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QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolutions
contained in documents A/34/L.45, A/34/L.46, A/34/L.47, A/34/L.48,
A/34/L.49 and A/34/L.50/Rev.1

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

1. The following draft resolutions were submitted to the 91st plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 6 December 1979 relating to the Assembly's consideration of item 27, Question of Namibia: A/34/L.45, A/34/L.46, A/34/L.47, A/34/L.48, A/34/L.49 and A/34/L.50/Rev.1.

A. Intensification and co-ordination of United Nations action in support of
Namibia (A/34/L.46)

2. Under operative paragraphs 8, 9 and 11 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the United Nations Council for Namibia:

(a) To continue efforts to implement Decree No. 1 for the Protection of the Natural Resources of Namibia;

(b) To continue examination of the exploitation and trade of Namibian uranium by foreign economic interests and to report on its findings to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

(c) To contact administering and managing bodies of foreign corporations operating in Namibia to warn them of the illegal basis on which they are operating in Namibia and of the position of the Council in this regard.

3. The financial implications arising from the above requests will be considered in the context of the resources requested in connexion with the programme of work of the United Nations Council for Namibia (A/34/L.45).

B. Action by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations with respect to Namibia (A/34/L.47)

4. The present draft resolution does not contain any request involving administrative and financial implications.

C. Nationhood Programme for Namibia (A/34/L.48)

5. Under operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the United Nations Council for Namibia, as the legal Administering Authority for the Territory until independence, to continue to direct and co-ordinate, in consultation with the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), the planning and implementation of the Nationhood Programme for Namibia, with the aim of consolidating all measures of assistance to Namibians by the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies within the United Nations system into a comprehensive assistance programme of the United Nations system.

6. Under operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the United Nations Council for Namibia to elaborate and consider in due course policies and contingency plans regarding the transitional and post-independence phases of the Programme.

7. The financial implications arising from the above requests will be dealt with in the context of the resources requested under draft resolution A/34/L.45 in connexion with the programme of work of the United Nations Council for Namibia.

8. Under operative paragraph 10 of the same draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia with the necessary resources for the performance of its responsibilities, entrusted to it by the United Nations Council for Namibia, as the co-ordinating authority in the implementation of the Nationhood Programme for Namibia.

9. The present request of the draft resolution does not require, for its implementation, any additional resources besides those which have been already requested in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 under section 3C.2, Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia.

D. United Nations Fund for Namibia (A/34/L.49)

10. Under operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would decide to allocate the sum of \$US 500,000 as a temporary measure to the United Nations Fund for Namibia from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1980.

E. Dissemination of information on Namibia (A/34/L.50/Rev.1)

11. Under operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to direct the Department of Public Information

of the Secretariat, in consultation with the United Nations Council for Namibia, to continue to make every effort to generate publicity and disseminate information with a view to mobilizing public support for the independence of Namibia.

12. It is understood that the United Nations Council for Namibia has determined specific projects relating to the dissemination of information on Namibia which will be implemented by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat. The implementation of these projects is estimated at \$107,400 and includes the following:

(a) Publication of four issues of the Namibia Bulletin in English, French, German and Spanish (the Bulletin will be published internally).

(b) Production of four series of six quarter-hour radio programmes under public information contracts (research, writing and narration) in English, French, German and Spanish (\$12,000), including travel costs (\$1,500). The estimated expenditure would amount to \$13,500.

(c) Placement of advertisements in newspapers and magazines, which would entail an annual expenditure of approximately \$22,000.

(d) Production of promotional radio spots including language versions and distribution for radio networks in Western countries. The estimated annual expenditures would be of the order of \$4,800.

(e) Production of promotional TV spots including language versions and distribution of the spots to TV stations in Western countries at an estimated annual expenditure of the order of \$8,800.

(f) External preparation of publications on military, political, economic and social conditions in Namibia at an estimated expenditure of \$27,500.

(g) Production of posters on Namibia (a set of eight posters in colour) at an estimated expenditure of \$30,800.

13. Under operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to assist the United Nations Council for Namibia in the dissemination of information related to the activities undertaken by the Council.

14. The financial implications arising from this paragraph do not require additional resources besides those mentioned in paragraph 12 of the present statement.

