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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Programme budget implications of the draft resolutions contained in documents A/41/L.36 and A/41/L.37

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

INTRODUCTION

1. By its resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961, the General Assembly established the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Subsequently, the mandate of the Special Committee has been extended annually by successive General Assembly resolutions, most recently by its resolution 40/57 of 2 December 1985. Also annually, the General Assembly approves an extensive programme of dissemination of information on decolonization, the latest of which was adopted under resolution 40/58 of 2 December 1985. By specific resolutions dealing with individual Territories, the General Assembly, each year, further requests the Special Committee to keep under review the situation in those Territories. These resolutions constitute the legislative framework within which the activities proposed under the draft resolutions contained in documents A/41/L.36 and A/41/L.37 would be carried out.

2. The activities contained in the draft resolutions mentioned above would fall under chapter 4, Trusteeship and decolonization, programme 2, Decolonization, of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, as revised. ^{1/} Furthermore, these activities are covered under section 3A, Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to

Colonial Countries and Peoples, subsection 2, of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987, which includes appropriations in the amount of \$581,200 for their implementation. 2/

3. The substantive servicing of the Special Committee is covered under various paragraphs of section 3B, Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization, subprogramme 1, Servicing of intergovernmental bodies; subprogramme 2, Research and preparation of documents; and subprogramme 3, Co-ordination and information of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. 3/ The information activities in relation to decolonization are also reflected in various outputs under section 27, Public Information, subprogramme 1, Coverage and subprogramme 2, Information in depth, programme elements 2.4, 2.16 and 2.17 of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987. 4/

I. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS
AND ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS AT FULL COST

A. Draft resolution A/41/L.36

4. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would approve "the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples covering its work during 1986, including the programme of work envisaged for 1987".

5. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 12 (d) and 12 (e) of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Special Committee,

"to continue to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) in all Territories that have not yet attained independence and, in particular:

"...

(d) To continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of visiting missions to those Territories whenever the Special Committee deems it appropriate, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence;

(e) To take all necessary steps to enlist world-wide support among Governments, as well as national and international organizations having a special interest in decolonization, for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration and the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, particularly as concerns the oppressed people of Namibia."

6. Under the terms of operative paragraph 15 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General "to provide the Special Committee with

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the facilities and services required for the implementation of the present resolution, as well as of the various resolutions and decisions on decolonization adopted by the General Assembly and the Special Committee".

7. Pursuant to the requests contained in the draft resolution and in accordance with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 160 and 162 to 167 of its report to the General Assembly, 5/ the Special Committee would in the course of 1987:

(a) Send up to two visiting missions to the colonial Territories. The missions would be composed of three members of the Special Committee and three staff members and would each be of two weeks' duration. An additional two days for each mission would be necessary for consultation with the administering Powers;

(b) Hold consultations and contacts:

(i) With specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations. It is assumed that, during 1987, the Chairman or a member of the Special Committee, accompanied by one staff member, would represent the Committee in 20 such meetings and consultations of one week's duration each;

(ii) With the Secretary-General and member Governments of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). It is assumed that the Chairman of the Special Committee, accompanied by one staff member, would undertake four missions of consultations with OAU of one week's duration each;

(iii) With the President of the Economic and Social Council on the occasion of the participation of the Chairman in the Council's consideration of the decolonization item at its second regular session at Geneva. The Chairman of the Special Committee would be accompanied by one staff member and the duration of the mission would be one week;

(c) Participate in conferences, seminars and other special meetings dealing with decolonization arranged by non-governmental organizations, as well as by the United Nations bodies concerned. It is assumed that, during 1987, the Special Committee will be represented by one of its members in up to 15 such events, each of five days' duration. The level of participation of the Special Committee in the events organized by the United Nations bodies is reported under paragraph 7 (b) (i) above;

(d) Continue to invite representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by OAU to participate in the Committee's work;

(e) Continue to invite, in consultation as appropriate with OAU and the national liberation movements concerned, individuals who could furnish the Special Committee with information on specific aspects of the situation in the Territory.

