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ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS 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.3/3!/L.18

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

- 1. Under operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.18, the General Assembly would decide to invite the Secretary-General to appoint a Special Representative for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, at a level of Under-Secretary-General, such person to be an eminent personage of international stature.
- 2. Under operative paragraph 3 the General Assembly would also request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Representative with such personnel and financial resources at United Nations Headquarters as are necessary for the effective discharge of the Special Representative's responsibilities.
- 3. Should the Third Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of this draft resolution, the provisions contained in operative paragraphs 1 and 3 would be referred to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary fuestions of the General Assembly together with the Secretary-General's proposals for their implementation.
- For the information of the Third Committee, the provisional content of these proposals could be summarized as follows:

The Special Representative, to be appointed at the Under-Secretary-General level, would be assisted initially by one Professional staff at the P-4 level and by one General Service. Appropriate travel funds would be requested to allow the Special Representative to undertake at least two missions to each of the United Mations regions during the biennium 1930-1931. Adequate funds for office facilities and common services would also be required.

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5. Should these proposals be endorsed by the General Assembly the related expenditures for the biennium 1930-1981 would amount to \$307,400, broken down as follows:

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1 USG	84,000 <u>a</u> / <u>1</u>	2/
1 P.J.	46,500 a/ 1	/
1 G/S	21,900 <u>a</u> / g	:/
Travel	30,000	
Common services costs	125,100	
Staff assessment	46,200	
Staff essessment income section 1	(46,200)	
	Total: 307,400	

a/ Including common staff costs.

b/ Costs calculated at 50 per cent taking into account the standard turnover factor applicable for new Professional posts. The full cost of an Under-Secretary-General post for the biennium would amount to \$168,000 and that of a P-4 to 193,000.

e/ Cost calculated at 65 per cent taking into account the standard turnover factor applicable for new General Service posts. The full cost for the biennium would amount to \$33,700.