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SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.15

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance
with rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure

1. Under paragraph 8 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.15 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to give, through the advisory services programme in the field of human rights, priority to the holding in 1980 of a seminar on the effect of the present unjust international economic order on the economies of developing countries and the obstacle this constitutes for the implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and in particular for the right to enjoy an adequate standard of living as stated in article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
2. Moreover, under paragraph 10 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare and present to its thirty-sixth session a comprehensive study on the nature and extent to which the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms are affected by present conditions, especially by situations such as those resulting from apartheid, tending to divide the world into spheres of influence; the arms race; foreign domination and occupation; aggression and threats against national sovereignty, national unity and territorial integrity; refusal to recognize the fundamental rights of peoples to self-determination and of every nation to the exercise of full sovereignty over its wealth and natural resources; interference in the internal affairs, especially of developing countries; as well as from the existence of the unjust system of international economic relations.

3. The estimated expenditure for the holding of the seminar referred to in paragraph 8 of the draft resolution would amount to \$104,000. It should be noted that provision for this specific seminar has already been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 in the context of "revised estimates resulting from decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its first and second regular sessions, 1979"; 1/ as a result of the adoption by the Council of decision 79/30.

4. The undertaking of the study referred to in paragraph 10 of the draft resolution would give rise to expenditures estimated at \$12,000 for consultant services. In view of the fact that several topics to be dealt with in the study are of a specialized nature and therefore specific expertise on the same is not readily available in the Division of Human Rights, the services of experts would have to be sought for the writing of chapters dealing with these specialized topics.

5. In the light of the foregoing the additional expenditures that would result in 1980-1981 from the adoption of the draft resolution are estimated at \$12,000 relating to the undertaking of the study referred to in paragraph 10 of the resolution.

1/ A/C.5/34/18, paras. 23.17 to 23.19.