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NATIONS SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF
HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.15/Rev.2

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

1. The Third Committee, at its thirty-sixth meeting held on 6 November 1979, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.15/Rev.2. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/C.3/34/L.21). An oral statement of administrative implications was also read by the Secretary of the Committee.
2. Under paragraph 10 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.15/Rev.2 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, through the advisory services programme in the field of human rights, to give priority to the holding in 1980 of a seminar as already decided by Economic and Social Council decision 1979/30 on the effect of the present unjust international economic order on the economies of developing countries and the obstacle this constitutes for the implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and in particular for the right to enjoy an adequate standard of living as stated in article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
3. Under paragraph 12, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, taking also into account relevant information already available within the United Nations, to prepare and present to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, a study on the nature and extent to which the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms are affected by present international conditions, with particular reference to situations resulting from apartheid; all forms of racial discrimination; colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism; policies tending to divide the world into spheres of influence; the arms race; foreign

domination and occupation; aggression and threats against national sovereignty, national unity and territorial integrity; refusal to recognize the fundamental rights of peoples to self-determination and of every nation to the exercise of full sovereignty over its wealth and natural resources, intervention and interference in the internal affairs of States particularly with reference to developing countries, as well as from the existence of the unjust system of international economic relations, taking into account the conclusions of the seminar mentioned in paragraph 10 of the resolution.

3. The estimated expenditure for the holding of the seminar referred to in paragraph 10 of the draft resolution would amount to \$104,000. It should be noted that provision for this specific seminar has already been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 in the context of "revised estimates resulting from decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions, 1979", 1/ as a result of the adoption by the Council of decision 79/30.

4. The undertaking of the study referred to in paragraph 12 of the draft resolution would give rise to expenditures estimated at \$12,000 for consultant services. In view of the fact that several topics to be dealt with in the study are of a specialized nature and therefore specific expertise on the same is not readily available in the Division of Human Rights, the services of experts would have to be sought for the writing of chapters dealing with these specialized topics. An additional appropriation of \$12,000 would therefore be required under Section 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981, should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution.

5. Under paragraph 9 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-sixth session to study the existing human and other resources that the Division of Human Rights has at its disposal for the implementation of General Assembly resolutions, on the basis of complete data which the Secretary-General would be requested to provide to it, and thereafter to make recommendations through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, with a view to further improving the working of the Division.

6. The Secretary-General, for his part, as indicated in his oral statement to the Third Committee, intends to undertake as a matter of priority a review of the organization and staffing of the Division of Human Rights. On the basis of that review, and taking into account the views of the Commission on Human Rights and of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General will present a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

1/ A/C.5/34/18, paras. 23.17 to 23.19.