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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES
AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1972

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/8630 para.11)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1488th meeting, held on 18 December 1971, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1426) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/8630, para. 11). The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made an oral report to the Fifth Committee on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee with regard to the Secretary-General's request for appropriations of \$39,100.
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories to continue its work and to report to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and whenever the need arises. The General Assembly would also request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with all the necessary facilities for the continued performance of its tasks.
3. The Secretary-General envisaged that the Committee would require in 1972 the same facilities as were made available to it in 1971, including sufficient

professional and other staff. An adequate financial provision would also have to be made for a further visit to the Middle East in 1972 of somewhat the same scope and duration as in previous years. Provision would also be required for the group to hold two series of meetings at United Nations Headquarters in New York for the preparation of its report to the Secretary-General. The additional appropriation required for these purposes in 1972 would be \$39,100.

4. The Fifth Committee was informed that the Advisory Committee concurred in the Secretary-General's request for appropriations although the Advisory Committee had doubts about the need for a staff of ten to accompany the group on its mission to the Middle East.

5. One member of the Fifth Committee objected to the appropriation of funds for the Special Committee for the reasons given by his delegation in its statement on the subject in the Special Political Committee. He maintained that the main purpose of the Special Committee was simply to spread anti-Israeli propaganda.

6. The Fifth Committee decided without objection to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political Committee in its report on agenda item 40 (A/8630, para. 11), an additional appropriation of \$39,100 would be required under section 17 for 1972.
