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

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/SPC/37/L.30

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

1. At its 44th meeting, held on 3 December 1982, the Special Political Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/37/L.30. The Committee had before it a statement of administrative and financial implications (A/SPC/37/L.38).
2. In operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/37/L.30, the Special Committee would be requested "pending the early termination of the Israeli occupation, to continue to investigate Israeli policies and practices in the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, to consult, as appropriate, with the International Committee of the Red Cross in order to ensure the safeguarding of the welfare and human rights of the population of the occupied territories and to report to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and whenever the need arises thereafter".
3. In operative paragraph 13, the Committee would also be requested "to continue to investigate the treatment of civilians in detention in the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967".
4. In paragraph 15, the Secretary-General would be requested:
 - (a) To provide all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories, with a view to investigating Israeli policies and practices referred to in the present resolution;

(b) To continue to make available additional staff as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its tasks;

(c) To ensure the widest circulation of reports of the Special Committee, and of information regarding its activities and findings by all means available through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and, where necessary, to reprint those reports of the Special Committee which are no longer available;

(d) To report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the tasks entrusted to him in the present paragraph.

4. For the purpose of arriving at an estimate of expenditures of the Special Committee in 1983, the following assumptions have been made on the basis of indications given by the Special Committee that its activities in 1983 would continue to follow the pattern of the programme of work undertaken by the Committee each year since 1970:

(a) The Special Committee would meet at Geneva in January 1983 for a period of approximately five working days, to continue its study and analysis of the evidence and of documentary and other material that it has received. At that meeting, the Special Committee would review developments in the occupied territories, receive further allegations and evidence of violations of human rights, if any, and initiate studies of relevant new developments which may have taken place;

(b) In May/June 1983, the Special Committee would meet in Geneva for a period of approximately 10 working days to continue its study and analysis of further evidence, receive additional allegations and evidence of violations of human rights, if any, and begin the preparation of its draft report;

(c) In August 1983, the Special Committee would meet in Geneva for a period of approximately 10 working days to continue its study and analysis of further evidence and to adopt its report;

(d) Interpretation services would be required from and into English and French for the meetings held in Geneva; documents prepared for the Special Committee's use will be drafted in English and translated into French. Should Arabic-speaking witnesses be heard, interpretation from Arabic would also be required;

(e) In November/December 1983 the Special Committee would meet at New York for a period of five working days to examine additional information received and to adopt a report supplementary to its main report. The attention of the Fifth Committee is drawn to the fact that under the terms of General Assembly decision 34/401, paragraph 34, no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized to do so by the Assembly. Consequently, the proposed meeting in New York in November/December 1983 would take place only if the General Assembly decides that it should be so authorized.

(f) The Special Committee would require up-to-date information on current developments in the Middle East region and, for this purpose, newspapers issued in the region would have to be reviewed on a day-to-day basis for information relevant to the work of the Special Committee. Translation from Arabic and Hebrew into English and French of pertinent articles appearing in Arabic and Hebrew publications would be required and, in addition, the Special Committee would hear testimony of witnesses;

(g) The Special Committee would undertake a field mission to Europe and the Middle East. Prior to proceeding on the mission it is anticipated that the Special Committee would review developments in the occupied territories and decide whether it considers such a mission necessary. Should the Special Committee so decide, the mission would probably take place during the late spring or early summer of 1983, for a period of not more than 21 days. Alternatively, the Special Committee may invite witnesses to travel to Geneva to provide the Committee with information relevant to its mandate;

(h) During the field mission, the Special Committee would hear testimony and receive written statements from witnesses. It would be necessary for the Committee to insert paid notices in newspapers for the purpose of informing potential witnesses of its hearings and some witnesses might require financial assistance to make the journey to the place of meeting of the Committee in order to testify;

(i) During the field mission, interpretation from and into English, French, Arabic and Hebrew would be required. Summary records would not be prepared at that time but the oral testimony of witnesses would be recorded on tape and transcribed later in Geneva. Written testimony would be translated into English and French from Arabic or Hebrew. The records of oral and written testimony of witnesses are expected to amount to approximately 1,000 pages in English which also would be translated into French.

