

**Oral Statement by the Secretary of the Fourth Committee  
on Draft Resolution A/C.4/60/L.13  
(10 November 2005)**

In connection with draft resolution A/C.4/60/L.13, entitled "Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories", I wish to bring the following statement to the attention of the delegations of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) under rule 153 of the rules of procedure.

1. In operative paragraphs 8 a), b), c) and d) of A/C.4/~~59~~<sup>60</sup>/L.13, the General Assembly would, respectively, request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with all necessary facilities, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories, so that it may investigate Israeli policies and practices referred to in the present resolution; to continue to make available such staff as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its tasks; to circulate regularly to Member States the periodic reports mentioned in paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, and to ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee and of information regarding its activities and findings, by all means available, through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and, where necessary, to reprint those reports of the Special Committee that are no longer available.
2. For the biennium 2006-2007, the Secretary-General proposes a programme budget totaling \$67,493,200 under Section 23, Human rights, of which \$237,500 is for the Special Committee. Hence, adoption of the draft resolution would not entail any additional appropriation.
3. The attention of the Committee is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters; and reaffirmed also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions."