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Assistance to student refugees from Namibia, Zimbabwe  
and South Africa

Administrative and financial implications of the draft  
resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.58

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with  
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/34/L.58, the General Assembly would:
  - (a) Decide to enlarge the assistance programme for South African student refugees living in Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia to include the care, health, education, and other needs of the student refugees from Namibia and Zimbabwe;
  - (b) Request the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to organize and implement an effective programme of educational and other appropriate assistance for student refugees from southern Africa who have taken asylum in Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia; and
  - (c) Further request the Secretary-General to continue to keep the matter under review, to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1980, of the current status of the programmes and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.
2. The programme of assistance for South African refugee students, established by General Assembly resolution 31/126 of 16 December 1976, is carried out on behalf of the Secretary-General by the Office for Special Political Questions.

3. In respect of the request made of the Secretary-General indicated in paragraph 1 (b) above, the missions currently scheduled during the 1980-1981 biennium to Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia would need to be extended by a period of three days in each of the countries mentioned and would require additional consultant time after each mission.

4. The Secretary-General expects to be able to absorb the related cost of \$10,000 within resources requested for the 1980-1981 biennium. Should this not prove possible, additional appropriations would be requested in the context of the performance report on the 1980-1981 programme budget.

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