5. Paragraph 15 (b) of the draft resolution requests the Secretary-General to continue to make available additional staff members as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its task. For this purpose it is proposed to provide temporary assistance funds for one P-2 and one General Service staff member, and to provide an additional General Service staff member for the purpose of assisting the Special Committee in indexing and preparing monthly summaries of transcripts of evidence which it receives continuously. Furthermore, in order to keep the Special Committee furnished with up-to-date information on current developments in the Middle East region, newspapers issued in the region would be reviewed daily for information relating to its work, and translation from Arabic and Hebrew into English and French of the appropriate articles appearing in Arabic and Hebrew publications would be required. It is proposed to provide temporary assistance funds for one full-time officer (P-3) for twelve months to be responsible for the preparation of summaries and/or analyses in English and/or French of information appearing in Hebrew legal texts, military orders, reports, transcripts, newspapers and periodicals. He or she would also prepare documents for meetings of the Special Committee and, as required, be available to translate to and from Hebrew into English and French. Translation from Arabic would continue to be provided from within existing resources.

6. The request to the Secretary-General, in subparagraph 15 (c) of the draft resolution, to ensure the widest circulation of the report of the Special Committee by all means available through the Department of Public Information would continue to be complied with within available resources.

7. The estimated cost of the above programme of work can be summarized as follows:

	<u>United States dollars</u>
I. Meeting in Geneva, early 1983	7,000
II. Meeting in Geneva, May/June 1983	9,000
III. Field mission to Europe and the Middle East in late spring or early summer, 1983	45,200
IV. Meeting in Geneva in August 1983	9,000
V. Meeting in New York in November/December 1983	11,600
VI. Temporary assistance, Common services costs and expenditures for servicing Special Committee	<u>242,100</u>
Total:	<u>323,900</u>

8. The breakdown of the above costs by object of expenditure and section is as follows:

	<u>United States dollars</u>
Travel of members of the Special Committee	49,300
Travel of staff	19,500
Temporary assistance (12 work-months each of 1 P-3, 1 P-2 and 2 GS)	182,300
Overtime	2,000
General operating expenses	<u>35,200</u>
Sub-total (Section 23):	<u>288,300</u>
Common services costs (section 28 I):	<u>35,600</u>
Total:	<u>323,900</u>

9. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/SPC/37/L.30, an additional appropriation of \$323,900 would be required under the programme budget for 1982-1983, of which \$288,300 would be under section 23 (Human rights) and \$35,600 under section 28 I (General Services Division, Geneva). In addition, the sum of \$38,400 would be required under section 31 (Staff Assessment), offset by an identical amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

10. The conference-servicing costs which are likely to arise from the meetings of the Special Committee in 1983 and which would be required under section 29 (Conference and library services), have been estimated on a full-cost basis at \$366,200. These costs, a breakdown of which is provided in the annex to the present document, would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of total conference-servicing requirements for 1983 to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of its current session.

CONFERENCE COSTS

January 1983 meeting

	<u>Total</u> <u>Workload</u>	<u>Unit</u> <u>rate</u>	<u>Cost a/</u> \$ \$
<u>I. Pre-session documentation</u> (21,450 words - EF)			
Translation	18 days	171/day	3 078
Revision	6 days	216/day	1 296
Typing	27 days	78/day	2 106
Reproduction	308 750 page impressions	.013/page impression	4 014
Distribution	23 750 docs.	.092/doc.	<u>2 185</u>
		Sub-total I:	12 700
<u>II. Meeting services</u> (10 meetings)			
Interpretation			
3 meetings (A, E, F)	21 days	187/day	3 927
7 meetings (E, F)	29 days	187/day	5 423
Meeting-room attendant	7 days	44/day	308
Sound technician	14 days	44/day	616
Cleaner	7 days	22/day	<u>154</u>
		Sub-total II:	10 400
<u>III. In-session documentation</u> (4,950 words - E, F)			
Translation	4 days	171/day	684
Revision	1 day	216/day	216
Typing	6 days	78/day	468
Reproduction	60 000 page impressions	.013/page impression	780
Distribution	8 000 docs.	.092/doc.	<u>736</u>
		Sub-total III:	2 900

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January 1983 meeting (cont'd.)

