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

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions A/46/L.27
and A/46/L.28

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

A. Requests contained in the draft resolutions

1. Draft resolution A/46/L.27

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 5, 12, 15 and 16 of draft resolution A/46/L.27, the General Assembly would:

(a) 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 1991, including the programme of work envisaged for 1992 (para. 5); 1/

(b) Request the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of the Declaration and to carry out those actions approved by the General Assembly regarding the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism in all Territories that have not yet attained independence and, in particular:

(i) To formulate specific proposals for the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

- (ii) To make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter of the United Nations with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security;
- (iii) To continue to examine the compliance of Member States with resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and other relevant resolutions on decolonization;
- (iv) To continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of regular visiting missions, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the population of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence;
- (v) To take all necessary steps to enlist world-wide support among Governments, as well as national and international organizations, for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration and the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations (para. 12);

(c) Request the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to provide economic, social and other assistance to the Non-Self-Governing Territories and to continue to do so as appropriate, after they exercise their right to self-determination and independence (para. 15);

(d) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the facilities and services required for the implementation of the resolution, as well as the other resolutions and decisions on decolonization adopted by the General Assembly and the Special Committee (para. 16).

2. Draft resolution A/46/L.28

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of draft resolution A/46/L.28, the General Assembly would:

(a) Approve the chapter of the report of the Special Committee relating to the dissemination of information and publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization (para. 1); 2/

(b) Request the Secretary-General, taking into account 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:

- (i) 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 increase the information on all the Territories under consideration by the Special Committee, selecting appropriate material for wider dissemination by reprints in various languages;
 - (ii) To seek the full cooperation of the administering Powers in the discharge of the tasks referred to above;
 - (iii) To intensify the decolonization-oriented activities of all United Nations information centres;
 - (iv) To maintain a working relationship with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and appropriate regional and intergovernmental organizations, particularly in the Pacific and Caribbean regions, by holding periodic consultations and exchanging information;
 - (v) To solicit, in consultation with United Nations information centres, assistance in the dissemination of information on decolonization from non-governmental organizations;
 - (vi) To continue to produce comprehensive press releases for all meetings of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies;
 - (vii) To ensure that the necessary facilities and services to that end are made available;
 - (viii) To report to the Special Committee on the measures taken in the implementation of the resolution (para. 3);
- (c) Request the Special Committee to follow the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (para. 5).

B. Relationship of the requests to the proposed programme of work

3. 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 the Assembly in successive resolutions, most recently by resolution 45/34 of 20 November 1990. Also annually, the Assembly approves an extensive programme of dissemination of information on decolonization, the latest of which was adopted under resolution 45/35 of

20 November 1990. By specific resolutions dealing with individual Territories, the General Assembly, each year, requests the Special Committee to keep under review the situation in those Territories.

4. The activities called for in draft resolution A/46/L.27 would fall under subprogramme 2, Trusteeship and decolonization, of programme 4, Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 3/ Furthermore, the information activities as proposed in draft resolution A/46/L.28 would fall under programme 38, Public information, of the medium-term plan. 4/

5. The estimated cost of the anticipated activities of the Special Committee are provided for in section 6A.2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 5/ in view of their "perennial" character. The related provisions under that subsection amount to \$618,300 for the biennium. Furthermore, the substantive servicing of the Special Committee is covered under various activities of subprogramme 2, Trusteeship and decolonization, of section 6C of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. In addition, the information activities in relation to decolonization are covered under the activity "self-determination and decolonization" of subprogramme 1, Promotional services, and under various activities of subprogramme 2, Information services, of section 31, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 6/

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

6. The activities required for the implementation of the requests contained in operative paragraphs 5 and 12 of draft resolution A/46/L.27 are referred to by the Special Committee in paragraphs 121 to 132 of its annual report to the General Assembly. 7/ It is estimated that these activities are adequately reflected in section 6A.2 (para. 6.16) of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget. The full cost of implementing the programme of regular activities under draft resolution A/46/L.27 in 1992 is estimated at \$309,000 and a breakdown of this estimate appears in the annex to the present document.

