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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1986-1987

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SECOND DECADE
TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/41/L.11, as orally revised

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

1. At its 25th meeting, on 27 October 1986, the Third Committee adopted without a vote the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/41/L.11, as orally revised. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.3/41/L.22.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

- 2. By operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/41/L.11, as orally revised, the Secretary-General would be requested to prepare and issue as soon as possible a collection of model legislation for the guidance of Governments in the enactment of further legislation against racial discrimination.
- 3. Under operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would reiterate its invitation to the Secretary-General to organize in New York in 1987 a training course for legislative draftsmen with the aim of focusing on the preparation of national legislation against racism and racial discrimination.
- 4. Paragraph 13 of the draft resolution would once again authorize the Secretary-General to organize in 1988 a global consultation on racial discrimination involving representatives of the United Nations system, regional

intergovernmental organizations and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to focus on the co-ordination of international activities to combat racism and racial discrimination.

- 5. Operative paragraph 15 of the draft resolution would emphasize the importance of adequate recourse procedures for victims of racism and racial discrimination and would therefore request the Secretary-General, in the light of the results of the seminars held on this topic, to prepare and finalize, with the appropriate assistance of qualified experts if possible, a handbook of recourse procedures.
- 6. By operative paragraph 19 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would strongly appeal to all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for the Programme of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and, to that end, would request the Secretary-General to undertake appropriate contacts and initiatives to encourage contributions.

B. Relationship of proposed request to approved programme of work

- 7. The activities proposed in the draft resolution would fall under chapter 6, programme: Centre for Human Rights, subprogramme 2, Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups, the strategy of which is described in paragraph 6.27 of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989.
- 8. The activities are particularly relevant to section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, subprogramme 2, Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups, programme element 2.1, output (i), which calls for implemention of the programme of activities for the Second Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/16 of 23 November 1984.

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

- 9. It is envisaged that the collection of model legislation for the guidance of Governments requested in operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution would emanate from the research and preparation of the global compilation of national legislation against racial discrimination mandated by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, for which provision has already been made in the programme budget for 1986-1987 (six consultant work-months at a cost of \$36,000).
- 10. In response to the request contained in operative paragraph 10, a training course for approximately 20 legislative draftsmen, mainly from developing countries, would be organized in New York in 1987 for a period of 10 working days. It is assumed that the course would be conducted in English and that no interpretation or translation would be required. On that basis, the costs have been estimated as follows:

	Fees \$	Travel	Subsistence \$	Total
20 participants	-	40 000	35 900	75 900
2 consultants	3 000	4 000	3 600	10 600
2 staff members from the Centre for Human Rights	_	2 000	3 600	5 600
Total	3 000	46 000	43 100	92 100

The above costs would be expected to be financed from the Trust Fund for the Programme of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, to which an appeal for contributions is made in operative paragraph 19 of the draft resolution.

- 11. A global consultation on racial discrimination involving representatives of the United Nations system, regional intergovernmental organizations and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council would be organized at Geneva in 1988, to focus on the co-ordination of international activities to combat racism and racial discrimination, as authorized in operative paragraph 13 of the draft resolution. It is assumed that each of the organizations participating in the global consultation would defray the osts of the participation of its representatives. To the extent that it might be necessary to provide English/French interpretation, conference-servicing costs would arise, which have been estimated on a full-cost basis at \$19,700.
- 12. The results of previous seminars would be utilized by the staff of the Centre for Human Rights in order to prepare and finalize a handbook on recourse procedures within available resources.
 - D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1986-1987
- 13. Should the draft resolution be adopted, the following output would need to be added to programme element 3.1, Documentation and publications:
 - (viii) Handbook on recourse procedures (1987)

E. Additional requirements at full cost

14. As explained in previous paragraphs, the following additional requirements would arise:

Collection of model legislation		<u>\$</u>	
Collection of model legislation (Consultants)		36 000	
Training course for legislative drafts (Consultants and travel costs)	men	92 100	
Global consultation (Conference-servicing costs)		10 700	
(conterence servicing costs)		<u>19 700</u>	
	Total	147 800	

F. Potential for absorption

15. The collection of model legislation and the handbook of recourse procedures would be produced within available resources under section 23 of the programme budget, while the training course for legislative draftsmen would be financed from the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

G. Request for additional appropriation

- 16. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/41/L.11, as orally revised, no additional appropriation would be required under section 23 (Human rights) of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987.
- 17. With respect to the conference-servicing requirements of \$19,700 for interpretation at the global consultation on racial discrimination mentioned in paragraph 11 above, the actual appropriation that might be required under section 29 B (Conference Services, Geneva) in 1988 would be included in the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-second session in 1987.