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REFUGEES AND STATELESS PERSONS: DRAFT CONVENTION RELATING  
TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES

Conference of plenipotentiaries

Financial implications of draft resolution B proposed  
by the Third Committee (A/1682)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. In accordance with rule 152 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee, at its 278th meeting on 11 December 1950, considered the financial implications of draft resolution B proposed by the Third Committee, under which a conference of plenipotentiaries would be convened in Geneva for the purpose of completing and adopting the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (A/1682).
2. The Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/442), in which he estimated that the additional cost to the United Nations budget of holding the proposed conference at Geneva, on the assumption that it would last four weeks and end prior to 15 March 1951, would be approximately \$10,400.
3. In its thirty-eighth report of 1950 (A/1655) the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions expressed the view that since much of the preparatory work for the conference had been completed, estimates of the costs involved might be based on a period of three rather than four weeks. It suggested also that consideration be given to the possible seconding of personnel from the International Labour Organisation and the International Refugee Organization, and that, should the conference find it necessary to use languages other than the working languages, recourse should be had, in the first instance, to the services which organizations situated at Geneva might be able to make available. Having regard to these considerations, the Advisory Committee recommended a provisional appropriation of \$6,000 under section 1 of the 1951 budget, and \$2,000 under section 25.

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4. The recommendations of the Advisory Committee were approved by the Fifth Committee by 35 votes to 4, with 1 abstention. The Fifth Committee, therefore, decided to inform the General Assembly that adoption of draft resolution B proposed by the Third Committee would involve additional expenditure in 1951 in the total amount of \$8,000.

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