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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES  
AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions B and C  
recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/32/407, para. 15)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 60th meeting, on 9 December 1977, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statements by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/32/81 and A/C.5/32/71) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions B and C recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/32/407, para. 15).

II. DRAFT RESOLUTION B

2. Under the terms of draft resolution B (A/32/407, para. 15), the General Assembly would request the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories to complete its survey on all the aspects referred to in operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, namely the statements made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic before the Special Political Committee at the thirty-first and thirty-second sessions of the General Assembly to the effect that his Government reserves all rights to full compensation in regard to all damages resulting from Israel's deliberate destruction of Quneitra, including those not covered by the expert's report on the destruction of Quneitra (A/32/284) or not falling within the scope of his assignment. It would also request the Secretary-General to continue to provide

the Special Committee with all the facilities required for the completion of the tasks referred to in the previous paragraphs of the draft resolution.

3. In his statement (A/C.5/32/81) the Secretary-General indicated that the adoption of the draft resolution would not presently give rise to any financial implications. He assumed, however, that at its first session scheduled for early 1978 the Special Committee would determine what further specific action might be required in respect of operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of draft resolution B, and that should any additional expenditures be involved these would be incurred, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in accordance with the provisions of the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1978-1979.

4. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in an oral report, indicated that the Advisory Committee concurred with the statements of the Secretary-General as contained in document A/C.5/32/81.

#### DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee decided, by 69 votes to 1, with 16 abstentions, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution B recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/32/407, para. 15), any additional expenditures involved would be incurred with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in accordance with the provisions of the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1978-1979.

#### III. DRAFT RESOLUTION C

6. Under the terms of draft resolution C recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/32/407, para. 15), the General Assembly would request the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories, pending the early termination of the Israeli occupation, to continue to investigate Israeli policies and practices in the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, to consult, as appropriate, with the International Committee of the Red Cross in order to ensure the safeguarding of the welfare and human rights of the population of the occupied territories, and to report to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and whenever the need arises thereafter. It would also request the Secretary-General:

(a) To render all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories, with a view to investigating Israeli policies and practices referred to in draft resolution C;

(b) To continue to make available additional staff as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its tasks;

(c) To ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee,

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and of information regarding its activities and findings, by all means available through the Office of Public Information of the Secretariat and, where necessary, to reprint those reports of the Special Committee which are no longer available;

(d) To report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the tasks entrusted to him.

7. In his statement (A/C.5/32/71), the Secretary-General indicated that it was his understanding that the Special Committee would implement, in 1978, a programme of work similar to that carried out in 1977, including field missions, and that, as a result, the adoption of the draft resolution would require an appropriation of \$135,800 in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979 under section 18, to cover the general costs of the work programme of the Special Committee, and \$29,800 under section 25 to cover the cost in staff assessment offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1. The conference servicing requirements of the Special Committee will be the object of a separate request for appropriation under section 23 after the Secretary-General has taken into account the available permanent and temporary resources of the Organization.

8. In an oral statement, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated that the Advisory Committee concurred with the financial implications, estimated by the Secretary-General, which would arise in the event of the adoption of draft resolution C, and an additional appropriation of \$135,800 would be required under section 18, with a further provision for staff assessment of \$29,800 under section 25, offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1.

9. He also stated that the conference servicing costs, not exceeding \$360,762, would be included in the consolidated statement to be presented at the end of the current session of the General Assembly.

10. Comments made by delegations in the course of the discussion of this item are reflected in the summary record of the Committee (A/C.5/32/SR.60).

#### DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

11. The Fifth Committee decided, by 70 votes to 2, with 15 abstentions, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution C recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/32/407, para. 15), additional appropriations of \$135,800 would be required under section 18, with a further provision for staff assessment of \$29,800 under section 25, offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, and that conference servicing requirements not exceeding \$360,762 should be considered in the context of the consolidated statement which will come before the Committee at a later date.

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