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CONSIDERATION OF PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
CONCERNING FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND CO-OPERATION
AMONG STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF
THE UNITED NATIONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1967

Statement of administrative and financial implications
of draft resolution I recommended by the Sixth
Committee in its report (A/6547)

Twenty-second report of the Advisory Committee on
Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the
General Assembly at its twenty-first session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the Secretary-General's statement (A/C.5/1095) of the administrative and financial implications in 1967 of a draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee (A/6547). Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4 to 9 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would ask the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States, reconstituted by General Assembly resolution 2103 (XX) of 20 December 1965, to continue its work on the formulation of principles of international law in this field and to submit a comprehensive report thereon, as well as a draft Declaration on the seven principles set forth in General Assembly resolution 1815 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session, and for this purpose to meet at Geneva, or at any other suitable place for which an invitation is received by the Secretary-General.
2. In examining the probable requirements of the Special Committee, the Secretary-General estimates that the adoption of the draft resolution by the

General Assembly would require an additional credit of \$127,000 under a new chapter of section 2 of the budget estimates for 1967 to provide for: pre-session documentation (\$2,000); meetings services requirements (\$91,800); preparation and distribution of final summary records (\$19,000) and issuance of the report of the Special Committee (\$14,200). In view of the heavy workload of the conference servicing staff scheduled for 1967 at both Headquarters and Geneva, the Secretary-General has found it necessary to request provision for such services to a large extent from additional temporary assistance funds.

3. The Advisory Committee notes that the estimate of \$127,000 is based on a meetings programme of five weeks in Geneva and that any extension of the meetings beyond that period would require recurring costs estimated at \$20,000 per week.

4. In its consideration of the Secretary-General's statement, the Advisory Committee observed that as yet no date had been set for the meetings of the Special Committee. In this connexion the Committee is aware that the estimates for 1967 for the conference and meetings programme at Geneva already provide considerable temporary assistance funds for language servicing staff, and that owing to the nature and frequency of the meetings of certain bodies, such permanent and temporary staff may not be fully utilized over the total conference period. Accordingly, the Committee is of the opinion, notwithstanding the timing of the conference, that it will be possible to effect some savings in the estimate for temporary assistance funds under this heading. Similarly, it considers that the amounts requested for ancillary services such as reproduction and distribution, personnel and documents, supplies and services are also susceptible of reduction. The Committee would also express the hope that the Special Committee will find it possible to perform its task within the initial five-week period, thereby obviating any additional costs.

5. The Committee understands that, should an invitation be received for the Special Committee to meet elsewhere than at Geneva, any additional costs which might arise would be borne by the host Government in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965.

6. In the light of the observations contained in paragraph 4 above, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of \$17,000 in the estimate of \$127,000 requested by the Secretary-General. Should the General Assembly approve the Committee's recommendation the estimates under section 2 for 1967 would require to be increased by \$110,000.
