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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES AFFECTING
THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/SPC/36/L.20 and Corr.1

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

1. At its 46th meeting, held on 30 November 1981, the Special Political Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/36/L.20 and Corr.1. It had before it a statement of financial implications (A/SPC/36/L.28).
2. In operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/35/L.20 and Corr.1, the Special Committee would be requested "pending the early termination of the Israeli occupation, to continue to investigate Israeli policies and practices in the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, to consult, as appropriate, with the International Committee of the Red Cross in order to ensure the safeguarding of the welfare and human rights of the population of the occupied territories and to report to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and whenever the need arises thereafter".
3. In paragraph 13, the Committee would also be requested "to continue to investigate the treatment of civilians in detention in the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967".
4. In paragraph 14, the Secretary-General would be requested:
 - (a) To provide all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories, with a view to investigating Israeli policies and practices referred to in the present resolution;

(b) To continue to make available additional staff as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its tasks;

(c) To ensure the widest circulation of reports of the Special Committee, and of information regarding its activities and findings by all means available through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and, where necessary, to reprint those reports of the Special Committee which are no longer available;

(d) To report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the tasks entrusted to him in the present paragraph.

5. For the purpose of arriving at an estimate of expenditures of the Special Committee in 1982, the following assumptions have been made on the basis of indications given by the Special Committee that its activities in 1982 would continue to follow the pattern of the programme of work undertaken by the Committee since 1970;

(a) The Special Committee would meet at Geneva early in 1982, for a period of approximately five working days, to continue its study and analysis of the evidence and of documentary and other material that it has received. At that meeting, the Special Committee would review developments in the occupied territories, receive further allegations and evidence of violations of human rights, if any, and initiate studies of relevant new developments which may have taken place;

(b) In May/June 1982, the Special Committee would meet in Geneva for a period of approximately 10 working days to continue its study and analysis of further evidence, receive additional allegations and evidence of violations of human rights, if any, and begin the preparation of its draft report;

(c) In September 1982, the Special Committee would meet in Geneva for a period of approximately 10 working days to continue its study and analysis of further evidence and to adopt its report;

(d) Interpretation services would be required from and into English and French for the meetings held in Geneva; documents prepared for the Special Committee's use will be drafted in English, and translation into French would be required. Should Arabic-speaking witnesses be heard, interpretation from Arabic would also be required;

(e) The Special Committee would require up-to-date information on current developments in the Middle East region for this purpose, newspapers issued in the region would have to be reviewed on a day-to-day basis for information relevant to the work of the Special Committee, translation from Arabic and Hebrew into English and French of the appropriate articles appearing in Arabic and Hebrew publications would be required; in addition, the Special Committee would hear testimony of witnesses;

(f) The Special Committee would undertake a field mission to Europe and the Middle East. Prior to proceeding on the mission it is anticipated that the Special Committee would review developments in the occupied territories and decide whether

it considers such a mission necessary. Should the Special Committee so decide, the mission would probably take place during the late spring or early summer of 1982 for a period of not more than 21 days. Alternatively, the Special Committee may invite witnesses to travel to Geneva to provide the Committee with information relevant to its mandate;

(g) During the field mission, the Special Committee would hear testimony and receive written statements from witnesses; it would be necessary for the Committee to insert paid notices in newspapers for the purpose of informing potential witnesses of its hearings; some witnesses might require financial assistance to make the journey to the place of meeting of the Committee in order to testify;

(h) During the field mission, interpretation from and into English, French, Arabic and Hebrew would be required. No summary records would be prepared; the oral testimony of witnesses would be recorded on tape and would be transcribed in Geneva, and the written testimony would be translated into English and French from Arabic or Hebrew; the records of oral and written testimony of witnesses would run to approximately 1,000 pages in English and would be translated into French.

6. Pursuant to subparagraph 14 (b) of the draft resolution, which requests the Secretary-General to continue to make available additional staff members as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its task, the Secretary-General would propose to continue to provide for another year on a temporary-assistance basis the funds necessary to continue to maintain on the staffing table of the Division of Human Rights a junior professional staff member and one General Service staff member, and to provide an additional General Service staff member for the purpose of assisting the Special Committee in indexing and preparing monthly summaries of transcripts of evidence which it continuously receives. In order to keep the Special Committee furnished with up-to-date information on current developments in the Middle East region, newspapers issued in the region would be reviewed daily for information relating to the work of the Special Committee, and translation from Arabic and Hebrew into English and French of the appropriate articles appearing in Arabic and Hebrew publications would be required.

7. The P-3 post which was made available last year on the basis of temporary-assistance funds to provide for a full-time Hebrew translator would continue to be required. Translation from Arabic into English and French would continue to be provided from within existing resources.