15. Under operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the United Nations Council for Namibia to review the most effective means for the publication of a United Nations Yearbook on Namibia as the authoritative source on the question of Namibia.

16. The request contained in this paragraph of the draft resolution does not entail any financial implications.

17. Under operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the United Nations Council for Namibia, in consultation with the International Telecommunication Union, to investigate the jamming by South Africa inside Namibia of radio broadcasts reaching Namibia, with a view to instituting legal proceedings against South Africa before the International Frequency Registration Board.

18. The financial implications arising from this paragraph of the draft resolution will be dealt with in the context of the resources requested under draft resolution A/34/L.45 in connexion with the programme of work of the Council.

19. Under operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would decide to allocate a sum of \$100,000 for the activities of the United Nations Council for Namibia related to the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia which extends until 3 May 1980.

20. In summary, the implementation of draft resolution A/34/L.50/Rev.1 would require resources in the amount of \$107,400 in the budget of the Department of Public Information and \$100,000 in the budget of the United Nations Council for Namibia. An amount sufficient to cover \$107,400 has already been requested in the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 under section 27 for the purposes of dissemination of information on Namibia. Should the General Assembly approve this request, no additional requirements would be needed for the implementation of draft resolution A/34/L.50/Rev.1 under section 27.

F. Programme of work of the United Nations Council for Namibia (A/34/L.45)

21. In accordance with operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution contained in document A/34/L.45 the General Assembly would approve the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia (A/34/24), including the recommendations contained therein, and decide to make adequate financial provisions for their implementation.

22. The programme of work of the Council is described in section II, Financial implications, of part three of the Council's report (A/33/24, vol. II). According to paragraph 6, the Council has indicated that the activities and level of expenditure under each of the items included in its work programme will be kept under its direct control.

(a) Plenary meetings of the Council in Africa (\$229,878)

23. Under operative subparagraph 2 (f) of the draft resolution the General Assembly would decide that the United Nations Council for Namibia, in the discharge of its responsibilities as the legal Administering Authority for Namibia until independence and as policy-making organ of the United Nations, shall hold a series of plenary meetings in Africa in 1980 at the highest possible level, as and when required for the further proper discharge of its functions, and request the Secretary-General to defray the cost of these meetings in Africa and provide the necessary staff and services for them.

24. Based on past experience, the following expenditures are anticipated (for purposes of financial estimates, Lusaka was used as the base):

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(1) United Nations Council for Namibia

Travel and subsistence (31 members of the Council, 1 representative of SWAPO, 15 Secretariat staff members: Under-Secretary-General for Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization, Commissioner for Namibia, 1 officer from the Office of the Commissioner for Namibia, 3 members of the secretariat of the Council for Namibia, 1 administrative officer, 1 finance officer, 1 press reporter, 1 radio officer, 4 secretaries, 1 typist/proofreader)

113,400

(2) Conference services

	<u>No. of work-days</u>	<u>No. of calendar days</u>	<u>Daily rate</u>	<u>Expressed in 1980 US dollars</u>
Interpretation (2 languages)	30	42	206	8,652
In-session documentation (100 pages)				
Translation	20	28	171	4,788
Revision	7	9	190	1,710
Typing	30	42	69	2,898
Other conference staff	10	14	45	630
Summary records to be reproduced in New York from sound recordings of the meetings				13,000
Reproduction and distribution				10,000
Total				<u>41,678</u>

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25. In addition, an amount of \$74,800 would be required for air freight costs of typewriters, dictaphones, documentation etc. (\$20,000), and for travel and subsistence for conference servicing staff - 6 interpreters, 4 translators, 1 reviser, 6 typists, 1 documents reproduction supervisor, 1 documents distribution supervisor (\$54,800).

26. In total conference servicing costs on a full cost basis, would amount to \$116,478. The actual resources required for this purpose will be included in the consolidated statement to be presented at a later date before the close of the present session.

