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THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO
COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Statement by the Secretary-General of the financial
implications of the draft resolution contained in
document A/L.368

1. In accordance with rule 15⁴ of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General submits the following statement of financial implications which might result from the implementation of the draft resolution contained in document A/L.368.
2. Operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution decides to establish a commission of five members to be appointed by the General Assembly on the proposal of its President. Operative paragraph 5 instructs the Commission, if the parties concerned have not reached a negotiated agreement by 1 March 1962:
 - (a) To carry out an investigation into the conditions prevailing in the territory;
 - (b) To examine the possibilities of establishing, for an interim period, an international system for the administration and supervision of the territory;
 - (c) To report to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.Furthermore, operative paragraph 7 requests the Secretary-General, in the case envisaged in operative paragraph 5, to provide the Commission with the necessary staff, accommodation and administrative services.
3. In the event that the Commission found it necessary to visit the territory or undertake other travel in order to carry out its examination of the situation in accordance with operative paragraph 5 (a) of the draft resolution, expenses in regard to travel and subsistence for the members and supporting staff would arise.

The level of such expenses, however, cannot be determined until the requirements become known. Furthermore, the extent to which the administrative, substantive and language services required by the Commission can be furnished from within existing resources cannot be determined until a more detailed programme of its work is available.

4. In the circumstances, it would be the intention of the Secretary-General to report fully to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as soon as the financial implications that would arise from the adoption of the draft resolution can be estimated, and to seek its concurrence to enter into commitments in 1962 under the terms of paragraph 1 of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for that year.
