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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977 AND
MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1976-1979

Ninth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary
Questions to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered document A/C.5/1706 and Corr.1 in which the Secretary-General states that, should the General Assembly approve draft resolution A/SPC/L.332, which was adopted by the Special Political Committee at its 973rd meeting on 6 November 1975, there would be need for additional appropriations in 1976-1977 amounting to \$324,000 gross (\$71,000 for section 3 A, \$177,000 for section 3 D, \$35,000 for section 21 and \$41,000 for section 25), or \$283,000 net (after taking into account an increase of \$41,000 in the estimated income from staff assessment under income section 1).

2. The Committee reviewed the Secretary-General's request in the context of the resources for the programme against apartheid already included in the proposed programme budget. 1/ These resources are as follows:

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session,
Supplement No. 6, (A/10006), vol. I.

Direct costs

\$

Section 3 A.	Special Committee against <u>Apartheid</u>	\$195,000	
Section 3 D.	Section for African Questions	791,000	
	United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa	<u>102,000</u>	995,000

Apportioned costs

	Special Committee against <u>Apartheid</u>	110,000	
	Section for African Questions	306,000	
	United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa	<u>63,000</u>	479,000

1,474,000

Total: regular budget

<u>Trust Fund for United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa</u>	3,494,000
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Grand total 4,968,000

The above total does not include the costs of Office of Public Information activities in support of the programme against apartheid; these costs, which are budgeted for under section 21, are not identifiable from the programme budget document.

3. The request for \$71,000 for section 3 A relates to the programme of work of the Special Committee against Apartheid in 1976. In paragraphs 6 to 12 of his report the Secretary-General estimates the cost of that programme, as currently known, at a total of \$165,000; inasmuch as \$94,000 of the provision of \$195,000 for the Special Committee against Apartheid already included under section 3 A in the initial programme budget proposals for 1976-1977 relates to 1976, the Secretary-General seeks an additional appropriation of the difference between that amount and the current estimate of \$165,000 for 1976, namely, \$71,000.

4. Over one half (\$92,000 out of \$165,000) the estimated cost of the programme of work for 1976 of the Special Committee relates to the request addressed to the Special Committee in operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution to organize an international seminar in 1976. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 12 of the report of the Secretary-General that the estimate includes the cost of assigning nine staff (5 substantive officers, 1 administrative officer, 1 press officer and 2 General Service staff) to the seminar. Information provided to the Committee by the representatives of the Secretary-General indicates that the estimates of the cost of the seminar are provisional, that no final arrangements have as yet been made as regards the details of any contribution by the host Government to the costs of the seminar, and that the Secretary-General will bear

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in mind the need for economy. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Secretary-General review these requirements with a view to achieving economies particularly in the number of substantive staff and that the estimate be reduced by \$17,000, i.e., from \$92,000 to \$75,000.

5. As regards the other activities costed in paragraphs 6 to 10 of the report of the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Secretary-General review, in the interest of economy, the number of staff whom it is proposed to detail to the various missions.

6. For the reason stated in paragraph 4 above, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Secretary-General's request under section 3 A be reduced from \$71,000 to \$54,000.

7. The request for \$177,000 under section 3 D (and the related revisions to the estimates under section 25 and income section 1 in respect of staff assessment) relates to the proposed creation of five additional posts (one P-5, one P-4, one P-2 and two General Service) and the upgrading of one post from D-1 to D-2, which the Secretary-General attributes to the request in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution and to paragraphs 227, 228 and 233 of the report of the Special Committee against Apartheid wherein the Special Committee recommends that the present Unit on Apartheid in the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs be renamed Centre against Apartheid, and its staff and other resources be strengthened so that it can discharge the various responsibilities assigned to it by the Special Committee.

8. The Advisory Committee notes that the number of posts which are already included in the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget and which would be transferred to the proposed Centre against Apartheid total 16 (1 D-1, 1 P-5, 3 P-4, 3 P-3, 2 P-2/1, 6 General Service). Thus, the Secretary-General's request is equivalent to an increase in the manpower resources of the programme by one third. The Advisory Committee obtained from the Secretary-General the organizational structure of the present Section for African Questions and of the proposed Centre against Apartheid (see annex). Bearing in mind the expected increase in workload, the Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Secretary-General's request for the P-5 post, the P-2 post and one General Service post. The Committee is not convinced, however, of the need for the P-4 post and the second General Service post requested by the Secretary-General.

9. With regard to the Secretary-General's request for the upgrading of the D-1 post to D-2 for the reasons given in paragraph 15 of document A/C.5/1706, the Advisory Committee recalls its observations in paragraph 61 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 and its recommendation in paragraph 64 of the same report to the effect that no further reclassifications of posts be requested by the Secretary-General until the International Civil Service Commission has considered and reported on that question. 2/ For this reason the Advisory Committee, is unable to support the Secretary-General's proposal to reclassify the D-1 post in the programme against Apartheid to D-2.

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 8, (A/10008).

10. For the reasons given in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Secretary-General's request under section 3 D be reduced by \$60,000, from \$177,000 to \$117,000. The consequential reductions in staff assessment under section 25 and income section 1 would be \$15,000.

11. The request for \$35,000 under section 21 is attributed by the Secretary-General to the needs of the Office of Public Information in connexion with the request in operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution for the production of a film on apartheid. The Advisory Committee has no objection to the Secretary-General's request.

12. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee may wish to inform the General Assembly that should it approve the draft resolution in document A/SPC/L.332, recommended by the Special Political Committee, additional requirements would arise in the biennium 1976-1977 in the following amounts:

Section 3 A	\$ 54,000
Section 3 D	117,000
Section 21	35,000
Section 25	26,000
Total (gross)	<hr/> 232,000
Less: increase under income section 1	26,000
Total (net)	<hr/> 206,000 <hr/>

ANNEX

<u>Section for African Questions</u>		<u>Proposed Centre against Apartheid</u>		<u>Changes proposed by the Secretary- General</u>
Chief of Section	One D-1	Director	One D-2	Reclassification of post
General Service	One G-4/G-3	General Service	One G-4/3	
<u>Servicing of Special Committee against Apartheid</u>		<u>Unit for servicing of Special Committee Against Apartheid</u>		
Professional posts	One P-5	Professional posts	One P-5	
	One P-4		Two P-4	One additional P-4
	Two P-3		Two P-3	
	One P-2/1		One P-2/1	
General Service	Two G-4/3	General Service	Three G-4/3	One additional G-4/3
<u>Publicity against Apartheid</u>		<u>Unit for Publicity against Apartheid</u>		
Professional posts		Professional posts	One P-5	One additional P-5 for Chief of Unit
	One P-4		One P-4	
	One P-3		One P-3	
	One P-2/1		One P-2/1	
General Service	One G-5	General Service	One G-5	
	One G-4/3		Two G-4/3	One additional G-4/3
<u>Assistance</u>		<u>Unit on Assistance</u>		
Professional posts	One P-4	Professional posts	One P-4	
			One P-2/1	One additional P-2/1
General Service	One G-4/3	General Service	One G-4/3	
Total Professional	10	Total Professional	13	
Total General Service	6	Total General Service	8	

Note: For present manning table, see programme budget, sect. 3,
tables 3-29 and 3-31./