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ISRAEL'S DECISION TO BUILD A CANAL LINKING THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA TO THE DEAD SEA

Administrative and financial implications in the draft resolution
contained in document A/SPC/36/L.32/Rev.1

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

1. The Special Political Committee, at its 51st meeting on 7 December 1981, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/36/L.32/Rev.1, concerning Israel's decision to build a canal linking the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea. The Committee had before it a statement of financial implications in document A/SPC/36/L.34.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General "to prepare and submit to the General Assembly and the Security Council, by 30 June 1982, a study on the Israeli Canal and its effects on the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967". In order to implement this request, the General Assembly envisages that a team of three consultants, competent in the fields which would facilitate such study, would be required for a period of ten weeks. It is expected that about six weeks would be required in the region to undertake the necessary research and that approximately four weeks would be required at Headquarters for consultations and to write the report. It is thought that a Professional staff member at the P-5 or P-4 level and one General Service staff member would be required to assist the consultants during the mission.

3. Under the circumstances described above, the following costs would be incurred:

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Consultants' fees, travel and subsistence	73,000
Travel and subsistence of staff	12,000
Miscellaneous	<u>1,200</u>
Total	<u>86,200</u>

4. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/36/L.32/Rev.1, an appropriation of \$86,200 would be required under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for 1982-1983.
