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### PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1984-1985

#### QUESTION OF PALESTINE

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolutions  
contained in document A/38/L.37

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

#### Addendum

Observations by the Committee on Conferences in accordance  
with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A

In accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution 35/10 A, by which the General Assembly decided that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly should be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, the Committee on Conferences met to review the implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/38/L.37 as proposed by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

By paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the Assembly would request the Secretary-General

"to ensure that the Division for Palestinian Rights ... continues to discharge the tasks detailed in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B, paragraph 2 (b), of resolution 34/65 D and paragraph 3 of resolution 36/120 B, in consultation with the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and under its guidance".

3. The provisions to which the draft refers concern, inter alia, the holding of regional seminars.

4. By paragraph 3 (b) of the draft resolution, the Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources for

"Increased contacts with non-governmental organizations and the convening of symposia and meetings for non-governmental organizations in different regions in order to heighten awareness of the facts related to the question of Palestine".

5. The programme of work envisioned by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people would therefore involve exceptions to General Assembly resolution 31/140, section I, in that seminars and symposia would be held away from the Committee's established headquarters in New York.

6. In 1984, the programme would comprise:

(a) A seminar and a symposium at a non-United Nations conference centre in North America;

(b) A seminar and a symposium at a non-United Nations conference centre in Latin America;

(c) A seminar at a non-United Nations conference centre in Europe;

(d) A meeting at Geneva.

7. In 1985, a similar programme of seminars and symposia at non-United Nations conference centres in North America, Africa and Asia would again culminate in a meeting in Geneva. The total number of meetings in the biennium would be 13, 6 in 1984 and 7 in 1985.

8. It was pointed out that in its report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination had already expressed its view on the regional seminars planned by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

9. Commenting on paragraph 1.82 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985 (A/38/6, vol. 1) which refers to general operation expenses of the Division for Palestinian Rights, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination "drew attention to the desirability of adhering to the principle set forth in General Assembly resolution 31/140" (A/38/38, part II, para. 18).

10. Accordingly, the Committee on Conferences wishes to point out that the Fifth Committee, in its decision of 26 October 1983 (see A/C.5/38/SR.19), in which it endorsed the conclusion and recommendations set forth by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in chapter II of its report (A/38/38, part II, paras. 16-20), has, in fact, already made a ruling on the matter of the venue of the seminars.

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