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TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
recommended by the Third Committee (A/34/618, para. 18)

Seventh report of the Advisory Committee on  
Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the Secretary-General's statement of the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 18 of the report of the Third Committee (A/34/618) on the implementation of the programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (A/C.5/34/22 and Corr.1 and 2).
2. In paragraph 2 (a) to (f) of the statement, the Secretary-General identifies the activities to be carried out during 1980-1981 as part of the proposed programme for the second half of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. 1/ The Secretary-General estimates the related costs in 1980-1981 at \$708,500 for conference servicing and \$393,700 in non-conference costs.
3. The Secretary-General is not seeking appropriations in respect of the conference servicing costs (\$708,500) at the present time pending the review of actual requirements in the context of the consolidated statement of total conference servicing requirements to be submitted towards the end of the current General Assembly session<sup>27</sup> (A/C.5/34/22 and Corr.1 and 2, para. 6). This procedure is in accordance with practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly. The Committee

1/ The Advisory Committee was informed that other activities proposed in the annex to the draft resolution contained in para. 18 of the report of the Third Committee (paras. 18, 23 and 25) will be financed by the intergovernmental bodies and specialized agency concerned.

notes, however, that the estimates of additional conference servicing requirements contained in the annex to the statement include travel and subsistence costs of language staff who will service the proposed meetings at Nairobi and in Latin America. The Committee understands that these requirements are not included in the resources requested under section 29 of the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981.

4. The Secretary-General estimates total non-conference requirements at \$393,700, summarized as follows:

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Regional seminar (Africa)	103,000
Regional seminar (Latin America)	71,500
Seminar on measures to prevent transnational corporations from collaborating with the racist régime of southern Africa	104,000
Study by the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa	20,000
International colloquium to be organized by UNITAR	55,800
Study on the links between the struggle against racism and the struggle for self-determination in southern Africa	19,700
Study on the link between racial discrimination and inequalities in levels of education, nutrition, health, housing and cultural development	<u>19,700</u>
Total	393,700

The assumptions on which the above estimates are based are set out in paragraph 3 (a) to (f) of his statement.

5. In paragraph 3 (e) and (f) the Secretary-General states that he is not requesting additional resources estimated at \$39,400 for the conduct of the proposed studies on the links between the struggle against racism and the struggle for self-determination in southern Africa and the links between racial discrimination and inequalities in levels of education, nutrition, health, housing and cultural development in view of the fact that provision for undertaking these studies has already been made in the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981 (see programme element 4.2, Output (ii) and (iii) of subprogramme 4, sect. 23 of the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981 2/). Consequently, the net additional resources being requested by the Secretary-General for non-conference costs is \$354,300 (\$393,700 less \$39,400).

6. In paragraph 23.13 of his proposed programme budget for 1980-1981 the Secretary-General indicates that resource requirements for subprogramme 4 amount to \$553,600. However, as can be seen from the breakdown by object of expenditure in table 23.9 and paragraph 23.28, no funds have been requested for travel of representatives. Furthermore, in paragraph 23.29 the Secretary-General relates the estimate for travel of staff to service meetings to attendance at meetings to be held in New York. The estimate already incorporated in the proposed programme budget also excludes general operating expenses. Consequently, there is no duplication between what has already been requested in the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981, and the estimates for travel and general operating expenses included in document A/C.5/34/22 and Corr.1 and 2. The Advisory Committee was informed that travel costs have been estimated on the assumption that all the participants will attend the seminars and stay for their entire duration. This may not prove to be the case. Furthermore, the Advisory Committee is of the opinion that no additional funds need be appropriated for external printing for which the Secretary-General has already requested \$194,900. For these reasons the Advisory Committee recommends that the estimate of non-conference costs be reduced from \$354,300 to \$325,000, i.e. by \$29,300.

7. The Advisory Committee notes the statement by the Secretary-General in paragraph 3 (d) of document A/C.5/34/22 that as the international colloquium to be organized by UNITAR in May 1980 had originally been scheduled for 1979, he will surrender, in the context of the final performance report for the biennium 1978-1979, an appropriation of \$56,000 for the colloquium included in the programme budget for 1978-1979.

8. For the reasons given in paragraphs 3 and 6 above, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee (A/34/618, para. 18) appropriation in the amount of \$325,000 would be required under section 23 of the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981 and that the requirements under section 29 would be included in the consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of its current session.