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> VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: REPORT OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document E/CN.4/L.1432: statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 14, 15 and 16 of the draft resolution the Commission on Human Rights would decide to renew the mandate of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group of Experts; decide that the Group should continue to study the policies and practices which violate human rights in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe, and that it should carry out a comprehensive study on the action taken to implement the recommendations made by the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group of Experts since its establishment with a view to improved assessment of the further efforts needed in the struggle against the system of <u>apartheid</u> and against colonialism and racial discrimination in southern Africa and to submit a report on its findings to the Commission at the thirty-seventh session at the latest and to submit a progress report to the Commission at the thirty-sixth session. Any financial implications arising from operative paragraph 8, would be determined when these recommendations are discussed by the Economic and Social Council.

2. For the purp se of determining the financial implications of paragraphs 14, 15 and 16 of the draft resolution, the following assumptions have been made:

(a) The <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group, composed of six experts, would meet for one week . in London at the end of July 1979 to organize and plan its work in relation to the terms of its mandate and to gather information relevant to its mandate;

(b) In January 1980, the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group would meet in Geneva for two weeks to consider and adopt its progress report for submission to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session;

(c) In July/August 1980, the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group, accompanied by substantive, administrative and conference servicing staff of the Secretariat, would carry out a field mission for a total duration of approximately four weeks and visit Geneva, Dar es Salaam, Gaberone, Maputo, Lusaka and London for the purpose of hearing testimony and gathering first-hand information on matters falling within its mandate;

(d) In January 1981, the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Working Group would meet again in Geneva for a period of two weeks to consider and adopt its final report for submission to the Commission at its thirty-seventh session.