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### PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1988-1989

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

##### Programme budget implications of draft resolutions A/43/L.23 and A/43/L.24

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

#### INTRODUCTION

1. By its resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961, the General Assembly established the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Subsequently, the mandate of the Special Committee has been extended annually by the Assembly in successive resolutions, most recently by resolution 42/71 of 4 December 1987. Also annually, the Assembly approves an extensive programme of dissemination of information on decolonization, the latest of which was adopted under resolution 42/72 of 4 December 1987. By specific resolutions dealing with individual Territories, the Assembly, each year, further requests the Special Committee to keep under review the situation in those Territories.
2. The activities contained in the above-mentioned draft resolutions would fall under chapter 4, Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization, programme 2, Decolonization, as revised. 1/ Furthermore, the information activities as proposed in draft resolution A/43/L.24 would fall under chapter 9 of the medium-term plan, Public information, as proposed for revision 2/ and as amended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) 3/ in light of the objectives of recommendation 37 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations. 4/

3. It will be recalled that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 includes provisions for the total estimated cost of the activities of the Special Committee, in view of their "perennial" character. As indicated in paragraph 3.12 of the programme budget 5/ the estimates for the Special Committee were based on the level of activities as approved by the Assembly for 1987 and the actual rate of implementation of that work programme over the past three bienniums.

4. It should be noted that, in line with the requirements of General Assembly resolution 41/213 and resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a review of the structure of the Department of Special Political Questions, Regional Co-operation, Decolonization and Trusteeship, which provides services to the Special Committee, has been undertaken bearing in mind in particular the objectives of recommendation 21 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts. 4/ The findings of that review, along with the measures taken by the Secretary-General in that respect, have been reported to the General Assembly in the context of the revised estimates for the 1988-1989 programme budget. 6/

5. The activities are covered in section 3A.2 of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. 7/ They are described in paragraph 3.10 under that section. Moreover, the substantive servicing of the Special Committee is covered under programme element 1.3 in subprogramme 1, Servicing of intergovernmental bodies; programme element 2.3 in subprogramme 2, Research and preparation of documents; and programme elements 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 in subprogramme 3, Co-ordination and information, of section 3B of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989. 8/ In addition, the information activities in relation to decolonization have been reprogrammed under programme elements 1.1 and 1.4 of subprogramme 1, Promotional services, and under various programme elements of subprogramme 2, Information services, of section 27 in the context of the revised estimates for the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 9/ and further revised in the light of recommendations made by CPC at its twenty-eighth session. 10/

#### I. ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

6. The activities called for in the draft resolutions are presented below in relation to the programme narratives under the corresponding sections of the 1988-1989 programme budget. A comparative analysis of the programme of work of the Special Committee as approved for 1988 and as projected for 1989 appears in annex I to the present statement.

##### A. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/43/L.23)

7. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 5, 12 and 15 of the draft resolution 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 covering its work during 1988, including the programme of work envisaged for 1989;" (para. 5)

"[Request] the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) in all Territories that have not yet attained independence and, in particular:

"(a) To formulate specific proposals for the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

"(b) To make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security;

"(c) To continue to examine the compliance of Member States with resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions on decolonization, particularly those relating to Namibia;

"(d) To continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of visiting missions to those Territories whenever the Special Committee deems it 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 of self-determination and independence;

"(e) To take all necessary steps to enlist world-wide support among Governments, as well as national and international organizations having a special interest in decolonization, for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration and the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, particularly as concerns the oppressed people of Namibia;

"(f) To prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, preparatory to the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration in 1990 and in order to enhance further the process of decolonization, recommendations on appropriate programmes of activities to be undertaken by the United Nations, Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the course of the commemorative year;" (para. 12)

"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." (para. 15)

8. The activities required for the implementation of these requests are referred to by the Special Committee in paragraphs 125 to 136 of its annual report to the General Assembly. 11/ In that connection paragraph 3.10 of the programme budget

for the 1988-1989 biennium 5/ indicates that on the basis of the Special Committee's programme of work approved by the General Assembly for 1986 and 1987, it has been anticipated that the Special Committee might carry out the following activities during the 1988-1989 biennium:

- (a) Sending every year up to three visiting missions of two weeks' duration to the Territories;
- (b) Holding consultations and contacts on the question of decolonization with:
  - (i) Specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations (up to 20 missions of consultation of one week's duration each year);
  - (ii) The Organization of African Unity (OAU) (up to four missions of consultation of one week's duration each year);
  - (iii) The President of the Economic and Social Council during regular sessions of the Council;
- (c) Participating each year in up to 15 conferences, seminars and other special events dealing with decolonization arranged by non-governmental organizations as well as by the United Nations bodies concerned;
- (d) Inviting representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by OAU to participate in the Committee's work and in consultation, as appropriate, with OAU and national liberation movements concerned, inviting individuals who could furnish the Special Committee with information on specific aspects of the situation in the Territory.

The related provisions for the biennium 1988-1989 have been approved under section 3A.2. They amount to \$488,200. 12/ The activities referred to in the draft resolution have also been programmed under section 3B of the 1988-1989 programme budget as follows:

Section 3B:

Subprogramme 1, Servicing of intergovernmental bodies, programme element 1.3;

Subprogramme 2, Research and preparation of documents, programme element 2.3.

The related resources have been reflected in the resource requirements under section 3B of the revised estimates for the 1988-1989 programme budget. 13/

9. With regard to the indication contained in paragraph 134 of the Special Committee's report 14/ that it might hold a series of meetings away from Headquarters in 1989, it should be recalled that 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. The Special Committee would take advantage of invitations which it might receive in that connection. As soon as the particulars of such meetings are available and subject to the availability of the requisite conference services and facilities, the Secretary-General would submit to the Special Committee a statement of the related programme budget implications pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in this regard and would seek the necessary budgetary provision in accordance with established procedures if that need is warranted.

