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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.6

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

1. Operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.6 requests the Secretary-General "to provide necessary assistance" for the holding of future meetings of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in developing countries.
2. The holding of meetings at locations other than established United Nations conference centres is subject to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 31/140, which require that "the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved" be defrayed by the Government issuing the invitation to hold the meeting within its territory.
3. It is the understanding of the Secretary-General that, should the General Assembly approve this draft resolution, the assistance to be provided by the Secretary-General would not involve departure from the rules set forth in resolution 31/140.
4. It should be borne in mind that, should a meeting of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination take place in a location different from the established locations of New York or Geneva, the costs for the translation and reproduction of pre-session and post-session documentation would be covered by provisions already made in the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981. So would be the travel of the substantive staff to service the meeting, inasmuch as it would not exceed the cost of travel from Geneva to New York, on which the provision has been based. The Secretariat would also cover the cost of providing salaries of language staff for the meeting, make the necessary travel arrangements, make equipment available when and where possible and provide assistance to the host country in planning the meeting.