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Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/SPC/L.316

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

1. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/L.316, adopted by consensus of the Special Political Committee at its 947th meeting on 6 December 1974, the General Assembly would, inter alia, request the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA to continue its efforts for the financing of the Agency for a further period of one year in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General. The Assembly would also request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.
2. In a related statement of administrative and financial implications (A/SPC/L.321), the Secretary-General indicated his understanding that the Working Group may be expected to hold between 15 and 25 meetings in the course of 1975, for which interpretation services would be provided from and into English and French. The Secretariat would also be expected to translate from and into English and French documentation and correspondence related to the work of the Group. On the assumption that the meetings of the Working Group would be scheduled within the over-all programme of meetings in such a manner that services could be provided from within existing resources, the Secretary-General does not consider that additional costs would be incurred. Similarly, as regards the translation of documentation and correspondence of the Working Group, the Secretary-General would endeavour to utilize existing resources, without the need for additional appropriations.

3. It is anticipated that the consultations with Governments, specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, as well as with other organizations concerned, would entail the travel of the Chairman or a representative of the Working Group, accompanied by a Secretariat staff member, to government capitals, to the headquarters of specialized agencies, and to regional organizations, for a total duration of approximately 30 days. On this basis, the related travel, subsistence and miscellaneous expenses are estimated at \$7,000 for which an appropriation would be required under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.
