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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/L.307, as orally amended

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

1. At its 932nd meeting, held on 12 November 1974, the Special Political Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/L.307, as orally amended. The administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution were provided to the Special Political Committee in document A/SPC/L.309.
2. In operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly, having considered the report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories, would request the Special Committee, with the assistance of experts nominated if necessary in consultation with the Secretary-General, to undertake a survey of the destruction in Quneitra and to assess the nature, extent and value of the damage.
3. In accordance with the request of the Chairman of the Special Committee contained in his letter of 12 September 1974 to the Secretary-General, the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was sought in making a provision of \$8,400 from unforeseen and extraordinary expenses to cover the costs of obtaining an expert in civil engineering ballistics and explosives.
4. The Advisory Committee concurred in the Secretary-General's request, and a proposal for the inclusion of this amount will shortly be made in the performance report for the 1974-1975 programme budget.

5. It is the Secretary-General's understanding of the request contained in operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution that the opinion on the nature and extent of the damage in Quneitra would be provided by the expert in civil engineering ballistics and explosives. It would remain, therefore, to obtain expert opinion on the value of the damage caused by the destruction.

6. As was indicated to the Special Committee, in addition to the provision of experts, it would be necessary to provide for interpretation and for an administrative officer and a secretary to accompany the experts on their mission of approximately 10 days. With regard to the provision of an administrative officer and a secretary, subsequent to the discussion of this item in the Special Political Committee, it has been determined that the Economic Commission for Western Asia could provide the required assistance from within its existing staff resources. Consequently, the travel costs of staff as indicated in document A/SPC/L.309 have been reduced, and the total estimated requirement is as follows:

Experts' fees	\$ 6,000
Travel economy class	
Home country/NY/Quneitra/	
NY/Home country	9,000
Subsistence	600
Interpretation	700
Travel and subsistence of staff	<u>500</u>
	<u>16,800</u>

7. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/L.307, additional credits in the amount of \$16,800 would be required for the biennium 1974-1975, of which an amount of \$8,400 would be included in the performance report as indicated in paragraph 4 above.
