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WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.3/33/L.35

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

1. At its 66th meeting on 4 December 1978 the Third Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/33/L.35.
2. In operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure that the maximum publicity is given to the final documents of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination in view of the need to combat racism, racial discrimination and apartheid.
3. In operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would also request the Secretary-General to take the following measures, in accordance with the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.
 - (a) To prepare several studies analysing the struggle against all forms of racial discrimination;
 - (b) To organize during the second half of the Decade, at the level of each region (of the United Nations), regional seminars on action against racism and racial discrimination;
 - (c) To study the possibility of establishing an international fund on the basis of voluntary contributions with a view to assisting peoples and national liberation movements in their struggle against racism and apartheid.

4. In the statement of administrative and financial implications presented to the Third Committee in document A/C.3/33/L.64 the Committee was informed of a number of assumptions.

5. The Secretary-General would endeavour to comply with the request made in operative paragraph 5 by utilizing to the fullest the facilities and resources currently available to the Office of Public Information.

6. The request made in operative paragraph 6 can be divided in two parts:

(a) Preparation of studies analysing the struggle against all forms of racial discrimination;

(b) Organization of regional seminars.

7. It is assumed that the studies referred to in (a) above are the same as have been recommended by the World Conference, namely:

- (i) A study analysing the link between the struggle for the elimination of racism and the struggle for decolonization and self-determination;
- (ii) A study on the link between racial discrimination and inequalities in the levels of education, nutrition, health, housing and cultural development;
- (iii) A continuation of the study of the problems of migrant workers by the various organs within the United Nations system as well as by Governments, especially as regards racial discrimination encountered by migrants and their families; in particular an in-depth study should be made by the Secretary-General of the types and causes of discrimination against migrant workers and of specific measures which could be taken to combat them;
- (iv) A study on the nature and types of recourse procedures available to migrant workers for the airing of grievances stemming from racial discrimination; particular attention should be given to migrant workers who are either stateless or who have no home Government, embassy or consulate to represent them.

8. In carrying out the mandate referred to in paragraph 5 (b), the Secretary-General would propose to hold one regional seminar per year, beginning in 1979, in one of the five regions of the United Nations, on the basis of the membership of the United Nations regional economic commissions. The first seminar would be held in Europe.

9. The expenditures to be incurred in implementing the request contained in operative paragraph 6 can be estimated as follows:

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(i)	Cost of preparation of four studies	
-	Consultant fees for research papers	20,000
(ii)	Regional seminar in Geneva	
-	Travel of 34 participants	24,000
-	Subsistence	31,000
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	Total:	75,000

10. The above estimates include an amount of \$20,000 to cover research fees to be paid to consultants who will be asked to research and write the four studies mentioned in the resolution. However, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/209, whereby the Secretary-General was requested to examine the proposed expenditure on experts and consultants in the 1978-1979 programme budget with a view to achieving over-all savings and to ensure that no supplementary estimates are presented for expenditure for those purposes during the biennium 1978-1979, no additional appropriation will be requested for this item.

11. The Secretary-General assumes, however, that it is the intention of the General Assembly that the costs of travel and subsistence of the participants in the 1979 seminar would not be considered as subject to resolution 32/209.

12. Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/33/L.35, this will require an additional appropriation of \$55,000 under section 18 of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979.

13. Expenditures similar to those shown in paragraph 9 (ii) would also be incurred in connexion with the seminars to be held in the four remaining geographical regions in the next two biennia. It is not possible to assess accurately at this time the amounts involved for the programme budget of the biennia 1980-1981 and 1982-1983.

14. The adoption of the above-mentioned resolution would also give rise to additional expenditures under section 23, conference services, estimated as follows:

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(a) Preparation and printing of each of four studies - 150 pp. (E, F, R, S)

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
Editing of each study					52 545
Editors	4	19	147	11 172	
Editorial assistants	1	19	80	1 520	
Typists	8	12	72	6 912	
Travel				3 341	
Printing				29 600 <u>1/</u>	

1/ This amount includes \$871 for the cost of external printing of the language version of the study. This amount can be absorbed within available resources.

(b) Regional seminar in Europe (2 weeks in 1979)

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
<u>Interpretation</u> (E, F, R, S)					39 708
Salaries (including subsistence)	12	14	218	36 624	
Travel <u>a/</u>				3 084	
<u>Pre-session documentation</u> (E, F, R, S)					43 327
Salaries					
Translation	6	21	161	20 286	
Revision	2	21	181	7 602	
Typing - non-local recruits	7	21	72	10 584	
Travel <u>b/</u>				3 855	

	<u>Number of staff</u>	<u>Number of days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u> \$	<u>\$</u>	<u>Total</u> \$
<u>In-session documentation</u> (E, F, R, S)					25 648
Salaries					
Translation	6	14	161	13 524	
Revision	2	14	181	5 068	
Typing - non-local recruits	7	14	72	7 056	
<u>Post-session documentation</u> (E, F, R, S)					25 648
Salaries					
Translation	6	14	161	13 524	
Revision	2	14	181	5 068	
Typing - non-local recruits	7	14	72	7 056	
Reproduction and distribution					5 264
Other conference staff					1 692
Meeting room attendant	1	12	47	564	
Sound technician	2	12	47	1 128	
Total:					<u>140 287</u>

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Summary of conference and reproduction costs:

(a) Cost of four studies	210 180
(b) Conference services seminar in Europe	<u>140 287</u>
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a/ All non-locally recruited.

b/ Travel cost estimates based on language staff requirements for the production of in-session documentation.

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15. Thus should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/33/L.35 this will give rise to conference servicing and reproduction costs of \$350,467. No additional appropriation is being requested at present for this purpose pending the review of actual requirements to the context of the consolidated statement on total conference servicing costs to be submitted shortly to the General Assembly.

16. Conference servicing expenditures similar to those shown in paragraph 13 (b) would also be incurred in the holding of the four seminars referred to in paragraph 12 above with the addition of the costs of travel and subsistence of the conference servicing and the substantive and administrative staff. It is not possible at present to assess accurately the costs involved, but they will be taken into account in the programme budget estimates for the biennia 1980-1981 and 1982-1983.
