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

Programme budget implications of draft resolution  
A/46/L.22/Rev.1

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. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/46/L.22/Rev.1, the General Assembly would "adopt the proposals contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General, dated 12 November 1991, 1/ to serve as a Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism".

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

2. By paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/47 of 22 November 1988, the General Assembly had requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its forty-fourth session a report that would enable the Assembly to consider and adopt an action plan aimed at ushering in, in the twenty-first century, a world free from colonialism. In pursuance of the aforementioned resolution and of two subsequent decisions of the General Assembly (44/429 of 11 December 1989 and 45/410 of 20 November 1990), a report 1/ was prepared. It contains proposals which, if adopted by the General-Assembly, would serve as a plan of action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

3. The activities called for in the annex to document A/46/634/Rev.1 referred to in draft resolution A/46/L.22/Rev.1 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. 2/ Furthermore, information activities in relation to the programme would fall under programme 38, Public information, of the medium-term plan. 3/

4. Some of the estimated costs of the anticipated activities are covered under section 6A.2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 4/ Provisions under that subsection in respect of the 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, amount to \$618,300 for the biennium. Furthermore, substantive servicing of the activities called for by the Plan of Action could be carried out under 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 the Plan of Action could be provided for under the activity "Self-determination and decolonization" of subprogramme 1, Promotional services, and under various activities of subprogramme 2, Informational services, of section 31, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 5/

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

5. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/46/L.22/Rev.1, activities referred to in paragraphs 8, 9, 14, 15, 20, 22 (a) and (c), 23, 24, 26, and 27 of the annex of the Secretary-General's report 1/ would be implemented as follows:

(a) The appropriate United Nations organs, in consultation with the administering Powers, would undertake comprehensive reviews of the situation in each of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in order to arrange for the holding of self-determination referendums as soon as possible, but not later than 31 December 1999, in accordance with the principles contained in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples 6/ and all relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly (para. 8);

(b) The Secretary-General, or his Special Representative, would visit each of the Non-Self-Governing Territories as early as possible during the Decade and report thereon to the General Assembly (para. 9);

(c) In accordance with all relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and taking into account Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, the Territories would participate in the programmes and activities of the specialized agencies, international financial institutions and other organizations within the United Nations system, and United Nations bodies on decolonization, including in particular the Special Committee, as well as regional and international organizations (para. 14);

(d) United Nations visiting missions would be dispatched to each of the Territories at regular intervals (para. 15);

(e) The relevant United Nations bodies, particularly the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, would intensify the dissemination of information on the situation in the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, as well as on the Decade itself through special publications on decolonization, public film projections, photo exhibits and seminars. Depending on the availability of resources, the Department of Public Information would establish the appropriate correspondent networks in the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories (para. 20);

(f) The Special Committee, with the cooperation of the administering Powers, would:

(i) Prepare periodic analyses of the progress and extent of the implementation of the Declaration in each Territory (para. 22 (a));

(ii) Organize during the Decade seminars in the Caribbean and Pacific regions alternately, as well as at United Nations Headquarters, to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the Plan of Action, with the participation of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, their elected representatives, the administering Powers, Member States, regional organizations, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and experts (para. 22 (c));

(g) The Special Committee would continue to seek, as a matter of priority, the full cooperation of administering Powers with regard to the dispatch of United Nations visiting missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories (para. 23);

(h) The Special Committee, with the cooperation of the Administering Powers, would make every effort to facilitate and encourage the participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in regional and international organizations, as well as in the specialized agencies of the United Nations, the Special Committee itself and other United Nations decolonization bodies (para. 24);

(i) The Special Committee would submit annually to the General Assembly an analytical report containing:

(i) A review and appraisal of the activities undertaken in connection with the Decade (para. 26 (a));

(ii) Suggestions and recommendations (para. 26 (b));

(j) The Secretary-General would submit to the General Assembly every three years during the Decade a report on action taken, as well as on suggestions and trends that emerge from the deliberations of United Nations organs and the specialized agencies on implementation of the Plan of Action (para. 27).

6. In respect of the activities proposed under subparagraphs 5 (a), 5 (f) (i), 5 (i), and 5 (j) the cost of those activities can be absorbed from within the provisions under section 6 of the proposed programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium.

7. With regard to the activities referred to under subparagraphs 5 (c) and 5 (h) above, it is understood that they relate, *inter alia*, to the participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of United Nations decolonization bodies, in particular the Special Committee. Related costs can be met from appropriate provisions under section 6A of the proposed programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium. Similarly, the dispatch of regular visiting missions called for in paragraphs 5 (d) and 5 (g) above is covered under section 6A.

8. With regard to subparagraph 5 (b), it is envisaged that the Secretary-General or his Special Representative, accompanied by three staff members, would make three visits to Non-Self-Governing Territories during the 1992-1993 biennium (one to a Pacific Territory and two to Caribbean Territories). These visits would be undertaken in the context of similar activities programmed in paragraph 6.16 (a) of the 1992-1993 proposed programme budget.

