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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Administrative and financial implications of the recommendations of
the Special Political Committee contained in document A/9774

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

1. At its 906th meeting, on 26 September 1974, the Special Political Committee, in connexion with the organization of its work, approved and recommended for adoption by the General Assembly the proposal contained in a letter dated 20 September 1974 addressed to its Chairman by the Chairman of the Special Committee on Apartheid (A/SPC/167). The Special Political Committee has recommended to the General Assembly that the representatives of two liberation movements associated with the work of the Special Committee on Apartheid, i.e., the African National Congress of South Africa and the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania, be invited to participate in the Special Political Committee's debate on "the policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa" in the capacity of observers.
2. As indicated to the Special Political Committee (A/SPC/L.299), the Secretary-General understands, after consultation with the Chairman of the Special Committee on Apartheid, that it is envisaged that the Organization meet from its regular budget the cost of round-trip economy class travel from Africa to New York and subsistence for two representatives of the liberation movements for a period not exceeding three weeks. The related costs of travel and subsistence, at Secretariat rates, are estimated at \$3,850.
3. In the light of similar precedents, 1/ the Secretary-General considers the specific authority of the General Assembly would be required to enable him to incur the necessary expenditures. If authorized, it may be necessary for the Secretary-General to request additional credits up to the amount of \$3,850 under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975 in due course.

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 34, document A/7775, and A/C.5/1529.