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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/31/L.11

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

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document A/31/L.11 the General Assembly would authorize the Special Committee:

(a) To send missions to Governments of Member States, to the headquarters of specialized agencies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as trade union confederations, as required for consultations to promote the international campaign against apartheid;

(b) To take appropriate steps to promote closer co-operation with the movement of non-aligned countries, the Organization of African Unity, and other appropriate intergovernmental organizations;

(c) To participate in conferences concerned with apartheid;

(d) To invite representatives of the South African national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and those of other organizations, as well as experts on apartheid, for consultations on various aspects of apartheid and on action against apartheid.

2. In terms of operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would authorize the Special Committee to organize a World Conference for Action against Apartheid in 1977 in accordance with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 296 to 301 of its report.

3. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would authorize the Special Committee to convene an International Conference of Trade Unions against Apartheid, in accordance with paragraphs 269 to 274 of its report.

4. In terms of operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would authorize the Special Committee to establish an award to be presented to persons who have, in co-operation with the United Nations and in solidarity with South African liberation movements, contributed significantly to the international campaign against apartheid.

5. The programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 includes a provision of \$262,400 for the Special Committee's activities of which \$163,300 was budgeted for 1976 and \$99,100 for 1977. In his performance report on the programme budget the Secretary-General is advising that savings of \$26,100 have occurred in the 1976 portion of the appropriation.

The programme of work for 1977

(a) Operative paragraph 3 (a) of the draft resolution \$35,200

6. In regard to the missions to Governments of Member States and to the headquarters of specialized agencies, it is the Secretary-General's understanding that four such missions are envisaged. Three of these missions would consist of three delegates accompanied by two secretariat staff members: one would be to Europe and last approximately 10 days; one would be to Latin America and would last approximately 12 days; and one would be to Africa and would last approximately 12 days. The fourth mission, composed of one delegate and one secretariat staff member, would be to Asia and the Pacific and would last approximately seven days. It is estimated that for these four missions the related costs for travel, subsistence and miscellaneous expenses would be \$35,200.

(b) Operative paragraph 3 (b) of the draft resolution \$4,300

7. As regards closer co-operation with the movements of non-aligned countries, the Organization of African Unity and other appropriate intergovernmental organizations, the Secretary-General understands that the Special Committee envisages being represented at the OAU summit meeting in Gabon. One member of the Special Committee and one secretariat staff member would attend. It is estimated that expenses for travel and subsistence would amount to \$4,300.

(c) Operative paragraph 3 (c) of the draft resolution \$7,000

8. In connexion with attendance at conferences concerned with apartheid the Special Committee intends to be represented at the African Trade Union Conference in Dar es Salaam and the Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organization-World Peace Council-African National Congress of South Africa Conference in Rome. The amount of \$7,000 would be required, covering the travel and subsistence of one member of the Special Committee and one secretariat staff member to each conference. In the

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event there should be further conferences at which the Special Committee would be represented, the Secretary-General would include the cost of attendance at these conferences in his performance report to the Assembly at its thirty-second session.

(d) Operative paragraph 3 (d) of the draft resolution \$10,000

9. In regard to invitations to representatives of the South African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and those of other organizations, as well as experts on apartheid, for consultations, the Secretary-General understands that it is envisaged that such consultations may take place in March and September of 1977, and that invitations would be extended to two representatives of liberation movements and one expert. Based on these assumptions, the related travel and subsistence (for a period of approximately 10 days on each occasion) and miscellaneous expenses would amount to \$10,000.

(e) Operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution \$82,300

10. Under this paragraph, the Assembly would authorize the Special Committee to organize a World Conference for Action against Apartheid in 1977 of which the objectives, as set out in paragraphs 298 and 299 of the report of the Special Committee would be:

(a) To consider concrete measures for the implementation of the Programme of Action formulated at the Havana Seminar, as well as decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

(b) To make a thorough study of the threat posed by the militarization and nuclear programme of South Africa to the independence of African States, to peace in the Indian Ocean and South Atlantic Zones and to the security of people in southern Africa;

(c) To adopt concrete measures for the discharge of the special responsibility assumed by the United Nations and the international community toward the oppressed people of South Africa;

(d) To prepare recommendations to be transmitted to the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 1978, to enable the latter to take decisive steps for the eradication of apartheid as a matter of utmost priority during the decade.

11. As stated in paragraph 301 of its report, the Special Committee considers it most appropriate that the Conference be held in the capital of an African State totally committed to the liberation of South Africa and has therefore accepted with deep appreciation the offer by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to host the Conference.

12. The Secretary-General understands that the Conference would be held in Lagos for five days from 22 to 26 August 1977 and would be attended by several hundred participants. The United Nations would assume financial responsibility for the travel and subsistence of 27 individuals and liberation movement members. There

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would be two meetings per day with interpretation in English, French, Russian and Spanish, no summary record or pre-session or in-session documentation, and the final report would be approximately 20 pages. Based on these assumptions the cost of holding the Conference at Headquarters would be \$82,300 as listed below. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria would defray any expenses above those it would cost to hold the Conference in New York.

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12 interpreters (salary, travel, subsistence)	24,200
2 Conference Officers	500
1 Translator	350
Reproduction of post-session documentation	350
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Travel of 27 individuals and liberation movement representatives (travel, subsistence)	53,900
Miscellaneous	3,000
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(f) Operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution \$15,300

13. Under this paragraph, the Assembly would authorize the Special Committee to convene an International Conference of Trade Unions against Apartheid. It is anticipated that the conference facilities will be provided by the ILO. There would be a preparatory visit to Geneva by one delegate and one secretariat staff member for three days. The Conference will take place in Geneva from 11 to 12 June 1977 and be attended by three delegates, two secretariat staff members and five representatives from South African liberation movements and trade unions. The related travel, subsistence and miscellaneous costs for the preparatory trip and attendance at the Conference are estimated at \$15,300.

(g) Operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution \$2,000

14. In connexion with the award to be established by the Special Committee an initial amount of \$1,500 would be required for the designing of the medal and tooling-up charges, and an additional amount of \$500 would be required for the award awards.

15. In summary, adoption of the draft resolution in document A/31/L.11 would entail expenditures amounting to \$156,100 for 1977. Bearing in mind that an amount of \$99,100 is already included in respect of the programme of work of the Special Committee for 1977, the total additional appropriation required under section 3 A would amount to \$57,000.