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ISRAEL'S DECISION TO BUILD A CANAL LINKING THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA TO THE DEAD SEA

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/SPC/37/L.41/Rev.1

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

1. The Special Political Committee, at its 49th meeting held on 8 December 1982, adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/37/L.41/Rev.1. The Committee had before it a statement of financial implications (A/SPC/37/L.42).
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General "to monitor and assess on a continuing basis, and through a competent expert organ all aspects - juridical, political, economic, ecological and demographic - of the adverse effects on Jordan and on the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, arising from the implementation of the Israeli decision to construct this canal and to forward the findings of this organ on a regular basis to the General Assembly".
3. In order to implement this request should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General envisages that a team of three consultants, competent in relevant fields to permit such an assessment, would be required for a period of six weeks. It is expected that about three weeks would be needed to gather the necessary information in the area and that approximately another three weeks would be required at Headquarters for consultations and to prepare the report. A Professional staff member at the P-5 level and one General Service staff member would assist the consultants in their work.

4. Based on the above assumptions, costs could be expected as follows:

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Consultant's fees, travel and subsistence	41 500
Travel and subsistence of staff	7 700
General operating expenses	<u>500</u>
Total:	<u><u>49 700</u></u>

5. The Secretary-General is in a position to absorb these costs. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, no additional appropriation would be required for the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.
