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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE
TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in documents A/34/L.51 and A/34/L.52

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

I. Draft resolution A/34/L.51

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution contained in document A/34/L.51, the General Assembly would approve the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/34/23 and addenda) covering its work during 1979 and including the programme of work envisaged for 1980.

2. In terms of operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the facilities and services required for the implementation of the present resolution, as well as of the various resolutions and decisions on decolonization adopted by the General Assembly and the Special Committee.

A. Proposed 1980 work programme of the Special Committee

3. The various elements of the proposed 1980 work programme, as set out in chapter I, paragraphs 154-166, of the report of the Committee (A/34/23 (Part I)), and their estimated costs are described below.

(a) Participation of national liberation movements
in the Committee's work (\$4,800)

4. It is anticipated that the Committee will continue to invite, in conformity with the relevant decision of the General Assembly and in accordance with the established practice, representatives of national liberation movements recognized by OAU to participate as observers in its proceedings relating to their respective countries. The related costs of travel and subsistence are estimated at \$4,800.

(b) Invitations to individuals (\$23,400)

5. The Committee intends to invite, in consultation with OAU and the national liberation movements concerned, individuals who could furnish it with information on specific aspects of the situation in colonial Territories, which it might not be able to secure otherwise. The estimated cost would amount to \$23,400. As on previous occasions when similar expenditures by the United Nations were envisaged, the Secretary-General considers that specific authority by the General Assembly would be required to enable him to enter into commitments of this nature and would proceed on the assumption that adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution would constitute such authority.

(c) Consultations with specialized agencies (\$16,600)

6. The Committee intends to continue its consideration of the question of the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. It is envisaged that further consultations and contacts with these organizations would require expenditures of \$16,600.

(d) Consultations of the Chairman of the Special Committee
with the President of the Economic and Social Council
and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination
(\$6,100)

7. The estimate for these purposes will cover the cost of travel and subsistence relating to visits to Geneva by the Chairman of the Committee, accompanied by the Secretary of the Committee, for consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and its subsidiary bodies.

(e) Consultations with the Organization of African
Unity (OAU) (\$15,000)

8. Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 33/41 the Committee will maintain close contact on a regular basis with the Administrative

Secretary-General of OAU and senior members of the organization with a view to facilitate the effective implementation of the decisions of the various United Nations bodies by the organizations concerned. It is estimated that an amount of \$15,000 would be required to cover related costs.

(f) Sending of visiting missions to colonial Territories (\$115,300)

9. The Committee, having regard to the constructive role played by previous United Nations visiting groups, continues to attach vital importance to the dispatching of such groups as a means of collecting adequate and first-hand information on conditions in the Territories and on the wishes and aspirations of the people concerning their future status. Accordingly the Committee intends to continue to seek the full co-operation of the administering Powers in order to obtain such information through the sending of visiting groups to the Territories in the Caribbean and Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Ocean areas, and Africa. The specific Territories which would be involved in the event of the adoption by the General Assembly of the various draft resolutions or draft consensus recommended by the Fourth Committee in this regard are listed in the annex to this report. On the assumption that the proposed visits to certain of these Territories could be combined, the total expenditures relating to travel, subsistence and miscellaneous costs are estimated at \$115,300.

(g) Consultations with non-governmental organizations (\$20,400)

10. It is anticipated that the Committee will continue to dispatch groups of its members to hold consultations with non-governmental organizations and to participate in conferences, seminars and other special meetings dealing with decolonization, arranged by these organizations. The requirements for such consultations and contacts in 1980 are estimated at \$20,400.

(h) Meetings away from Headquarters (\$251,000)

11. Recalling the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 1654 (XVI) and 2621 (XXV), by which the Assembly authorized the Committee to meet elsewhere than at United Nations Headquarters whenever and wherever such meetings might be required for the effective discharge of its functions the Special Committee intends to hold a series of meetings away from Headquarters. Based on past experience, the cost of one such series of meetings is estimated at \$251,000.

12. In summary, the financial implications arising from draft resolution A/34/L.51 amount to \$432,200.

II. Draft resolution A/34/L.52

13. By operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution contained in document A/34/L.52 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, having regard to the suggestions of the Special Committee to continue to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, including publications, radio and television, to give widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization and, inter alia:

(a) To continue, in consultation with the Special Committee, to collect, prepare and disseminate basic material, studies and articles relating to the problems of decolonization and, in particular, to continue to publish the periodical Objective: Justice and other publications, special articles and studies and to select from among them appropriate material for wider dissemination by means of reprints in various languages;

(b) To seek the full co-operation of the administering Powers concerned in the discharge of the tasks referred to above;

(c) To intensify the activities of all information centres, particularly those located in Western Europe;

(d) To maintain a close working relationship with the Organization of African Unity by holding periodic consultations and by systematically exchanging relevant information with that organization;

(e) To enlist the support of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization in the dissemination of the relevant information;

(f) To ensure the availability of the necessary facilities and services in this regard;

(g) To report to the Special Committee on the measures taken in the implementation of the present resolution.

14. In terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would request the Special Committee to follow the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

15. The implementation of draft resolution A/34/L.52 would not require additional resources besides those which have been already requested under Section 27, Public Information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981.

16. In summary, financial implications arising from draft resolutions in documents A/34/L.51 and A/34/L.52 would entail expenditures estimated at \$452,600 under Section 3A.2, Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the

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Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. An amount of \$541,000 has already been requested under this section of the proposed programme budget for the activities of the Special Committee for the biennium 1980-1981 of which \$231,800 relates to 1980. Therefore should the General Assembly approve the draft resolutions, additional expenditures in the amount of approximately \$238,800 would be needed under Section 3A.2, Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

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ANNEX

Draft resolutions which imply dispatching of visiting
missions to colonial Territories

		<u>Adoption by the Fourth Committee</u>	
<u>Document</u>		<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>
A/C.4/34/L.9	Question of American Samoa	22	1 November 1979
A/C.4/34/L.10	Question of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands	22	1 November 1979
A/C.4/34/L.11	Question of the United States Virgin Islands	22	1 November 1979
A/C.4/34/L.24/Rev.1	Question of Guam	28	19 November 1979

Draft consensuses implying dispatching of visiting
missions to colonial Territories

A/C.4/34/L.5	Question of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands	22	1 November 1979
A/C.4/34/L.6	Tokelau	22	1 November 1979
A/C.4/34/L.7	Question of St. Helena	22	1 November 1979
