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CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND
THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/37/L.14

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

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 8 and 15 of the draft resolution entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity", contained in document A/37/L.14, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) In consultation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to arrange the date, venue and agenda for the next meeting between representatives of the General Secretariat of that organization and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, taking into account suggestions made at the Geneva meeting;

(b) To continue to take the necessary measures to strengthen co-operation at the political, economic, cultural and administrative levels between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly with regard to the provision of assistance to the victims of colonialism and apartheid in southern Africa, and in this connection draws once again the attention of the international community to the need to contribute to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and Apartheid established by the Organization of African Unity.

2. In connection with the implementation of this request, it is anticipated at this time that the Secretary-General would arrange for the next meeting between the representatives of the Organization of African Unity and the representatives of the

secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations within the United Nations system to be held in April 1983 in Paris at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, taking into account the suggestion made at the Geneva meeting last year that the meeting should take place before the spring session of the ACC and in the same place as the ACC.

3. Concerning conference-servicing requirements, the following assumptions are made:

(a) Two meetings a day would be held during a three-day session;

(b) Language facilities would be provided in English and French;

(c) Ten pages of pre-session documentation and 20 pages of in-session documentation would be provided in English and French, while post-session documentation would be a document of 50 pages provided in all six working languages (A,C,E,F,R,S);

(d) Pre-session and post-session documentation would be provided by the Secretariat at Headquarters in New York;

(e) Meeting servicing and in-session documentation would be provided from the United Nations Office at Geneva.

4. Total costs of conference-servicing are indicated in table 1. Standard requirements of \$76,200 are calculated on a full-cost basis which would be reviewed for the extent to which they can be absorbed within the context of a consolidated statement of total conference-servicing requirements, submitted to the General Assembly toward the end of its current session. The remaining amount of \$20,100 represents the additional costs attributable to the cost of travel and subsistence for conference-servicing staff from Geneva in an amount of \$8,300 and of substantive Headquarters Secretariat staff from New York in an amount of \$11,800.

5. The Secretary-General would intend to send five staff members to the meeting in Paris, one of whom would be at the Under-Secretary-General level representing the Secretary-General and serving as Co-Chairman of the meeting. Supporting staff would be a Director serving as Conference Secretary, a Political Affairs Officer serving as Rapporteur and Item Officer and two General Service staff members to assist in the preparation of lists, draft conclusions and recommendations. The substantive staff would be required to arrive in Paris for two days preparatory work before the meeting and to stay two days after the meeting to complete consultations and details of the work.

6. The implementation of operative paragraph 15, would require the Under-Secretary-General to visit OAU Headquarters for discussions with the Secretary-General and other senior officials of that Organization, for a trip of four-day duration at an estimated cost of \$2,700.

7. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, an additional appropriation of \$22,800 would be required under section 1 of the programme budget for 1982-1983.

Table 1

Conference-servicing requirements

	\$	\$
I. Standard costs		
Pre-session documentation (4,000 words: E, F)	3 500	
Meeting services (6 meetings: E, F)	7 300	
In-session documentation (8,000 words: E, F)	8 500	
Post-session documentation (20,000 words: A, C, E, F, R, S)	<u>56 900</u>	76 200
II. Additional costs		
Travel and subsistence of staff from United Nations Office at Geneva to service meeting interpretation and translation for in-session documentation	8 300	
Travel and subsistence of substantive staff from Headquarters in New York	<u>11 800</u>	<u>20 100</u>
GRAND TOTAL		<u><u>96 300</u></u>