8. The request to the Secretary-General, in subparagraph 14 (c) of the draft resolution, to ensure the widest circulation of the report of the Special Committee by all means available through the Department of Public Information would continue to be complied with within available resources.

9. On the basis of the above assumptions, the financial implications of the draft resolution can be estimated as shown below:

I. Meeting in Geneva January/February 1982
(5 working days)

Travel and subsistence of three members

Travel	5 600	
Subsistence	<u>2 500</u>	8 100

II. Meeting in Geneva May/June 1982
(10 working days)

Travel and subsistence of three members

Travel	5 600	
Subsistence	<u>5 000</u>	10 600

III. Field mission to Europe and the Middle East
in late spring or early summer 1982
(approximately 21 days) Geneva/London/
Middle East region/Geneva

(a) Travel and subsistence of three members

(i) Travel	9 700	
(ii) Subsistence	<u>7 800</u>	17 500

(b) Travel and subsistence of substantive and administrative staff (1 principal secretary, 1 assistant secretary, 1 administrative and finance officer, 1 information officer, 2 secretaries)

(i) Travel	10 300	
(ii) Subsistence	<u>9 600</u>	19 900

(c) General operating expenses

- (i) Rental of conference room and office space
- (ii) Local transportation
- (iii) Communications

Administrative cables, telephone, etc.

Press cables

(iv) Air freight (sound equipment, tapes, etc.)

(v) Miscellaneous and unforeseen expenses
 (travel and subsistence of witnesses,
 costs for notices in newspapers etc.)

Subtotal (c) 13 000 50 400

IV. Meeting at Geneva, September 1982
(10 working days) a/

Travel and subsistence

Travel	5 600	
Subsistence	<u>5 000</u>	10 600

V. Supplementary staff and other expenditures

(i) Temporary assistance for indexing and summarizing of transcripts of evidence (P-2, salary and common staff costs, 12 work-months)	48 500	
(ii) Secretarial assistance to service Special Committee (2 General Service, salaries and common staff costs, 12 work-months)	71 600	
(iii) Overtime for secretarial staff	2 000	

a/ Should the Special Committee designate a member to attend meetings of the General Assembly and participate in its consideration of the Special Committee's report, provision should be made for travel and subsistence for the member so designated, either through savings which may then be available to the Committee or in the context of the final performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.

(iv) Temporary assistance for translation of newspaper articles, reports, written testimony and transcripts from Hebrew into English and French; and for translation of military orders and proclamations from Hebrew into English and French (P-3, salary and common staff costs, 12 work-months)	59 200	
(v) Running expenses (subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, purchase of publications, special cartographic services, equipment etc.)	<u>22 200</u>	<u>203 500</u>
Grand total		<u><u>283 200</u></u>

Summary

I. Meeting in Geneva, early 1982	8 100
II. Meeting in Geneva, May/June 1982	10 600
III. Field mission to Europe and the Middle East in late spring or early summer, 1982	50 400
IV. Meeting in Geneva in September 1982	10 600
V. Supplementary staff and other expenditures	<u>203 500</u>
Total costs	<u><u>283 200</u></u>

10. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution in document A/SPC/36/L.20 and Corr.1 and on the assumption that the Special Committee will implement in 1982 a programme of work similar to that carried out in 1981, including a field mission, an appropriation of \$283,200 would be required in the programme budget for 1982-1983 under section 23 to cover the general costs of the work programme of the Special Committee. An additional amount of \$39,000 would also be required under section 31, Staff Assessment, offset by an equal amount under income section 1. As regards conference-servicing requirements, estimated on a full-cost basis at \$356,600, these will be considered in the context of the consolidated statement to be submitted towards the end of the current session of the General Assembly. Details of those conference-servicing costs are provided in the annex to the present document.

Annex

CONFERENCE COSTS

A. January 1982 meeting

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$ \$	
<u>Pre-session</u> (23 100 words, E,F)				
Translation	20 days	282/day	5 640	
Revision	7 days	314/day	2 198	
Typing	29 days	81/day	2 349	
Reproduction	332 500 page impressions	.014 page impression	4 655	
Distribution	23 750 documents	.015/ document	<u>2 493</u>	17 300
<u>Meeting services</u>				
Interpretation (A,E,F)	50 days	237/day	11 850	
Sound technicians	14 days	54/day	756	
Meeting-room attendant	7 days	54/day	378	
Cleaners	7 days	24/day	<u>168</u>	13 200

a/ Rounded to nearest \$100.

