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THE POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1968

Administrative and financial implications of the  
decision of the Special Political Committee set  
forth in paragraph 16 of document A/6914

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. On 5 December 1967, at its 1217th meeting, the Fifth Committee considered a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1141) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution in paragraph 16 of the report to the General Assembly of the Special Political Committee (A/6914). Also before the Committee was the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/6932).
2. In his statement of administrative and financial implications, the Secretary-General estimated that additional appropriations in a total amount of \$116,000 would be required in connexion with the activities envisaged in operative paragraphs 13 and 14 of the draft resolution. These include, inter alia, a special session away from Headquarters during 1968 of the Special Committee on the Policies of Apartheid of the Government of South Africa, provision for the advisory services of experts or special studies on specific aspects of the campaign against apartheid and a request to the Secretary-General to intensify the dissemination of information on apartheid. The Secretary-General's estimates for these purposes would be distributed under the appropriate sections of the budget as follows:

Section 2.	Special meetings and conferences	\$ 85,000
Section 3.	Salaries and wages	23,000
Section 11.	Printing	<u>8,000</u>
		<u>116,000</u>

3. In its report, the Advisory Committee noted that the Secretary-General had assumed that the special session of the Special Committee would be held in Geneva and would be of three weeks' duration. The Committee considered that it should be possible to reduce the number of substantive staff needed to service the proposed special session and that reductions could also be effected in the requirements for translation and typing through greater utilization of resources available in Geneva and by a possible adjustment of other meetings schedules. Additionally, the Committee was of the view that some savings should be possible in travel costs and in the estimates for press, publications, radio and visual services. The Committee recommended that the Secretary-General explore the possibility of hiring experts on a lump sum contractual basis, rather than on that of a daily fee. It also suggested that some experts may wish to contribute a study free of charge or to accept a token payment only.

4. In light of these considerations, the Advisory Committee recommended an amount of \$105,000, a reduction of \$11,000 in the estimate of \$116,000 submitted by the Secretary-General, to be distributed among the appropriate budget sections as follows:

		\$
Section 2.	Special meetings and conferences	77,000
Section 3.	Salaries and wages	20,000
Section 11.	Printing	<u>8,000</u>
		<u>105,000</u>

5. One representative expressed his delegation's serious reservations concerning the appropriateness and legality of the proposed expenditure. Some other delegations speaking in right of reply criticized this statement and indicated their support of the aims of the campaign against apartheid.

6. The Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/6914), an additional appropriation of \$105,000 would be required, to be distributed among the appropriate budget sections as follows:

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