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THE POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1968

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/6914

Sixteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary
Questions to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1141) on the administrative and financial implications of the adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution on the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa (A/6914, para. 16) recommended by the Special Political Committee.
2. Under the terms of paragraph 13 of the draft resolution, the Special Committee on the Policies of Apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa would be authorized, inter alia, (a) to hold during the International Year for Human Rights a special session away from Headquarters; and (b) in consultation with the Secretary-General, to arrange for the advisory services of experts or special studies on specific aspects of the campaign. Under paragraph 14 the Secretary-General would be requested to intensify the dissemination of information on the evils of apartheid and to publish periodically information on economic and financial relations between South Africa and other States.
3. The Secretary-General estimates that the additional appropriations that would be required for 1968 for those three purposes would amount to a total of \$116,000, as follows:

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(a) Section 2. Special meetings and conferences - cost of holding the special session of the Special Committee away from Headquarters	85,000
(b) Section 3. Salaries and wages - cost of the advisory services of experts	23,000
(c) Section 11. Printing - costs of meeting the request in paragraph 14 of the draft resolution	8,000
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The Secretary-General's estimate under (a) above is based on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences that the Special Committee should meet in Geneva from 20 May to 7 June 1968 and should hold two meetings daily.

4. As regards the cost of the special session, the Committee has ascertained that were the Special Committee to meet in New York in 1968 instead of in Geneva, as proposed, no additional expenditures would arise since a session of the Special Committee has already been included in the provisional 1968 calendar of meetings and conferences at Headquarters which could be serviced from existing resources. However, in the light of the Special Political Committee's decision to recommend that the special session be held away from Headquarters, the question of a change of venue was not considered by the Advisory Committee.

5. In the circumstances the Advisory Committee inquired whether reductions could be made in the estimates for holding the special session in Geneva. Bearing in mind the fact that the Special Committee consists of eleven members, the Advisory Committee reached the conclusion that a reduction should be possible in the number of substantive staff to be detailed to the special session. The Advisory Committee also believes that the requirements for translation and typing could be reduced somewhat by drawing on resources already available to the United Nations at Geneva which might be released through the adjustment of other meeting schedules. Moreover, the estimate for the travel and subsistence of representatives can be reduced, since they will be entitled to travel economy rather than first class. The Advisory Committee believes that savings should also be possible in respect of Press, publications, radio and visual services.

6. As regards the estimate for advisory services of experts or special studies, the Advisory Committee understands that the intention is to secure the services of three eminent personalities so as to enhance the impact of the special studies on world public opinion. The Committee would have thought that in the circumstances, the most suitable compensation might be a lump-sum on a contractual basis rather than a daily fee; indeed, it occurs to the Committee that some experts may be prepared to contribute a study without charging a fee or to accept a token payment only. The Committee recommends that the Secretary-General should explore the possibility of effecting savings in this way before engaging experts for the proposed period of three months each.

7. In the light of the aforesaid considerations the Advisory Committee believes that a reduction of \$11,000 can be made in the estimate submitted by the Secretary-General; of this amount \$8,000 can be applied against Section 2 and the balance of \$3,000 against Section 3.

8. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends that if the General Assembly adopts the draft resolution proposed by the Special Political Committee an amount of \$105,000 should be appropriated for 1968 for the purposes stated in the resolution, as follows:

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Section 2. Special meetings and conferences	77,000
Section 3. Salaries and wages	20,000
Section 11. Printing	8,000
	<u>105,000</u>
