



Twentieth session
Agenda items 23 and 76

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE
TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES: REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1966

Financial implications of the recommendations of the
Special Committee in chapter I, paragraph 109, of its
report (A/6000)

Eighteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary
Questions to the General Assembly at its twentieth session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered document A/C.5/1043 containing a statement of the financial implications arising from certain recommendations presented in the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the General Assembly at its twentieth session (A/6000 and Add.1-7 and Add.3/Corr.1), which the Secretary-General has submitted in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
2. In paragraphs 108 and 109 of its report the Special Committee indicated that it would be desirable that its mandate, as established by the General Assembly in prior resolutions, be continued. The Special Committee recommended that the necessary provision should be made by the General Assembly and by the Secretary-General in order to facilitate its work, and that, in particular, provision should be made to cover the expenses of its activities, including the cost of visiting groups, of

supervising elections and of other forms of consultation of the wishes of colonial peoples. These include possible visits to several of the Territories to which the Declaration applies, particularly in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Ocean areas. The Special Committee also indicated that it might wish to hold another series of meetings in Africa. The Special Committee anticipates that these activities will give rise to expenditures of the order of \$200,000.

3. The Secretary-General advises that, in the event of the approval of the Special Committee's recommendations by the General Assembly, he would request a total additional appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 under section 16, Special missions, for 1966. The Secretary-General explains that a series of meetings held by the Special Committee, in 1965, in Dar es Salaam, Addis Ababa and Lusaka over a four-week period cost some \$120,000. Assuming that a similar series of meetings may be held in Africa in 1966, the Secretary-General estimates that expenditures of a similar order may be incurred. In addition, a further amount of \$80,000 has been included to provide for possible visits to particular Territories, as indicated in paragraph 2 above.

4. When considering the Secretary-General's report, the Advisory Committee was fully aware of the difficulties faced by the Special Committee in attempting to provide in advance exact details of its requirements since it has been accustomed to taking decisions on the countries to be visited in the course of its examination of the conditions in each Territory, and depends to a certain extent on its consultations with Member Governments. The Advisory Committee, therefore, appreciates the fact that, pending the determination by the Special Committee of a detailed work programme covering its activities for 1966, the Secretary-General is unable to provide a precise estimate of the level of expenditure to be incurred.

5. Having in mind the preceding comments, the Advisory Committee would have hoped, nevertheless, that the Special Committee might have found it possible at this time to formulate in some detail at least a portion of its programme and to give some indication of the number of sub-committees, groups or other bodies and their composition and tentative itineraries. Not having this basic programme information, the Committee has not been in a position to make any meaningful appraisal or judgement on the level of the Special Committee's needs. This does not mean, however, that the Committee has any reason to doubt that the amount requested may

prove necessary, but of course, the Committee, for reasons of financial discipline, normally requires that such estimates be accompanied by supporting data. It would, therefore, hope that it will be possible for the Special Committee in future years to submit more timely and detailed information on those of its activities which have financial implications.

6. The Advisory Committee recognizes that the nature of the activities of the Special Committee are such as to prevent it from establishing at this time a definitive programme of work for 1966, but expresses the hope that early in that year the Committee will have formulated its complete programme of meetings for 1966.

7. The Advisory Committee therefore recommends that a substantial provision should be made in the 1966 budget at this time. As to the specific amount of the budgetary provision, the Committee believes that a figure in the amount of \$130,000 would prove reasonable and would enable the Special Committee to proceed with its tentative programme of activities for 1966. Any additional requirements could be met under the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

8. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends to the Fifth Committee that it should inform the General Assembly as follows: should the Assembly approve the recommendations contained in paragraph 109 of the report of the Special Committee (A/6000), an additional appropriation of \$130,000 should be made under section 16, Special missions, of the 1966 budget to cover expenses of the Special Committee. Since, however, this provision is of necessity based on certain broad assumptions, the Secretary-General should be authorized, to the extent that actual requirements might exceed \$130,000, to meet such additional requirements up to a maximum of \$70,000 under the terms of paragraph 1 of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for 1966, or a total of \$200,000 for the Special Committee for 1966.