7. As regards the activities proposed in operative paragraph 15 of draft resolution A/46/L.27, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required for their implementation at the present stage. Should the need for United Nations assistance to be provided to particular States arise in the course of 1992, the plans for those activities would be submitted to the General Assembly or the Economic and Social Council for consideration in due course.

8. The activities referred to in operative paragraph 16 of draft resolution A/46/L.27 have also been programmed in terms of substantive servicing of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies under subprogramme 2, Trusteeship and decolonization, of section 6C of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget. The related resources have been proposed under section 6C of the 1992-1993

programme budget. No additional resources for substantive servicing of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies would therefore be required. Furthermore, the meetings of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies at Headquarters are included in the 1992 calendar of meetings and conferences 8/ and their cost would be accommodated from within the resources proposed under section 32 of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget.

9. With regard to the indications contained in paragraphs 131 and 133 of the Special Committee's report 7/ that it might hold a series of meetings away from Headquarters in 1992, it should be recalled that the Special Committee is authorized under the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI) and resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970 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 any invitations that 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 that regard and would seek the necessary budgetary provision in accordance with established procedures if that need is warranted.

10. The activities required for the implementation of the requests contained in draft resolution A/46/L.28, are referred to by the Special Committee in paragraphs 128 and 130 of its annual report to the General Assembly. 7/ They have been programmed in the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget under:

(a) Section 6C, subprogramme 2, Trusteeship and decolonization;

(b) Section 31, subprogramme 1, Promotional services, and subprogramme 2, Information services.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1992-1993

11. Should the General Assembly approve the requests contained in draft resolutions A/46/L.27 and A/46/L.28, their implementation would not require any modification of the relevant subprogrammes under sections 6C or 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

E. Conclusions

12. On the basis of information provided above, it is estimated that should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/46/L.27 and A/46/L.28 no modifications in the programme of work for 1992-1993 contained in sections 6A, 6C and 31 of the proposed programme budget would be required.

13. Although the financial requirements for the activities of the Special Committee, at full cost, are estimated at \$309,000 for 1992 by applying the previous ratio of 70 per cent of actual utilization of resources, in the light of experience over the past three bienniums, it is estimated that no more than \$216,300 would be required. The estimated requirements of \$216,300 fall within the provisions of section 6 of the proposed programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium. Thus, on the basis of the information provided in paragraphs 1 to 11 above, it is estimated that should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/46/L.27 and A/46/L.28 no additional resources over and above those proposed under sections 6 and 31 for the 1992-1993 biennium would be required.

Notes

1/ A/46/23 (Part I), chap. I, sect. J.

2/ A/46/23 (Part II), chap. II.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

4/ Ibid., vol. II.

5/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I, paras. 6.14 to 6.17.

6/ Ibid., vol. II, sect. 31, part A, Programme narrative.

7/ A/46/23 (Part I), chap. I.

8/ A/46/32 and Add.1, annex II.

Annex

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE 1991 AND 1992 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 (AT FULL COST)

	1991		1992	
	A/C.5/45/35			
	Number of events	\$	Number of events	\$
1. Regular activities				
1. Visiting missions	2	73 500	2	81 360
2. Missions of consultation with specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations; participation in these activities	12	106 200	12	74 700
3. Missions of consultation with OAU, OAS, CARICOM and other regional institutions in the Caribbean region and the South Pacific Forum and other regional institutions in the Pacific region	4	50 500	5	61 400
4. Mission of consultation with the President of the Economic and Social Council	1	7 100	1	7 000
5. Missions of participation in activities by non-governmental organizations	10	32 900	6	27 300
6. Participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories and individuals in the Special Committee's meetings at Headquarters	-	-	-	57 300
Total I		270 200		309 000

	1991		1992	
	A/C.5/45/35			
	Number of events	\$	Number of events	\$
II. Estimated 1992 requirements (on the basis of a 70 per cent ratio of projected actual expenditures to full cost)	-	-	-	216 300
III. Estimated resources proposed for 1992 under section 6A.2 of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget	-	-	-	301 100