	<u>Total</u> <u>Workload</u>	<u>Unit</u> <u>rate</u>	<u>Cost a/</u>	
			\$	\$
IV. <u>Verbatim records</u> (Required only if witnesses are heard)				
Translation	6 days	171/day	1 026	
Revision	6 days	216/day	1 296	
Typing	14 days	78/day	<u>1 092</u>	
		Sub-total IV:		3 400
V. <u>Post-session documentation</u> (16,500 words - E, F)				
Translation	14 days	171/day	2 394	
Revision	5 days	216/day	1 080	
Typing	21 days	78/day	1 638	
Reproduction	237 500 page impressions	.013/page impression	3 087	
Distribution	19 000 docs.	.092/doc.	<u>1 748</u>	
		Sub-total V:		<u>9 900</u>
		Grand total:		<u>39 300</u>

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May/June 1983 meeting

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u>	<u>Cost a/ \$</u>	<u>\$</u>
I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u>				
(21,450 words - E, F)				
Translation	18 days	171/day	3 078	
Revision	6 days	216/day	1 296	
Typing	27 days	78/day	2 106	
Reproduction	308 750 page	.013/page		
	impressions	impression	4 014	
Distribution	23 750 docs.	.092/doc.	<u>2 185</u>	
		Sub-total I:		12 700
II. <u>Meeting services</u>				
(20 meetings)				
Interpretation				
11 meetings (A, E, F)	77 days	187/day	14 399	
9 meetings (E, F)	38 days	187/day	7 106	
Meeting-room attendant	14 days	44/day	616	
Sound technician	28 days	44/day	1 232	
Cleaner	14 days	22/day	<u>308</u>	
		Sub-total II:		23 700
III. <u>In-session documentation</u>				
(4,950 words - E, F)				
Translation	4 days	171/day	684	
Revision	1 day	216/day	216	
Typing	6 days	78/day	468	
Reproduction	60 000 page	.013/page		
	impressions	impression	780	
Distribution	8 000 docs.	.092/doc.	<u>736</u>	
		Sub-total III:		2 900
IV. <u>Verbatim records</u>				
(Required only if witnesses are heard)				
Translation	17 days	171/day	2 907	
Revision	14 days	216/day	3 024	
Typing	45 days	78/day	<u>3 510</u>	
		Sub-total IV:		9 400

May/June 1983 meeting (cont'd)

	<u>Total</u> <u>Workload</u>	<u>Unit</u> <u>rate</u>	<u>Cost a/</u>
			<u>\$</u> <u>\$</u>
V. <u>Post-session documentation</u> (16,500 words - E, F)			
Translation	14 days	171/day	2 394
Revision	5 days	216/day	1 080
Typing	21 days	78/day	1 638
Reproduction	237 500 page impressions	.013/page impression	3 087
Distribution	19 000 docs.	.092/doc.	<u>1 748</u>
		Sub-total V:	<u>9 900</u>
		Grand total:	<u>58 600</u>

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Meeting for 3 weeks, late spring/early summer 1983

		<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u>	<u>Cost a/</u>	
				\$	\$
<u>Services during mission</u>					
Interpreters (A, E, F)	(10)	210 days	187/day	39 270	
Précis-writers	(4)	84 days	171/day	14 364	
Translators	(2)	42 days	171/day	7 182	
Typists	(4)	84 days	78/day	6 552	
Verbatim reporter	(1)	21 days	171/day	3 591	
Sound technician	(1)	21 days	44/day	<u>924</u>	71 900
Travel of above staff		22	1 750		38 500
Subsistence of above staff		462 days	75/day		<u>34 700</u>
			Sub-total		<u>145 100</u>
 <u>Transcription of 35 hours of recording</u>					
Translation		17 days	171/day	2 907	
Revision		14 days	216/day	3 024	
Typing		45 days	78/day	<u>3 510</u>	
					<u>9 400</u>
			Grand total:		<u>154 500</u>

