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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SECOND  
DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/43/L.7

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

1. At its 23rd meeting, on 27 October 1988, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/43/L.7 without a vote. A statement of the programme budget implications of the resolution was before the Committee in document A/C.3/43/L.18.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. By operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.3/43/L.7, the Secretary-General would be requested to continue the study on the effects of racial discrimination on the children of minorities.
3. By operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare and issue as soon as possible a collection of model legislation for the guidance of Governments in the enactment of further legislation against racial discrimination.
4. By operative paragraphs 10 and 11 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to update the study on racial discrimination <sup>1/</sup> and to complete as soon as possible the study of the results achieved and the obstacles encountered during the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the first half of the Second Decade.

5. By operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare and finalize a handbook of recourse procedures for victims of racism and racial discrimination.

B. Relationship of the proposed request to the approved programme of work

6. The activities proposed in the draft resolution would fall under chapter 6, programme: Centre for Human Rights, subprogramme 2, Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups, the strategy of which is described in paragraph 6.27 of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 as extended through 1991.

7. The activities are particularly relevant to section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, programme element 2.1 of subprogramme 2, Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups.

8. Since the principal goal of the Decade is to combat apartheid, the most abhorrent form of racial discrimination, the activities are also relevant to the entire range of programmes of the Centre against apartheid, which are reflected in section 3.D of the programme budget, and the United Nations Council for Namibia and the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia, which are reflected in section 3.C. Moreover, section 27, Public information, in its subprogramme 2, Information in depth, has two programme elements of particular significance to the programme of activities. Programme element 2.6, Struggle against racial discrimination and programme element 2.10, Apartheid, have outputs in the form of articles, publications, pamphlets, documentary radio programmes, films, photo sheets and in-depth briefings for representatives of non-governmental organizations, all of which deal with various aspects of this subject.

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

9. The study on the effects of racial discrimination on the children of minorities will be continued, as requested in paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, taking into consideration the comments received from Governments and in the light of the final text of the draft International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families.

10. The collection of model legislation and the handbook of recourse procedures requested in operative paragraphs 8 and 14, respectively, will be produced as soon as resources permit as stated in the report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Programme for Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. 2/

11. At its forty-first session, scheduled to be held from 7 August to 1 September 1989, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities will take action on the requests contained in operative paragraphs 10

and 11 of the draft resolution to update the study on racial discrimination and to complete its study of the results obtained and obstacles encountered during the first Decade and the first half of the Second Decade.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1988-1989

12. Should the draft resolution be adopted, the following modifications would have to be made to the text of section 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989:

Subprogramme 2. Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups

Programme element 2.1

Output:

(xiv) Study on the effects of racial discrimination on the children of minorities, XB (fourth quarter, 1989);

(xv) Collection of model legislation for the guidance of Governments in the enactment of further legislation against racial discrimination, XB (fourth quarter, 1989);

(xvi) Updated study on racial discrimination (fourth quarter, 1989);

(xvii) Study of the results achieved and the obstacles encountered during the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the first half of the Second Decade (fourth quarter, 1989);

(xviii) Handbook on recourse procedures for victims of racial discrimination, XB (fourth quarter, 1989).

E. Additional requirements at full cost

13. It is assumed that the two studies requested from the Sub-Commission in operative paragraphs 10 and 11 of the draft resolution would be prepared by Special Rapporteurs appointed by the Sub-Commission who, customarily, do not receive any compensation from the United Nations.

14. It is estimated that the preparation of model legislation against racial discrimination would require four work-months of temporary assistance at the P-4 level in 1989, which would cost \$34,700.

15. The handbook of recourse procedures would require the services of two consultants for three months each in 1989, for a total cost of \$30,000.

16. The finalization of the study on the effects of racial discrimination on the children of minorities is expected to require three work-months of temporary assistance at the P-4 level in 1989, which would cost \$26,000.

F. Potential for absorption

17. According to operative paragraph 21 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would consider that voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination were indispensable for the implementation of the programmes mentioned elsewhere in the resolution. In operative paragraphs 22 and 23, the General Assembly would note with regret that the current situation of the Trust Fund was not encouraging and would strongly appeal to all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Trust Fund. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would undertake appropriate contacts and initiatives to encourage contributions to cover the above-mentioned activities, which would cost an estimated \$90,700, and, therefore, no additional appropriation would be required.

Notes

- 1/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.XIV.2.
- 2/ A/43/644.

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