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World Refugee Year

Financial implications of the draft resolution recommended
by the Third Committee (A/4001, draft resolution II)

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 696th meeting the Fifth Committee considered, in accordance with the provisions of rule 15⁴ of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee relating to the World Refugee Year (A/4001, draft resolution II). For this purpose, the Committee had a statement by the Secretary-General of the financial implications of the draft resolution (A/C.5/765) and a report thereon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/4014).
 2. In his statement, the Secretary-General indicated the nature of expenditures likely to arise in the implementation of the draft resolution and estimated the additional budgetary provision required for 1959, in the event of the adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution, at \$70,000. He noted that expenditures would also arise in 1960 and stated that he would present to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session, such further financial requirements as might then appear necessary.
 3. In its report, the Advisory Committee drew attention to the difficulties in formulating at this stage a definitive programme of activities which the Secretariat would be called upon to undertake in the implementation of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution. On a further review of the situation, that
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Committee stated its belief that it should be possible to hold total additional costs in 1959 to \$50,000; but noted, however, that the Secretary-General would submit to it before June 1959 a detailed estimate of anticipated costs based on the definite arrangements that were made for the project. The Advisory Committee also stated that it understood that 1960 expenditures might be put at some \$30,000.

4. The Advisory Committee recommended that the General Assembly should be advised that the adoption of the draft resolution (a) could give rise to a maximum expenditure of \$80,000 over the two years 1959 and 1960; and (b) would require an appropriation of \$50,000 in the 1959 budget.

5. When the question was considered by the Fifth Committee, the representative of the Secretary-General emphasized the difficulties of submitting detailed and firm estimates for the project at this stage. In light of this fact, the Secretary-General had misgivings that a maximum figure could be established for the expenditures which might arise. He hoped that the action of the Fifth Committee on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, would be considered in that context.

6. The Fifth Committee decided, by 44 votes to 8, with 3 abstentions, to inform the General Assembly that the adoption of the draft resolution on the World Refugee Year recommended by the Third Committee (a) could give rise to a maximum expenditure of \$80,000 over the two years 1959 and 1960, and (b) would require an appropriation of \$50,000 in the 1959 budget.