8. On the basis of the information provided in paragraph 7 above, the cost of these activities in 1987 is estimated at \$308,900, broken down as follows:

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(a) Visiting missions	57 300
(b) Missions of consultation with specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations; participation in their activities	129 500
(c) Mission of consultation with OAU	45 600
(d) Mission of consultation with the President of Economic and Social Council	5 500
(e) Participation of the Special Committee in meetings of United Nations organs and non-governmental organizations dealing with decolonization	39 700
(f) Participation of national liberation movements in the meetings of the Special Committee at Headquarters	4 900
(g) Appearance of individuals before the Special Committee	<u>26 400</u>
Total	<u><u>308 900</u></u>

9. With regard to the indication contained in paragraph 167 of the Special Committee's report 5/ that it might hold a series of meetings away from Headquarters in 1987, it should be recalled that the Special Committee is authorized under the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 1654 (XVI) and 2621 (XXV), to meet elsewhere than at United Nations Headquarters whenever and wherever such meetings might be required for the effective discharge of its functions. The Special Committee would take advantage of invitations which it might receive in that connection. As soon as the particulars of such meetings are available and subject to the availability of the requisite conference services and facilities, the Secretary-General would submit to the Special Committee a statement of the related programme budget implications pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in this regard and would seek the necessary budgetary provision in accordance with established procedures.

10. As to the request contained in paragraph 15 of the draft resolution, it is estimated that the resources mentioned in paragraph 3 above provided for the substantive servicing of the Special Committee under section 3B, Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization will be sufficient for the successful discharge of the mandate of the Special Committee.

B. Draft resolution A/41/L.37

11. By operative paragraphs 1 and 3 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would approve the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation

with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the dissemination of information on decolonization and publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization; and would request the Secretary-General, having regard to the suggestions of the Special Committee, to continue to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, including publications, radio and television, to give widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, and, inter alia:

- (a) To continue, in consultation with the Special Committee, to collect, prepare and disseminate basic material, studies and articles relating to the problems of decolonization and, in particular, to continue to publish the periodical Objective: Justice and other publications, special articles and studies, including the Decolonization series, and to select from them appropriate material for wider dissemination by means of reprints in various languages;
- (b) To seek the full co-operation of the administering Powers concerned in the discharge of the task referred to above;
- (c) To intensify the activities of all United Nations information centres;
- (d) To maintain a close working relationship with the Organization of African Unity by holding periodic consultations and by systematically exchanging relevant information with that organization;
- (e) To enlist, with the close co-operation of United Nations information centres, the support of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in decolonization in the dissemination of the relevant information;
- (f) To continue to provide verbatim records to the Special Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/14 C of 16 November 1982;
- (g) To continue to provide the full press release coverage for all meetings of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies;
- (h) To ensure the availability of the necessary facilities and services to that end;
- (i) To report to the Special Committee on the measures taken in implementation of the present resolution.

12. It is estimated that the activities called for under paragraphs 3 (a) to (e), (h) and (i), of the draft resolution would be carried out from within resources already approved in the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 under sections 3 and 27. No additional resources, therefore, would be required.

13. With regard to the request contained in paragraph 3 (f) of the draft resolution, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 37/14 C, the Special Committee is entitled to verbatim records of its proceedings. It will be recalled, however, that on the basis of General Assembly decision 40/472

of 9 May 1986, in the light of the current financial crisis, verbatim records have not been provided to the Special Committee in 1986. 6/ It is understood that should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/41/L.37, the provisions in paragraphs 3 (f) and (g) would not preclude the application in 1987 of such economy measures which the continuation of the current financial crisis might warrant.

II. CONCLUSIONS

A. Modification required in the approved programme of work for 1986-1987

14. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolutions contained in documents A/41/L.36 and A/41/L.37, no modification in the programme of work for 1986-1987 as approved in the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 would be required.

B. Proposals for the financing of the programme of activities of the Special Committee in 1987

15. The requirements which would arise in 1987 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolutions have been estimated at full cost in section II above in an amount of \$308,900.

