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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 the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/39/L.17

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

1. At its 34th meeting, held on 8 November 1984, the Third Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/39/L.17. An oral statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was made to the Third Committee before it reached its decision, and the statement was issued subsequently as document A/C.3/39/L.23.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. By operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/39/L.17, the Secretary-General would be invited to proceed immediately with the implementation of the activities outlined in his report (A/39/167 and Add.1 and 2).

3. Paragraph 7 of the draft resolution would request the Secretary-General to give the highest priority to actions to combat apartheid in the implementation of the plan of activities.

4. Paragraph 8 of the draft resolution would further request the Secretary-General, in implementing the plan of activities contained in the above-mentioned report, to take fully into account the following elements:

(a) Universal recognition and implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and other related international instruments;

(b) Assistance from the United Nations and its specialized agencies to States in their efforts to embark on concrete programmes to eradicate racial discrimination;

(c) Study of the effects of racial discrimination in the field of education, training and employment as it affects the children of minorities, in particular, those of migrant workers.

5. Paragraph 9 of the draft resolution would call upon the Secretary-General to maintain close contact with the Special Committee against Apartheid, the United Nations Council for Namibia and other relevant United Nations committees, and international and regional organizations as well as non-governmental organizations as to their respective roles in implementing the plan of activities.

B. Relationship of proposed request to 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.

7. The activities are particularly relevant to section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups", programme element 2.1, output (i), which calls for implementing follow-up programmes to the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination in the light of the outcome of the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (continuing activities during 1984 and 1985).

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 Special Committee against Apartheid and the Centre against Apartheid, which are reflected in section 3.A and D of the programme budget, and those of the Council 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, has output in the form of pamphlets and leaflets on this subject, while programme element 2.10 includes two pamphlets among other activities directed against apartheid.

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

9. As regards the invitation in operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, it will be recalled that following submission of the initial draft plan of activities

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for the period 1985-1989 contained in document A/39/167, a statement of programme budget implications was issued in May 1984 as document A/39/167/Add.1, followed by document A/39/167/Add.2, containing suggested elements for revising the initial draft plan of activities. On the basis of these documents and the request in operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution to give the highest priority to actions to combat apartheid, the following revised activities are now envisaged to be carried out, beginning 1 January 1985:

(a) The international seminar in 1985 on community relations commissions and their functions will now be convened in Geneva instead of Bangkok;

(b) Priority will be given to the study requested in paragraph 8 (c) of the draft resolution on the effects of racial discrimination in the field of education, training and employment as it affects the children of minorities, in particular, those of migrant workers. It is intended to complete it for submission to the General Assembly at its fortieth session in 1985;

(c) The study on the role of private group action to combat racism and racial discrimination, referred to in document A/39/167/Add.1, is intended to be completed in time for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-first session in 1986;

(d) The global compilation of national legislation against racial discrimination would be completed for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-second session in 1987;

(e) In the ongoing preparation, publication and distribution of pamphlets on problems of racial discrimination, priority will be given to problems stemming from apartheid, and efforts will also be made to disseminate practical advice which can assist States, international organizations and non-governmental organizations in their efforts to embark on concrete programmes to eradicate racial discrimination, as requested in paragraph 8 (b) of the draft resolution;

(f) As requested in paragraph 8 (a) of the draft resolution, particular attention will be given by the Centre for Human Rights to promoting universal recognition and implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and other related international instruments;

(g) As requested in paragraph 9 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General will maintain close contacts with the Special Committee against Apartheid, the United Nations Council for Namibia and other relevant United Nations committees, and international and regional organizations as well as non-governmental organizations as to their respective roles in implementing the plan of activities for the Decade.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1984-1985

10. Should the draft resolution be adopted, the following modifications would have to be made in the approved programme of work for 1984-1985:

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

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Programme element 2.1

Output (i): implementing follow-up programmes on the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination in the light of the outcome of the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, including a study on the effects of racial discrimination in the field of education, training and employment as it affects the children of minorities, in particular, those of migrant workers (1985).

11. The 1985 international seminar would be included in the activities under subparagraph 24.41 (a) of section 24, Regular programme of technical co-operation.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

12. The requirements needed to implement the above activities are listed below.

(a) International seminar, 1985

On the assumption that the international seminar on community relations commissions and their functions would be held in Geneva over a period of 10 working days and be attended by 32 participants and three representatives of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX), the costs are estimated at \$83,200 broken down as follows:

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Travel and subsistence of participants	80 200
Consultants fees for background papers	<u>3 000</u>
Total, travel and consultants	<u>83 200</u>

The relevant conference-servicing costs, to be financed under section 29, are estimated as shown below:

(i) Pre-session documentation (100 pages, 4 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S)	55 600
(ii) Meeting servicing (20 meetings)	62 900
(iii) In-session documentation (60 pages, 5 documents, A,C,E,F,R,S plus 240 documents in original only)	38 500
(iv) Post-session documentation (50 pages, 1 document, A,C,E,F,R,S)	30 500
(v) Requirements of the Office of General Services	<u>1 900</u>
Total, conference servicing	<u>189 400</u>

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(b)	<u>Study on the effects of racial discrimination in the field of education, training and employment as it affects the children of minorities, in particular, those of migrant workers, in 1985:</u>	\$
	Consultant for 4 work-months	24 000
(c)	<u>Study on the role of private group action to combat racism and racial discrimination, 1986:</u>	
	Consultant for 4 work-months	24 000
(d)	<u>Global compilation of national legislation against racial discrimination, 1987</u>	
	Consultant for 6 work-months	36 000

F. Potential for partial absorption

13. It is proposed to hold the international seminar in 1985 within the context of advisory services in human rights under section 24, Regular programme of technical co-operation. Since there is a provision in that section for such a seminar, no additional resources would be requested for the costs of the travel and subsistence of participants and the consultants' fees, estimated at \$83,200.

14. As regards the conference-servicing requirements of the international seminar, which are estimated on a full-cost basis at \$189,400, the actual appropriation that might be required under section 29 would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements to be submitted at a later stage during the current session of the Assembly.

15. The study proposed for 1985 on the effects of racial discrimination in the field of education, training and employment as it affects the children of minorities, which would require \$24,000 for consultants, would be undertaken by the Centre for Human Rights. It will be recalled that the Secretary-General has introduced measures to reduce the allotments of the appropriation relating to consultants in the programme budget during the last 15 months of the current biennium. It is expected that this additional expenditure could be charged to the savings that would thus be generated.

16. The cost of the other activities, which would be incurred after 1985, would be dealt with in the context of the budget proposals for the biennium 1986-1987, supplemented to the maximum extent possible by voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism, should any such contributions become available.

G. Request for additional appropriation

17. There are therefore no requests for additional appropriation at this time.