Meeting in Geneva
 August, 1983

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u>	<u>Cost a/</u>
			\$ \$
I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u>			
(21,450 words - E, F)			
Translation	18 days	171/day	3 078
Revision	6 days	216/day	1 296
Typing	27 days	78/day	2 106
Reproduction	308 750 page	.013/page	
	impressions	impression	4 014
Distribution	23 750 docs.	.092/doc.	<u>2 185</u>
		Sub-total I:	12 700
II. <u>Meeting services</u>			
(20 meetings)			
Interpretation			
11 meetings (A, E, F)	77 days	187/day	14 399
9 meetings (E, F)	38 days	187/day	7 106
Meeting-room attendant	14 days	44/day	616
Sound technician	28 days	44/day	1 232
Cleaner	14 days	22/day	<u>308</u>
		Sub-total II:	23 700
III. <u>In-session documentation</u>			
(6,600 words - E, F)			
Translation	6 days	171/day	1 026
Revision	2 day	216/day	432
Typing	8 days	78/day	624
Reproduction	80 000 page	.013/page	
	impressions	impression	1 040
Distribution	8 000 docs.	.092/doc.	<u>736</u>
		Sub-total III:	3 900
IV. <u>Verbatim records</u>			
(Required only if witnesses are heard)			
Translation	17 days	171/day	2 907
Revision	14 days	216/day	3 024
Typing	45 days	78/day	<u>3 510</u>
		Sub-total IV:	9 400

Meeting in August 1983 (cont'd.)

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u>	<u>Cost a/</u>
			\$ \$
V. <u>Post-session documentation</u> (66,000 words - E, F)			
Translation	56 days	171/day	9 576
Revision	19 days	216/day	4 104
Typing	84 days	78/day	6 552
Reproduction	950 000 page impressions	.013/page impression	12 350
Distribution	19 000 docs.	.092/doc.	<u>1 748</u>
		Sub-total V:	<u>34 300</u>
		Grand total:	<u><u>84 000</u></u>

Proposed meeting in November/December 1983
 (Subject to General Assembly approval)

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u>	<u>Cost a/</u>	
			\$	\$
I. <u>Pre-session documentation</u>				
(8,250 words - E, F)				
(Prepared in Geneva)				
Translation	7 days	171/day	1	197
Revision	2 days	216/day	4	32
Typing	11 days	78/day	8	58
Reproduction	118 750 page	.013/page		
	impressions	impression	1	543
Distribution	9 500 docs.	.092/doc.		<u>874</u>
			Sub-total I: 4 900	
II. <u>Meeting services</u>				
(10 meetings) (New York)				
Interpretation				
(Languages: E, F)	42 days	302/day	12	684
Supporting staff:				
- Conference officer	7 days	40/day	2	<u>80</u>
			Sub-total II: 13 000	
III. <u>In-session documentation</u>				
(4,000 words - E, F)				
Translation	3 days	233/day	6	99
Revision	1 day	217/day	2	17
Typing	5 days	173/day	8	65
Reproduction	40 000 page	.013/page		
	impressions	impression	5	20
Distribution	8 000 docs.	.064/doc.		<u>512</u>
Other supporting staff:				
- Reference clerk	7 days	40/day	2	<u>80</u>
			Sub-total III: 3 100	

Meeting in November/December 1983 (cont'd.)

	<u>Total Workload</u>	<u>Unit rate</u>	<u>Cost a/</u>
			\$ \$
IV. <u>Post-session documentation</u> (8,250 words - E, F)			
Translation	7 days	171/day	1 197
Revision	2 days	216/day	432
Typing	11 days	78/day	858
Reproduction	118 750 page impressions	.013/page impression	1 543
Distribution	9 500 docs.	.092/doc.	<u>874</u>
		Sub-total IV:	<u>4 900</u>
		Total (I, II, III and IV)	<u><u>25 900</u></u>
 <u>OGS requirements</u>			
Sound engineering			2 900
General operating expenses			<u>1 000</u> <u>3 900</u>
		Grand total:	<u><u>29 800</u></u>
