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## DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Financial implications of draft resolution I recommended  
by the Second Committee (A/6533, para. 20)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1153rd meeting, held on 23 November 1966, the Fifth Committee considered the statement of financial implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1085) relating to the proposal adopted by the Second Committee, at its 1064th meeting, on 9 November 1966 (A/6533, draft resolution I), concerning a survey and formulation of proposals relating to the resources of the sea. The Fifth Committee, in the course of its consideration of the financial implications of this proposal, had before it the sixteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/6525). In that report the Advisory Committee expressed the view that with the co-operation of the specialized agencies concerned, the study in question could be undertaken at a cost considerably below the estimate presented by the Secretary-General and that, furthermore, the actual additional expenditures might be so marginal in nature that they could be absorbed without undue difficulty within the initial estimates for 1967.
2. One delegation drew attention to the fact that the proposed study might duplicate existing studies of a similar kind being undertaken by certain specialized agencies. This delegation also referred to the views expressed by the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies on the need to restrict the number of new committees and groups and the volume of related documentation. Other delegations, on the other hand,

expressed the fear that the adoption of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee might impede the implementation of the proposed study, and one representative expressed the view that, should the Secretary-General experience difficulty in proceeding with the study without additional appropriations, the Fifth Committee should consider sympathetically any request for supplementary appropriations in 1967 for these purposes.

3. The Fifth Committee noted the comments of the Advisory Committee and endorsed the views expressed in paragraphs 5 and 6 of its report on this question. Accordingly, the Fifth Committee would advise the General Assembly that should the proposal be adopted no additional financial provision would be required in 1967.

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