 pages (A,E,F)					<u>6 853</u>
Salaries					
Translation	3	7	171	3 591	
Revision	1	7	190	1 330	
Typing	4	7	69	1 932	
In-session: 20 pages (E,F)					<u>3 010</u>
Salaries					
Translation	1	7	171	1 197	
Revision	1	7	190	1 330	
Typing	1	7	69	483	
Verbatim Records					<u>22 624</u>
Salaries					
Translation	4	14	171	9 576	
Revision	2	14	190	5 320	
Typing/Transcribing	8	14	69	7 728	
Post-session: 50 pages (E,F)					<u>5 173</u>
Salaries					
Translation	2	7	171	2 394	
Revision	1	7	190	1 330	
Typing	3	7	69	1 449	
<u>Reproduction</u>					<u>1 035</u>
<u>Distribution</u>					<u>270</u>
<u>Other conference staff</u>					<u>1 908</u>
Meeting-room attendants	1	12	45	540	
Technicians: interpretation	1	12	45	540	
sound recording	1	12	45	540	
Cleaners	1	12	24	288	
			Total:		<u>58 177</u>
<u>Interpretation from Arabic (if required)</u>	4	14	206	11 536	<u>11 536</u>
			Grand total:		<u>69 713</u>



II. One week, meeting in New York, November 1980

	<u>No. of staff</u>	<u>No. of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Interpretation (E,F) in New York</u>					<u>15 318</u>
Salaries	6	7	211	8 862	
Travel				6 456	
<u>Documentation</u>					<u>6 853</u>
Pre-session: 65 pages (E,F) in Geneva					
Salaries					
Translation	3	7	171	3 591	
Revision	1	7	190	1 330	
Typing	4	7	69	1 932	
In-session: 20 pages (E,F) in New York					<u>6 687</u>
Salaries					
Translation	1	7	163	1 141	
Revision	1	4	174	696	
Typing (non-local)	1	7	48	336	
Typing (local)	1	7	30	210	
Travel				4 304	
<u>Verbatim Records</u>					<u>33 116</u>
Salaries					
Translation	8	7	163	9 128	
Revision	2	7	174	2 436	
Typing (non-local)	4	7	48	1 344	
Typing (local)	4	7	30	840	
Travel				19 368	
Post-session: 150 pages (E,F) in Geneva					<u>14 189</u>
Salaries					
Translation	6	7	171	7 182	
Revision	2	7	190	2 660	
Typing	9	7	69	4 347	
<u>Reproduction</u>					<u>2 588</u>
<u>Distribution</u>					<u>270</u>
<u>Other conference staff: in New York</u>	2	7	30		<u>420</u>
			Total:		<u>79 441</u>
<u>Interpretation from Arabic (if required)</u>					<u>10 212</u>
Salaries	4	7	211	5 908	
Travel				4 304	
Grand total:					<u>89 653</u>
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III. Field mission to Europe and the Middle East in late spring or early summer 1980 (approximately 21 days) - Geneva/London/Middle East region/Geneva

	<u>No. of staff</u>	<u>No. of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Salaries</u>					
Interpreters	4	23	206	18 952	
Précis writers	4 <sup>2/</sup>	23	190	17 480	
Translators	2	23	171	7 866	
Typing	4 <sup>2/</sup>	23	69	6 348	
Sound engineer	1	23	45	1 035	
<u>Travel cost of above staff</u>					
Travel				20 625	
Subsistence				24 150	
			Grand total:		<u>96 456</u>

<sup>2/</sup> The need for précis writers would arise should the Committee find it necessary to undertake its mission later than May 1980. In that case brief minutes would be prepared of the testimony of witnesses and the draft report would be based on those minutes rather than on transcription from recordings, since there would not be sufficient time to transcribe all the recordings before the deadline for the presentation of the draft report. Should the mission be undertaken before May 1980, the transcription would be made at an estimated cost of \$13,800 for approximately 2,000 pages in English and French; no additional expenditure would arise however, since in this case the team composition would include 2 verbatim reporters and 2 typists only instead of 4 précis writers and 4 typists.

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