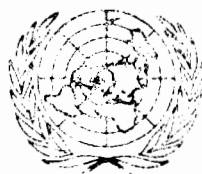




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QUESTION OF PALESTINE

Administrative and financial implications of the draft  
resolution contained in document A/36/L.33

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

1. In operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/36/L.33 dated 30 November 1981 concerning the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, the General Assembly would decide to convene, under the auspices of the United Nations, an international conference on the question of Palestine not later than 1984, on the basis of General Assembly resolution ES-7/2 and within the framework of the recommendations endorsed in Assembly resolution 31/20.
2. Operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution would authorize the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People to act as the Preparatory Committee and to take all the necessary steps for its organization, to hold sessions particularly for this purpose and to make recommendations regarding, inter alia, the site, scheduling of and participation in the Conference, and the provisional agenda of the Conference.
3. Operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution requests the Secretary-General to appoint a Secretary-General of the Conference and to provide all the necessary assistance to the Committee in the organization of the Conference.
4. In connexion with the decision in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution to convene an international conference, the Secretary-General is not in a position at this time to provide an estimate of the costs of servicing the subject conference, in the absence of specific information regarding the site, duration, number of meetings and the documentation required. Recommendations concerning these

facts would be presented for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, in the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference.

5. With respect to the implementation of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People would be authorized to act as the Preparatory Committee and to take all the necessary steps for the organization of the Conference. The following assumptions may be made:

(a) The Committee, composed of 23 members, would hold 20 half-day meetings in 1982;

(b) Provision would be made for pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation in the six official languages. Further to paragraph 2 (a) of General Assembly resolution 35/10 B, summary records would also be provided in the six official languages. On the basis of the above, the conference-servicing costs of the Preparatory Committee meetings would be:

I. Pre-session documentation (100 pages)	109 100
II. Meeting servicing	106 000
III. In-session documentation (50 pages)	53 800
IV. Post-session documentation (100 pages)	108 100
V. Summary records	242 200
VI. OGS requirements for meetings	3 600
Total	<u>622 800</u>

6. With respect to operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, it is recognized that the composition of the Conference secretariat would depend on the nature of the preparatory work as determined by the Preparatory Committee when it begins its deliberations on the Conference. Nevertheless, it could be envisaged that the Secretary-General of the Conference would need to be supported by a Principal Officer and two General Service staff members, one at the Principal level. In view of General Assembly resolution 35/10 C, however, the Secretary-General would intend, to the extent possible, to provide the Conference secretariat from within the existing Secretariat machinery. Consequently, he is not seeking an appropriation for Conference staff at this time. In the event that the Secretary-General should find it necessary to appoint the Secretary-General

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of the Conference and/or other temporary staff from outside the Secretariat, he would intend to seek the resources necessary to do so under the budgetary procedures available to him.

7. An appropriation is requested, however, for consultants' services in the amount of \$30,000 and for travel of staff in the amount of \$25,000. It is assumed that the basic substantive support required by the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference during the initial preparatory period would be provided by the Special Unit on Palestinian Rights and by the interested organs, organizations and agencies of the United Nations system from existing resources. Additional resources in respect of the secretariat and organization of the Conference as determined by the Preparatory Committee would be included in the recommendations of the report of the Preparatory Committee to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

8. Of the estimated costs indicated above, \$22,800 pertains to conference-servicing facilities in 1982 for the sessions of the Preparatory Committee. They are calculated on a full-cost basis at 1982 rates and will be reviewed in the context of a consolidated statement of total conference-servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

9. Therefore, should the General Assembly decide to adopt the draft resolution in document A/36/L.33, additional appropriations totalling \$55,000 for the biennium 1982-1983 would be required under section 1 of the proposed programme budget.