(b) Missions of the Council (\$138,500)

27. Under paragraph 9 of the report of the Council six missions will be undertaken to conduct political consultations with Governments as follows:

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(i) One mission to Latin America	20,900
(ii) One mission to the Caribbean region	13,100
(iii) One mission to the Pacific region	31,100
(iv) One mission to the Middle East	25,100
(v) Two missions to a group of Western countries engaged in discussions on international settlement of the question of Namibia	48,300
Total	<u>138,500</u>

These estimates are based on the assumption that each mission would consist of four members of the Council, one representative of SWAPO, four Secretariat staff members and that each mission would visit several countries in each region and would stay approximately three days in each country, as indicated in paragraph 10 of volume II of the Council's report.

(c) Representation of Namibia in international conferences (\$245,200)

28. It is anticipated that the Council for Namibia will undertake the following:

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- (i) In accordance with paragraphs 11 and 14 of volume II of the Council's report, two missions, to attend meetings of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) (two annual meetings of the OAU Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, two annual meetings of the Council of Ministers of OAU, Assembly of Heads of State and Government of OAU), in which three members of the Council, one representative of SWAPO and two staff members of the Secretariat would participate 30,000
- (ii) Pursuant to paragraphs 12 and 14 of the Council's report, 25 missions, consisting of 3 members of the Council, 1 representative of SWAPO and 2 Secretariat staff members to attend other international conferences 202,500
- (iii) As indicated in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Council's report, one mission, including three Council members, one representative of SWAPO and two Secretariat staff members to attend the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries 12,700
- (d) Support of the South West Africa People's Organization (\$230,500)

29. Under operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would decide to increase the financial provision in the budget of the United Nations Council for Namibia to finance the office of SWAPO in New York, in order to ensure appropriate representation of the people of Namibia through SWAPO at the United Nations.

30. Under paragraph 15 of vol. II of the Council's report, the requirements of SWAPO for 1980 are estimated at \$230,500 as follows:

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Salaries	81,960
Rent	13,000
Telex	1,200
Telephone	12,000
News agency service	3,200
Utilities (electricity, water etc.)	3,000
Rental of copying equipment	4,200
Stationery	3,000
Postage	4,200
Printing	12,000
Films, books, newspapers and periodicals (information purposes)	8,400
Supply and delivery of official United Nations documents to SWAPO office	2,900
Official travel (expenses of the Permanent Observer and his Deputy as well as travel and subsistence of other SWAPO members to New York, for the purpose of representing Namibia at the United Nations, to the extent not otherwise covered by the proposed budget of the 1980-1981 biennium with regard to representation of SWAPO in missions of the Council)	66,340
Inflation correction	15,100

31. In accordance with operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide to continue to defray the expenses of representatives of SWAPO, whenever the United Nations Council for Namibia so requires. No further financial provision need be made for this purpose in addition to that already included in paragraph 30 above.

(e) Contacts with leading opinion makers, political and academic institutions and non-governmental organizations (\$65,000)

32. Under subparagraph 2 (g) of the draft resolution the General Assembly would decide that the United Nations Council for Namibia, in the discharge of its responsibilities as the legal Administering Authority for Namibia until independence and as policy-making organ of the United Nations, shall inform leading opinion makers, media leaders, political and academic institutions and other concerned non-governmental organizations of Member States about the objectives and functions of the United Nations Council for Namibia and the struggle of the Namibian people under the leadership of SWAPO and also hold

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consultations with, and seek the co-operation of, those personalities and institutions by inviting them on special occasions to participate in the deliberations of the Council, thereby ensuring the most effective mobilization of public opinion in support of the cause of the Namibian people.

33. It is understood that in 1980 the Council envisages 25 such contacts by two members of the Council assisted by one member of the Secretariat. Using Geneva, Chicago, London and Tokyo as central points of meetings, the estimated costs of these missions would be \$65,000.

(f) Institute for Namibia (\$20,000)

34. In accordance with paragraph 19 of volume II of the Council's report, the Council for Namibia envisages to send a delegation, comprising the President of the Council or his representative, the Vice-Chairman and the Rapporteur of the Committee on the United Nations Fund for Namibia accompanied by appropriate Secretariat staff to attend two annual meetings of the Senate of the Institute. The estimated cost of this mission is \$20,000.

