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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/78

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
recommended by the First Committee (A/33/426, para. 8)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Hamzah Mohammed HAMZAH (Syrian Arab Republic)

1. At its 59th meeting, on 13 December 1978, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement of financial implications (A/C.5/33/72) of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/33/426, para. 8).
2. In his statement, in the absence of precise information concerning the organization of a resumed thirty-third session of the General Assembly, if it were to be held in 1979, the Secretary-General provided, as an order of magnitude, the estimated costs of conference servicing per week for plenary meetings (\$329,000) and for meetings of Main Committees (\$266,600).
3. He further indicated his intention to deal with any additional requirements in this respect under the provision of General Assembly resolution 32/214 of 21 December 1977 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1978-1979.
4. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in an oral statement, noted the estimated costs per week of servicing plenary meetings and meetings of Main Committees. He also took note of the Secretary-General's intention to deal with any additional requirements in this respect under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/214.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/33/426, para. 8), no appropriation would be required at this time under the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979. Should the thirty-third session be reconvened, additional requirements would be considered under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/214 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1978-1979.

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