9. Under the terms of subparagraph 5 (f) (ii) above, the Special Committee would organize, during the Decade, seminars in the Caribbean and the Pacific regions alternately, as well as at United Nations Headquarters, to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the Plan of Action, with the participation of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, their elected representatives, the administering Powers, Member States, regional organizations, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and experts. It is assumed that during 1992 the Special Committee would organize one seminar in the Caribbean region. It is estimated that the cost of holding the seminar would be \$523,900 (see para. 12 below).

10. In relation to subparagraph 5 (e) above, it is envisaged that the Department of Public Information would undertake the following activities during the 1992-1993 biennium at an estimated cost of \$55,000.

(a) Disseminate information kits containing basic decolonization resolutions and decisions of the United Nations through distribution to parliamentary bodies, NGOs, mass media, universities, etc. in English, French and Spanish (5,000 copies each) (\$30,000);

(b) Upgrade the photo exhibit on decolonization at Headquarters and at selected United Nations information centres/services (\$25,000).

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

11. As referred to in section B above, most of the activities proposed in the annex to the Secretary-General's report 1/ and enumerated in section C above, which would serve *inter alia*, as a Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, have been programmed in the proposed programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium. In respect, however, of the activities called for in subparagraphs 5 (e) and 5 (f) (ii) above, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/46/L.22/Rev.1, the following modifications would have to be made in the citation of activities under sections 6 and 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, as follows:

Section 6: Special political questions; regional cooperation; trusteeship and decolonization

Subprogramme 2: Trusteeship and decolonization, paragraph 6.28, Activity 2 (b), (vi) Substantive servicing of a seminar to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the Plan of Action for the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

Section 31: Public information

Subprogramme 1: Promotional services

Paragraph 31.14, "Self-determination and decolonization".

- (c) Disseminate information kits containing basic decolonization resolutions and decisions of the United Nations through distribution to parliamentary bodies, non-governmental organizations, mass media, universities, etc. in English, French and Spanish (5,000 copies each);
- (d) Upgrade the photo exhibit on decolonization at Headquarters and at selected United Nations information centres/services.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

12. On the assumption that the Special Committee would organize one seminar in the Caribbean region for four days in April 1992 and bearing in mind established practice, whereby the Special Committee is authorized under the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 and 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970 to meet elsewhere other than at United Nations Headquarters whenever and wherever such meetings might be required for the effective discharge of its functions, it is estimated that additional requirements would arise as follows under sections 6A, 31 and 32:

Section	Description	\$
	A. Travel, subsistence and general operating expenses:	
6A	(a) Survey mission (3 working days)	8 700
6A	(b) Substantive costs  Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 6 representatives of Member States, 14 representatives from Non-Self-Governing Territories, 25 invitees including representatives of regional organizations, NGOs and experts and 8 staff members	108 100
31	(c) Public information requirements (4 staff members)	8 000
6A	(e) General operating expenses	<u>50 100</u>
	Total A	<u>174 900</u>
	B. Conference-servicing requirements:	
32	(a) Travel and subsistence (36 staff members)	30 800
	(b) Pre-session documentation	219 400
	(c) Meeting servicing	17 700
	(d) In-session documentation	26 300
	(e) Post-session documentation	<u>54 800</u>
	Total B	<u>349 000</u>
	Total A and B	<u>523 900</u>

13. It is estimated that the requirements of \$55,000 in respect of the information activities to be carried out by the Department of Public Information enumerated in paragraph 10 above can not be absorbed from within the provisions under section 31 of the proposed programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium.

#### F. Potential for absorption

14. It is anticipated that the additional requirements relating to travel, subsistence and other costs (\$174,900) referred to in paragraph 12 above could be absorbed from within the resources proposed under sections 6A and 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

15. As regards conference-servicing costs for the seminar enumerated in paragraph 12 above, section 32 (Conference services) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 includes provision not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation, but also for meetings that may be authorized subsequently. This provision is based on past experience and assumes that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in 1992-1993 will be consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that the additional resources of \$349,000 would not be required under section 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolutions.

16. It is estimated that the requirements of \$55,000 for the distribution of information kits and upgrading photo exhibits on decolonization cannot be absorbed.

#### G. Contingency Fund

17. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the Contingency Fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of projected activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the Assembly towards the end of the current session.

18. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment, or modification under section 31 of the proposed programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium in order to carry out the information activities proposed under paragraph 10 above. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs of those activities from within the Contingency Fund, the activities would have to be postponed, as provided for in the guidelines for the use of the Contingency Fund adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

#### H. Conclusions

19. On the basis of information provided above, it is estimated that, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/46/L.22/Rev.1, an additional provision of \$55,000 would be required under section 31 of the proposed programme budget for the 1992-1993 biennium.

#### Notes

1/ A/46/634/Rev.1.

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

3/ Ibid., vol. II.

4/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

5/ Ibid., vol. II.

6/ General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV).

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