(g) Implementation of Decree No. 1 for the Protection of the Natural Resources of Namibia

35. Under operative paragraph 2 (i) of the draft resolution the General Assembly would decide that the United Nations Council for Namibia, in the discharge of its responsibilities as the legal Administering Authority for Namibia until independence and as a policy-making organ of the United Nations shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the full application of, and compliance with, the provisions of Decree No. 1 for the Protection of the Natural Resources of Namibia, enacted by the United Nations Council for Namibia on 27 September 1974, and such other measures as may be necessary to assist in the protection of the natural resources of Namibia.

36. It is understood that the services of two consultants would be needed for a period of five months to undertake research in economic and legal fields. The related estimated cost, including travel, would amount to \$30,000.

37. In accordance with paragraph 22 of the report of the Council, during the 1980-1981 biennium, the Council will endeavour to expand its investigation relating to the exploitation and trade of Namibian uranium by foreign economic interests. For this purpose, it will require on an annual basis a special allocation to cover expenditures on gathering information and for holding hearings in New York. Estimated costs for gathering information would be in the order of \$US 45,000. The estimated costs of inviting approximately 15 witnesses to New York for an estimated stay of three days each would be in the order of \$US 18,200.

38. It is the understanding of the Secretary-General that activities in connexion with the implementation of Decree No. 1 are entrusted to the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia. Therefore adequate financial resources have been already requested under section 3C.2 of the budget for the biennium 1980-1981 (A/34/6, paras. 3-33 and 3-34). Should the General Assembly approve these requests no additional appropriation would be needed for 1980 activities regarding the implementation of Decree No. 1.

(h) Contributions of the Council to the specialized agencies (\$46,100)

39. As indicated in paragraph 23 of volume II of the report of the Council, Namibia represented by the Council has become a full member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

40. The membership dues of the Council for its participation in these specialized agencies would require an allocation of \$46,100 (\$27,900 in respect of FAO and \$18,200 in respect of the ILO. The waiver of the assessment of Namibia has been granted by UNESCO).

(i) Staffing of the units servicing the Council

41. Under operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the United Nations Council for Namibia, to review requirements of the units which service the Council so that they may fully discharge all additional tasks and functions arising out of the new situation concerning Namibia.

42. As indicated in paragraph 24 of volume II of the report of the Council the intensification of the efforts of the Council in support of self-determination, freedom and national independence for the Namibian people have greatly expanded the activities of the Council with respect to consultations with Governments, participation in international organizations and conferences, preparation of documentation and contacts with leading personalities in the information media. The current scale of work of the Council requires that for the 1980-1981 biennium, the staffing of its secretariat be kept at the levels established at the previous session of the General Assembly. The Council therefore recommends that the Assembly should decide to maintain during the biennium the temporary posts created at its thirty-third session, namely two Professional posts at the P-4 level and one General Service post at the G-4 level, as well as the P-3 post temporarily redeployed from another division of the Department.

43. In view of paragraph 42 above, paragraph 6 of the draft resolution would not require additional resources for its implementation.

Summary

44. Total estimated expenditures resulting from the draft resolutions enumerated in paragraph 1 above, related available resources in 1980-1981 programme budget and balance required for appropriation are summarized below:

<u>Para No.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Section 3C.1</u>	<u>Section 3C.2</u>	<u>Section 27</u>	<u>Section 29</u>
10	500,000	500,000			
12	107,400			107,400	
19	100,000	100,000			
24	155,078	113,400			41,678
25	74,800				74,800
27	138,500	138,500			
28	245,200	245,200			
30	230,500	230,500			
33	65,000	65,000			
34	20,000	20,000			
36	30,000		30,000		
37	63,200		63,200		
40	<u>46,100</u>	<u>46,100</u>			
	1,775,778	1,458,700	93,200	107,400	116,478
Available resources in 1980-1981 budget (1980 portion)		810,700	93,200	107,400	
To be included in the consolidated statement on conference services					116,478
Balance requested for appropriation		648,000	--	--	--

45. The requested amount of \$648,000 under Section 3C.1, United Nations Council for Namibia (including South West Africa People's Organization Office) comprises \$500,000 which represents an allocation to the United Nations Fund for Namibia (see para. 10 above), \$100,000 representing an allocation in connexion with the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia (see para. 19 above), \$31,100 representing an increase for the maintenance of SWAPO office (see para. 30 above) and \$16,900 representing additional requirements under other items.