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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied  
Palestinian and other Arab territories

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/C.2/36/L.124

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

1. At its 46th meeting, held on 7 December 1981, the Second Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.124. A statement of administrative and financial implications was before the Committee in document A/C.2/36/L.135.
2. In operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.124, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a comprehensive report on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and make proposals for follow-up and implementation.
3. It will be recalled that for the preparation of a previous related report, 1/ called for in General Assembly resolution 35/110 of 5 December 1980, it was estimated that 14 work-months of Professional services at the P-5 level and 7 work-months of secretarial assistance would be required. 2/ Taking the experience of preparing that report into account, it is estimated that, should the General

1/ A/36/648.

2/ A/C.5/35/60.

Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.124, an expenditure in the amount of \$89,000, which would cover the cost of 14 work-months of consultancy services at the P-5 level and travel (\$76,200) and 7 work-months of temporary assistance at the General Service level (\$12,800), would be required to assist in the preparation of the report envisaged in paragraph 7 of the draft resolution.

4. It is considered, given the scope of the request contained in document A/C.2/36/L.124, that preparation of the proposed report would require, in addition to consultancy services along the lines indicated above, the contributions and involvement of several United Nations entities, including the Economic Commission for Western Asia, the Departments of Technical Co-operation for Development and of International Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat). Input may also be required from a number of specialized agencies. Consultations will be undertaken in order to work out an appropriate division of responsibility and to determine the most effective co-operation arrangements for the preparation of the report.

5. As in the past, every effort will be made to meet expenditures to be incurred by the units concerned in connexion with the preparation of the report over and above those referred to in paragraph 3 above within existing resources.

6. In operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to it at its thirty-eighth session a report on the implications, under international law, of the United Nations resolutions on permanent sovereignty over natural resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories and on the obligations of Israel concerning its conduct in these territories.

7. It is considered that, for the preparation of that report, consultancy services at Headquarters would be required at a cost of \$12,000. The necessary support staff would be provided from resources already available to the Secretariat.

8. It is proposed that, for administrative purposes, the resources referred to under paragraphs 3 and 7 above be placed under section 7 (Department of Technical Co-operation for Development) of the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983.

9. In summary, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/36/L.124, an additional appropriation of \$101,000 would be required under section 7, which would be broken down as \$88,200 for consultancy services and \$12,800 for temporary assistance.

10. An additional appropriation of \$3,200 would also be required under section 31 (Staff assessment) to be offset by a similar amount under income section 1.

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