**B. Dissemination of information on decolonization (A/43/L.24)**

10. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would:

"[Approve] the chapter of 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 relating to the dissemination of information on decolonization and publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization;" (para. 1)

"[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 United Nations information centres;

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

"(e) To enlist, with the close co-operation of United Nations information centres, the support of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in decolonization in the dissemination of the relevant information;

"(f) To continue to provide the full press release coverage for all meetings of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies;

"(g) To ensure the availability of the necessary facilities and services to that end;

"(h) To report to the Special Committee on the measures taken in implementation of the present resolution;" (para.3)

"[Request] the Special Committee to follow the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session" (para.5).

11. The activities required for the implementation of these requests are referred to the Special Committee in paragraphs 131 and 132 of its annual report to the General Assembly. 15/ They have been programmed in the 1988-1989 proposed programme budget under:

- (a) Section 3B, subprogramme 3, Co-ordination and information, programme elements 3.1 to 3.3;
- (b) Section 27, subprogramme 1, Promotional services, programme elements 1.1 and 1.4; subprogramme 2, Information services.

The related resources have been reflected in the resource requirements under sections 3 and 27 of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 and the corresponding sections of the revised estimates. 16/

## II. CONCLUSIONS

12. On the basis of the information provided in paragraphs 2 to 11 above, it is estimated that the objectives of the activities proposed in draft resolutions A/43/L.23 and A/43/L.24 are fully met under chapter 4, Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization, programme 2, Decolonization and chapter 9, Public information, of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 (extended to 1991) as revised. 17/ No further revision of the plan would be required. Furthermore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/43/L.23 and A/43/L.24, no modification in the programme of work for 1988-1989, as proposed in the revised estimates for sections 3C and 27 of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, would be required.

13. On the basis of information contained in paragraphs 7 to 11 above and in annex II to the present statement, it is estimated that should the General Assembly adopt draft resolutions A/43/L.23 and A/43/L.24 no additional resources over and above those already proposed under sections 3 and 27 in the context of the revised estimates for the 1988-1989 programme budget would be required to accommodate the 1989 programme of activities of the Special Committee.

Notes

- 1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1), chap. IV, paras. 4.6-4.9, 4.22-4.34, and *ibid.*, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/39/6), chap. IV.
- 2/ A/43/6 and Corr.1, chap. IX.
- 3/ A/43/16 (Part I), para. 118.
- 4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).
- 5/ A/42/6 (Sect. 3).
- 6/ A/C.5/43/1/Rev.1, chap. III, paras. 3.1-3.12.
- 7/ A/42/6 (Sect. 3), paras. 3.7-3.12.
- 8/ *Ibid.*, paras. 3.27-3.34.
- 9/ A/C.5/43/1/Rev.1, chap. IV, sects. C and D.
- 10/ A/43/16 (Part I), paras. 46-53; and A/43/16, (Part II), paras. 82-88.
- 11/ A/43/23 (Part I), chap. I.
- 12/ A/42/6/Add.1 and Corr.1, part I, sect. 3.
- 13/ A/C.5/43/1/Rev.1, chap. III, paras. 3.1-3.12.
- 14/ A/42/23 (Part I), chap. I, para. 134.
- 15/ *Ibid.*, paras. 131 and 132.
- 16/ A/42/6 (Sect. 3), para. 3.33 and 3.34; A/C.5/43/1/Rev.1, chap. IV, sects. A and C.
- 17/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1), chap. IV, paras. 4.6-4.9, 4.22-4.34; *ibid.*, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/39/6), chap. IV; and A/43/6 and Corr.1, chap. IX.

Annex I

COMPARATIVE ANALYSES OF THE 1988 AND 1989 PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITY  
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

	1988		1989	
	A/C.5/42/48			
	Number of events	\$	Number of events	\$
<b>I. Full cost of activities:</b>				
1. Visiting missions	2	63 300	2	72 400
2. Missions of consultations with specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations; participation in these activities	20	145 500	20	157 600
3. Missions of consultations with the Organization of African Unity	4	48 300	4	44 800
4. Mission of consultation with the President of the Economic and Social Council	1	5 700	1	6 700
5. Missions of participation in activities by non-governmental organizations	15	40 500	15	44 700
6. Participation of national liberation movements in the Committee's meetings at Headquarters	-	4 900	-	5 200
<b>Total I</b>	-	<b>307 700</b>	-	<b>331 400</b>



	1988		1989	
	A/C.5/42/48			
	Number of events	\$	Number of events	\$
II. Ratio of projected actual expenditures to full cost (percentage estimated on the basis of the information contained in annex II)	-	-	-	75
III. Estimated 1989 requirements	-	-	-	248 500
IV. Uncommitted resources against existing appropriation approved under section 3A.2 of the 1988-1989 programme budget <sup>a/</sup>	-	-	-	445 400

<sup>a/</sup> Including unused 1989 portion (\$249,600) of the 1988-1989 appropriation approved for the Special Committee and uncommitted balance of resources earmarked for 1988 (\$195,800).

Annex II

ANALYSIS OF THE LEVEL OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES OF ANNUAL PROGRAMMES OF  
REGULAR ACTIVITIES 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

Period	Full costs of regular programme of activities \$	Actual expenditures \$	Rate of utilization %
1984	316 300	157 700	50.0
1985	221 400	92 900	42.0
1986	269 500	96 800	36.0
1987	8 900	41 000	13.3
1988	307 700	42 800 a/	13.9

a/ Estimated.

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