16. It should be recalled that the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) in its fourteenth report on the programme budget implications of the 1985 programme of activities of the United Nations Council for Namibia 7/ has recommended that an analysis should be provided of increases/decreases in the level of activities of the intergovernmental bodies financed under section 3 and related resources for the forthcoming year as compared to the previous year. In conformity with these recommendations, the following information is provided on the changes in the level of activities of the Special Committee, comparing the 1987 programme to the 1986 programme:

(a) The duration of the visiting missions (two missions) is increased from one week to two weeks for each mission, to reflect actual requirements;

(b) Also, in order to reflect actual requirements the duration of missions of participation of the Special Committee in activities arranged by non-governmental organizations (15 missions) is increased from three to five days for each mission;

(c) The number of meetings of consultation with and representation of the Special Committee in meetings of specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations is increased from 17 to 20.

Annex I summarizes this information in tabular form.

17. As indicated in paragraph 2 above, a total appropriation of \$581,200 has been approved under section 3A of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987,

subsection 2. It is estimated that, within this amount, an appropriation in the amount of \$353,300, including \$297,600 representing the 1987 portion of the initial 1986-1987 appropriation for the Special Committee and \$55,700 representing the uncommitted balance of the resources earmarked for 1986, is available in the 1986-1987 programme budget. It is estimated, therefore, that the costs of the 1987 activities of the Special Committee could be met from within that provision.

18. It should also be recalled that ACABQ, in its fourteenth report on the programme budget implications of the recommendations of the United Nations Council for Namibia to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session 8/ recommended that, with regard to the estimation of requirements for policy-making organs, past experience should be taken into consideration. In that connection, annex II to the present statement contains information on the level of actual expenditures for the implementation of the programme of regular activities of the Special Committee for the years 1983 to 1986.

C. Potential for partial absorption

19. It is not proposed that any programme element or output within sections 3 and 27 of the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 should be curtailed, terminated or postponed to offset the costs that would arise should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolutions contained in documents A/41/L.36 and A/41/L.37.

IV. SUMMARY

20. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolutions contained in documents A/41/L.36 and A/41/L.37, no additional appropriations for 1987 would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987 for their implementation.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1), chap. 4, paras. 4.6 to 4.9, 4.22 to 4.34, and ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/39/6), chap. IV.

2/ Ibid., Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/40/6), vol. I, paras. 3.8 to 3.11.

3/ Ibid., paras. 3.20 to 3.26.

4/ Ibid., vol. II, para. 27.8.

5/ A/41/23 (part I), chap. J.

6/ A/40/1102 and Corr. 1-3, annex IV.

7/ A/39/7/Add.13.

8/ Ibid., para. 30.

Annex I

COMPARATIVE ANALYSES OF THE 1986 AND 1987 PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITY
 OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE
 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE
 TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

	Provided for in A/C.5/40/64, paras. 7 and 8		Provided for in paras. 7 and 8 of the present document	
	Number of events	\$	Number of events	\$
1. Visiting missions	2	69 100	2	57 300
2. Missions of consultations with specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations; participation in these activities	17	87 000	20	129 500
3. Missions of consultations with the Organization of African Unity (OAU)	4	40 500	4	45 600
4. Mission of consultation with the President of the Economic and Social Council	1	4 600	1	5 500
5. Missions of participation in activities by non-governmental organizations	15	37 800	15	39 700
6. Participation of national liberation movements in the Special Committee's meetings at Headquarters	-	4 900	-	4 900
7. Appearance of individuals before the Special Committee	-	25 600	-	26 400
Total	-	<u>269 500</u>	-	<u>308 900</u>

Annex II

ANALYSIS OF LEVEL OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES OF ANNUAL PROGRAMMES OF
REGULAR ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH
REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Period	Full costs of regular programme of activities \$	Actual expenditures \$	Rate of utilization %
1983	275 400	34 900	12.7
1984	316 300	157 700	50.0
1985	221 400	92 900	42.0
1986	269 500	106 200 <u>a/</u>	39.4

a/ Estimated.
