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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
recommended by the Fourth Committee (A/32/357, para. 16)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 47th meeting, on 22 November 1977, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/32/46) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Fourth Committee (A/32/357, para. 16).
2. In his statement (A/C.5/32/46), the Secretary-General indicated that the financial implications, estimated at \$28,900, of operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, in which the General Assembly would request the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to dispatch to the Territory as soon as possible a visiting mission, could be met from within the resources already requested in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979 for the over-all programme of the Special Committee.
3. As regards paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, in which the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to send urgently a special representative to East Timor, the Secretary-General indicated that an additional appropriation of \$23,600 would be required.
4. In an oral statement, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated that, in the Advisory Committee's view, the special

representative of the Secretary-General should be assisted by a fewer number of staff than had been proposed. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommended that an amount of \$19,000 should be appropriated under section 3A, instead of \$23,600 as requested by the Secretary-General.

5. Comments made by delegations in the course of the discussion of this item are reflected in the summary record of the Committee (A/C.5/32/SR.47).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee decided, by 74 votes to 7, with 5 abstentions, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Fourth Committee (A/32/357, para. 16), an additional appropriation of \$19,000 would be required under section 3A of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979.
