



Eighth session
Agenda item 20

TREATMENT OF PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN IN THE UNION OF
SOUTH AFRICA: REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS GOOD OFFICES COMMISSION

Financial implications of the draft resolution submitted
by the Ad Hoc Political Committee (A/2532)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. H.M. ARSON (Pakistan)

1. In accordance with rule 152 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and with the request made by the President of the General Assembly in a letter to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee dated 30 October 1953, the Fifth Committee, at its 403rd meeting on 6 November 1953, considered the financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by the Ad Hoc Political Committee (A/2532) on the item "Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa: report of the United Nations Good Offices Commission".

2. The Fifth Committee had before it a report by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/554), in addition to which it heard an oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions conveying the views of the Advisory Committee on the financial implications of the draft resolution in question.

3. The Fifth Committee decided, by 42 votes to one, with 5 abstentions, to inform the General Assembly as follows:

- (1) Continuation of the Good Offices Commission as established by the General Assembly under resolution 615 (VII) of 5 December 1952 would involve no additional cost, should the Commission conduct its proceedings at United Nations Headquarters and provided its membership

would continue to consist of governmental representatives drawn from permanent delegations located in New York.

- (ii) If, on the other hand, the Commission were to undertake inquiries away from Headquarters, additional funds would be required to cover the travel and subsistence costs of members and of the necessary servicing staff, as well as for miscellaneous expenses;
- (iii) In the event of such expenditures being incurred, they should be met by advances not exceeding a total of \$50,000 from the Working Capital Fund.

4. The Fifth Committee further decided that, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution submitted by the Ad Hoc Political Committee, the same arrangement should be made as that authorized for 1953, namely, that an appropriate paragraph would be included in the draft resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, authorizing the Secretary-General to enter into such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$50,000, as may be required for the United Nations Good Offices Commission on the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa.
