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ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS WHICH ARE
IMPEDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE
GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES
IN NAMIBIA AND IN ALL OTHER TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL
DOMINATION AND EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE COLONIALISM, APARTHEID
AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.4/36/L.4 and Corr.1

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

1. At its 22nd meeting, held on 16 November 1981, the Fourth Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/36/L.4 and Corr.1. It had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications contained in document A/C.4/36/L.20.
2. In operative paragraph 21 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/36/L.4 and Corr.1, the General Assembly would request the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations to prepare from available sources a register indicating the profits which transnational corporations derive from their activities in colonial Territories and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.
3. In order to implement the draft resolution, the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations would prepare a register of transnational corporations operating in the colonial Territories, with information on their activities, including, when available, their profits. To carry out the requested task within the short time available, the Centre would have to engage the services of consultants and temporary assistance staff, who would be under the direct supervision of the Centre.

4. Six work months of consultants with economic and corporate knowledge of the area and issues involved would be required to collect the basic information for the register, and two work months of another consultant with specialized knowledge of the legal and accounting aspects of the task would be needed, particularly in view of the fact that some of the colonial Territories are off-shore tax havens. These services are estimated to cost \$18,000 and \$7,000, respectively.
5. Temporary assistance at the G-4 level for a six-month period at an estimated cost of \$11,100 would be required to assist in the collection and keyboarding of the data and the verification of the information with the individual transnational corporations concerned.
6. In addition, three missions estimated to cost \$7,900 in travel and subsistence would have to be undertaken by a consultant or by a staff member of the Centre to some of the colonial Territories in southern Africa, the Caribbean and the South Pacific which may have their own registries on foreign investment.
7. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/36/L.4 and Corr.1, additional appropriations would be required under section 9 (Transnational corporations) in the total amount of \$44,000.
