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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE
UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF
THE ORGANIZATION

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.6/34/L.10/Rev.1

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

1. The Sixth Committee, at its 54th meeting held on 28 November 1979, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/34/L.10/Rev.1. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.6/34/L.13).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/34/L.10/Rev.1 the General Assembly would, inter alia:
 - (a) Decide that the Special Committee should continue its work in pursuance of the following tasks with which it is entrusted:
 - (i) To list the proposals which have been made or will be made in the Committee and to identify those which have awakened special interest;
 - (ii) To examine proposals which have been made or will be made in the Committee with a view to according priority to the consideration of those areas on which general agreement is possible.
 - (b) Request the Secretary-General to render all assistance to the Special Committee, including the preparation of summary records of all its meetings.
 - (c) Request the Secretary-General to bring up to date as quickly as possible the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs, as mandated in resolutions 796 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, 992 (X) of 21 November 1955 and 2968 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972.

3. With regard to subparagraph 2 (b) above, the General Assembly, by resolution 34/50 of 23 November 1979, approved the recommendation by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) contained in part V of its report 1/ to the effect that, inter alia, the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council 2/ on control and limitation of documentation be applied to the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, and that the Secretary-General be requested to implement them fully. As a consequence, no provision is being included for summary records for the Special Committee.

4. Also, at its 54th meeting, the Sixth Committee noted with appreciation the generous offer extended by the Government of the Philippines to host the meeting of the Special Committee in Manila from 28 January to 22 February 1980 and decided without objection to recommend to the General Assembly that the invitation be accepted. Should the General Assembly accept the invitation of the Government of the Philippines, it is understood that the provisions of paragraph 5 of section I of General Assembly resolution 31/140 will apply.

5. The estimate provided hereunder indicates the costs which would be incurred should the meetings, for a period of four weeks, be held in New York, the location of the substantive secretariat for the Special Committee. The calculations assume that during the meetings, and for pre-session documentation, facilities would be provided in five languages (Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish); however, post-session documentation would be in six languages.

6. Based on the above assumptions, the estimated costs would be as follows:

	<u>\$US</u>	<u>\$US</u>	<u>\$US</u>
I. Pre-session (100 pages)			
(i) Translation, revision and typing	30,400		
(ii) Reproduction and distribution	3,700		34,100
II. In-session			
<u>Department of Conference Services</u>			
(i) Interpretation (16 interpreters)	108,400		
(ii) Translation, revision and typing (150 pages)	67,300		
(iii) Reproduction and distribution	3,200		
(iv) Staff requirements: (1 conference officer and 1 documents clerk)	1,600		
Subtotal - Department of Conference Services	180,500	180,500	

1/ A/34/38 (Part V).

2/ Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/1, 1979/41 and 1979/69.

	<u>\$US</u>	<u>\$US</u>	<u>\$US</u>
<u>Office of General Services</u>			
(i) Security Services	10,400		
(ii) General operating expenses	4,000		
(iii) Sound technicians	5,600		
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Subtotal - Office of General Services	20,000	20,000	
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Total in-session		200,500	200,500
III. Post-session (200 pages)			
(i) Translation, revision and typing		76,200	
(ii) Reproduction and distribution		9,600	85,800
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	GRAND TOTAL		<hr/> <u>320,400</u> <hr/>

7. In connexion with subparagraph 2 (c) above, it might be recalled that CPC, at its eighteenth session in 1978, considered the work programme of the Office of Legal Affairs during 1980-1983, 3/ including the question of continued preparation and publication of the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs, as mandated by the General Assembly in resolutions 796 (VIII), 992 (X) and 2968 (XXVII). In its report to the General Assembly on the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983, 4/ the Committee recommended:

"That, after the completion of Supplement No. 4 to the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs (the Charter Repertory), covering the period 1 September 1966 to 31 December 1969, which was currently under preparation, further supplements should be recast so as to record primarily those actions, mainly of principal organs, that bore directly on the interpretation of any provision of the Charter."

The Fifth Committee, at the thirty-third session of the General Assembly, considered and endorsed (A/33/482) the recommendations of CPC and the General Assembly noted them in paragraph 3 of its resolution 33/118 of 19 December 1978.

8. Pursuant to the recommendation of CPC, the Secretary-General constituted an Inter-Departmental Committee on Charter Repertory, which in mid-1979 decided that Supplement No. 5 to the Repertory should cover a nine-year period from 1 January 1970 to 31 December 1978. The Committee requested the Secretariat units concerned to draft studies on Charter Articles allocated to them, submitting these, by 31 December 1980, for review to the Office of Legal Affairs.

3/ A/33/38, paras. 393-398.

4/ A/33/38, para. 57.

9. The work on the preparation of draft studies on Charter Articles for inclusion in Supplement No. 5 to the Repertory is currently in progress.

10. The Secretary-General believes that the work involved can be accommodated within existing resources. Should, however, the experience of 1980 so warrant, he may report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session indicating his views on the necessary measures to be taken in order to bring up to date the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs.

11. The estimated costs indicated in paragraph 6 above are based on full cost, at current rates. Towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly, when the definitive pattern of conferences for 1980 is considered, it will be indicated in the consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements to be submitted at that time, to what extent the costs in respect of conference servicing dealt with in this document can be absorbed within existing resources. Therefore, in the event of the adoption of the draft resolution, no additional appropriations would be requested at this stage.