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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft proposals contained in documents A/37/L.32 and A/37/L.33

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

I. Draft resolution A/37/L.32

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution contained in document A/37/L.32, the General Assembly would approve the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/37/23, parts I-V) covering its work during 1982, including the programme of work envisaged for 1983.

2. By operative paragraph 12 (d) of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Special Committee to continue to pay particular attention to the small Territories, including the sending of visiting missions thereto, as appropriate, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination, freedom and independence.

3. In accordance with operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the facilities and services required for the implementation of the present resolution, as well as of the various resolutions and decisions on decolonization adopted by the General Assembly and the Special Committee.

A. Proposed 1983 work programme of the Special Committee

4. In accordance with its mandate and subject to any further directives which it may receive from the General Assembly during its thirty-seventh session, and bearing in mind the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, especially resolutions 2621 (XXV), 36/68 and 36/69, the various elements of the proposed 1983 work programme, as set out in chapter I, paragraphs 177-189 of the report of the Special Committee (A/37/23/Part I), and their estimated costs are described below:

(a) Participation of national liberation movements
in the Committee's work (\$3,400)

5. It is anticipated that the Committee will continue to invite, in conformity with the relevant decision of the General Assembly and in accordance with the established practice, representatives of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate as observers in its proceedings relating to their respective countries. The related costs of travel and subsistence are estimated at \$3,400.

(b) Invitations to individuals (\$20,700)

6. The Committee intends to invite, in consultation with OAU and the national liberation movements concerned, individuals who could furnish it with information on specific aspects of the situation in colonial Territories, which it might not be able to secure otherwise. The estimated cost would amount to \$20,700. As on previous occasions when similar expenditures by the United Nations were envisaged, the Secretary-General considers that specific authority by the General Assembly would be required to enable him to enter into commitments of this nature and would proceed on the assumption that adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution would constitute such authority.

(c) Consultations with specialized agencies (\$13,400)

7. The Committee intends to continue its consideration of the question of the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. It is envisaged that further consultations and contacts with these organizations would require expenditures of \$13,400.

(d) Consultations of the Chairman of the Special Committee with
the President of the Economic and Social Council (\$4,500)

8. The estimate for these purposes will cover the cost of travel and subsistence relating to visits to Geneva by the Chairman of the Committee, accompanied by the Secretary of the Committee, for consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council.

(e) Consultations with the Organization of
African Unity (OAU) (\$20,600)

9. The Committee will continue to maintain close contact on a regular basis with the Secretary-General of OAU and senior members of the organization with a view to facilitating the effective implementation of the decisions of the various United Nations bodies by the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned. It is estimated that an amount of \$20,600 would be required to cover related costs.

(f) Sending of visiting missions to colonial
Territories (\$191,500)

10. The Committee, having regard to the constructive role played by previous United Nations visiting groups, continues to attach vital importance to the dispatching of such groups as a means of collecting adequate and first-hand information on conditions in the Territories and on the wishes and aspirations of the people concerning their future status. Accordingly, the Committee intends to continue to seek the full co-operation of the administering Powers in order to obtain such information through the sending as appropriate of visiting groups to the Territories in the Caribbean and Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Ocean areas, and Africa. The specific Territories which would be involved in the event of the adoption by the General Assembly of the various draft resolutions or draft consensuses recommended by the Fourth Committee in this regard are listed in the annex to this document. On the assumption that the proposed visits to certain of these territories could be combined, the total expenditures relating to travel, subsistence and miscellaneous costs are estimated at \$191,500.

(g) Consultations with non-governmental
organizations (\$22,500)

11. It is anticipated that the Committee will continue to dispatch groups of its members to hold consultations with non-governmental organizations and to participate in conferences, seminars and other special meetings dealing with decolonization, arranged by these organizations. The requirements for such consultations and contacts in 1983 are estimated at \$22,500.

B. Meetings away from Headquarters

12. The Special Committee is authorized under the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 1654 (XVI) and 2621 (XXV), to meet elsewhere than at United Nations Headquarters whenever and wherever such meetings might be required for the effective discharge of its functions. Taking advantage of invitations which might be received in that connection, the Special Committee envisages the possibility of holding a series of meetings away from Headquarters during 1983. As soon as particulars of such meetings have become available and subject to the availability of the requisite conference services and facilities, the Secretary-General will submit to the Special Committee a statement called for under the terms of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in this regard.

II. Draft resolution A/37/L.33

13. By operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document A/37/L.33 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, having regard to the suggestions of the Special Committee, to continue to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, including publications, radio and television, to give widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization and, inter alia:

(a) To continue, in consultation with the Special Committee, to collect, prepare and disseminate basic material, studies and articles relating to the problems of decolonization and, in particular, to continue to publish the periodical Objective: Justice and other publications, special articles and studies, including the Decolonization series, and to select from them appropriate material for wider dissemination by means of reprints in various languages;

(b) To seek the full co-operation of the administering Powers concerned in the discharge of the tasks referred to above;

(c) To intensify the activities of all information centres, particularly those located in Western Europe and the Americas;

(d) To maintain a close working relationship with the Organization of African Unity by holding periodic consultations and by systematically exchanging relevant information with the organization;

(e) To enlist the support of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in decolonization in the dissemination of the relevant information;

(f) To ensure the availability of the necessary facilities and services in this regard;

(g) To report to the Special Committee on the measures taken in the implementation of the present resolution.

14. In terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Special Committee to follow the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

15. The Secretary-General wishes to state that the implementation of the requests outlined above would not require additional resources over and above those which are available under section 27, Public Information, of the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.

16. In summary, financial implications arising from draft resolution A/37/L.32 would entail expenditures estimated at \$276,600 which would relate to section 3A.2. The Secretary-General wishes to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that an amount of \$538,300 under section 3A.2 has been appropriated for the activities of the Special Committee during the present biennium. It is expected that the estimated expenditures to be incurred under section 3A.2 in

connection with the implementation of draft resolution A/37/L.32 can be met from within these resources. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions contained in documents A/37/L.32 and A/37/L.33 no additional appropriations would be required at this time.

ANNEX

Draft proposals which imply dispatching of visiting missions to the Territories:

A/37/23 (Part V)/Add.1, chapter XIII	Question of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands
A/37/23 (Part V)/Add.1, chapter XIV	Question of Tokelau
A/37/23 (Part V)/Add.1, chapter XVI	Question of St. Helena
A/37/23 (Part V)/Add.1, chapter XVII	Question of American Samoa
A/37/23 (Part V)/Add.1, chapter XVIII	Question of Guam
A/37/23 (Part V)/Add.1, chapter XX	Question of Bermuda
A/37/23 (Part V)/Add.1, chapter XXI	Question of British Virgin Islands
A/37/23 (Part V)/Add.1, chapter XXII	Question of the Cayman Islands
A/37/23 (Part V)/Add.1, chapter XXIII	Question of the Turks and Caicos Islands
A/37/23 (Part V)/Add.1, chapter XXIV	Question of the United States Virgin Islands
A/37/23 (Part V)/Add.3	Question of Montserrat