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	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$ \$	
<u>In-session</u> (4 950 words, E, F)				
Translation	5 days	282/day	1 410	
Revision	1 day	314/day	314	
Typing	7 days	81/day	567	
Reproduction	60 000 page impressions	.014/page impression	840	
Distribution	12 000 documents	.105/ document	<u>1 260</u>	4 400
<u>Post-session</u> (16 500 words, E, F)				
Translation	14 days	282/day	3 948	
Revision	6 days	314/day	1 884	
Typing	21 days	81/day	1 701	
Reproduction	237 500 page impressions	.014/page impression	3 325	
Distribution	23 750 documents	.105/ document	2 493	13 400
<u>Verbatim records</u> (required only if witnesses are heard)				
Translation	6 days	282/day	1 692	
Revision	6 days	314/day	1 884	
Typing	14 days	81/day	<u>1 134</u>	<u>4 700</u>
Grand total .				<u>53 000</u>

B. May/June 1982 meeting

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u>	
			\$	\$
<u>Pre-session</u> (21 450 words, E,F)				
Translation	18 days	282/day	5 076	
Revision	7 days	314/day	2 198	
Typing	28 days	81/day	2 268	
Reproduction	308 750 page impressions	.014 page impression	4 322	
Distribution	23 750 documents	.015/ document	<u>2 493</u>	16 400
<u>Meeting services</u>				
Interpretation, (A,E,F)	108 days	237/day	25 596	
Sound technicians	28 days	54/day	1 512	
Meeting-room attendant	14 days	54/day	756	
Cleaners	14 days	24/day	<u>336</u>	28 200

a/ Rounded to nearest \$100.

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	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$ \$	
<u>In-session</u> (4 950 words, E,F)				
Translation	5 days	282/day	1 410	
Revision	1 day	314/day	314	
Typing	7 days	81/day	567	
Reproduction	60 000 page impressions	.014/page impression	840	
Distribution	8 000 documents	.105/ document	<u>840</u>	4 000
<u>Post-session</u> (16 500 words, E,F)				
Translation	14 days	282/day	3 948	
Revision	6 days	314/day	1 884	
Typing	21 days	81/day	1 701	
Reproduction	237 500 page impressions	.014/page impression	3 325	
Distribution	19 000 documents	.105/ document	<u>1 995</u>	12 900
<u>Verbatim records</u> (required only if witnesses are heard)				
Translation	17 days	282/day	4 794	
Revision	14 days	314/day	4 396	
Typing	45 days	81/day	<u>3 645</u>	<u>12 800</u>
		Grand total		<u>74 300</u>

C. September 1982 meeting

	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$ \$	
<u>Pre-session</u> (21 450 words E, F)				
Translation	18 days	282/day	5 076	
Revision	7 days	314/day	2 198	
Typing	28 days	81/day	2 268	
Reproduction	308 750 page impressions	.014 page impression	4 322	
Distribution	23 750 documents	.015/ document	<u>2 493</u>	16 400
<u>Meeting services</u>				
Interpretation (A, E, F)	108 days	237/day	25 600	
Sound technicians	28 days	54/day	1 500	
Meeting-room attendant	14 days	54/day	800	
Cleaners	14 days	24/day	<u>300</u>	28 200

a/ Rounded to nearest \$100.

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	<u>Total workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$ \$	
<u>In-session</u> (6 600 words, E,F)				
Translation	6 days	282/day	1 692	
Revision	3 days	314/day	942	
Typing	8 days	81/day	648	
Reproduction	80 000 page impressions	.014/page impression	1 120	
Distribution	8 000 documents	.105/ document	<u>840</u>	5 200
<u>Post-session</u> (66 000 words, E,F)				
Translation	56 days	282/day	15 792	
Revision	20 days	314/day	6 280	
Typing	84 days	81/day	6 804	
Reproduction	950 000 page impressions	.014/page impression	13 300	
Distribution	19 000 documents	.105/ document	<u>1 995</u>	44 200
<u>Verbatim records</u> (required only if witnesses are heard)				
Translation	17 days	282/day	4 794	
Revision	14 days	314/day	4 396	
Typing	45 days	81/day	<u>3 645</u>	<u>12 800</u>
		Grand total		<u><u>106 800</u></u>

D. Field mission to Europe and the Middle East in late spring or early summer 1982 - approximately 21 days (Geneva/London/Middle East region/Geneva)

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u> \$	<u>Cost a/</u> \$ \$	
<u>Salaries</u>					
Interpreters	4	23	237/day	21 804	
Précis writers	4	23	314/day	28 888	
Translators	2	23	282/day	12 972	
Typing	4	23	81/day	7 452	
Sound engineer	1	23	54/day	<u>1 242</u>	72 400
<u>Travel and subsistence cost of above staff</u>					
Travel				22 500	
Subsistence				<u>27 600</u>	<u>50 100</u>
			Grand total		<u><u>122 500</u></u>

a/ Rounded to nearest \$100.