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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISPATCH OF A MISSION TO OBSERVE THE
PLEBISCITE IN PALAU ON THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION

Administrative and financial implications of the
draft resolution contained in document T/L.1258

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with
rule 65 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council

1. In accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 of the draft resolution contained in document T/L.1258, the Trusteeship Council would:

(a) Decide to send to Palau a visiting mission of approximately two weeks' duration, to begin on or about 17 June 1987 and to end as soon as practicable after the declaration of the results of the plebiscite (para. 1);

(b) Further decide that the Visiting Mission to Palau should be composed of not more than four members, the members to be representatives of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and two other countries of the Pacific region (para. 2);

(c) Request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary staff and facilities to assist the Visiting Mission in the performance of its functions (para. 5).

2. In view of the foregoing and based on the assumption that the mission would be serviced by four staff members, the total estimated requirements at full cost would amount to \$51,100, broken down as follows:

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Travel of delegates	25 100
Travel of staff	21 200
Mission operating expenses	4 800
Total	<u>51 100</u>

3. At its fortieth session the General Assembly approved appropriations for the Trusteeship Council's activities in 1986-1987 in the amount of \$116,800. The commitments in relation to the Council's activities during the current biennium amount to \$90,600, leaving an uncommitted balance of \$26,200. It should be further noted that of this uncommitted balance, \$11,700 relates to the publications programme of the Council in the 1986-1987 biennium.

4. On the basis of the information provided in paragraph 3 above, the balance in the amount of \$14,500 may, therefore, be considered available in the 1986-1987 Council's budget to finance the visiting mission to be dispatched under the terms of the draft resolution contained in the document T/L.1258 as compared to the amount of \$51,100 estimated for the purpose.

5. Should the Council decide to dispatch a visiting mission to Palau the Secretary-General would endeavour to finance the balance of the requirements, i.e. \$36,600 through the redeployment of resources from other programmes within existing 1986-1987 appropriations, and would report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session accordingly.
