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Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
recommended by the Sixth Committee (A/8568, para. 72)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1472nd meeting, on 6 December 1971, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1410) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee (A/8568, para. 72), and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/8408/Add.15).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would invite Member States and States Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice which have not yet been able to do so to transmit to the Secretary-General by 1 July 1972 their comments on the questionnaire prepared in accordance with resolution 2723 (XXV) and request the Secretary-General to submit these comments to it at its twenty-seventh session,
3. In his statement (A/C.5/1410), the Secretary-General estimated the related costs in respect of contractual translation and typing and internal reproduction of approximately 100 pages of comments to be reproduced in five languages, at \$8,300.

4. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report (A/8408/Add.15) indicated that since the comments of Governments were to be submitted to the Secretary-General by 1 July 1972 at the latest, there should be sufficient time before the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly to translate and reproduce them within the Secretariat, without the need for contractual assistance. Moreover, the Advisory Committee believed that, taking into account the general desire of Member States to reduce the volume of documentation, the level of material to be processed could be less than that anticipated by the Secretary-General. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee considered that adoption of the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee would not call for any additional appropriation for 1972.

5. The Fifth Committee decided without objection to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in its report on agenda item 90 (A/8568, para. 72), no additional appropriation would be required for the financial year 1972.
