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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Establishment of an information services unit in the Department
of International Economic and Social Affairs

Sweden: draft decision

The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt the following decision:

The General Assembly,

Recalls the decision in section V, paragraph 2, of its resolution 32/212 that there is no commitment on the part of the Organization subsequently to transfer the costs of the operation of the Information Services Unit (ISU) of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs to the regular budget,

Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to use computerization in carrying out the work in 1979 of the ISU, in accordance with the extrabudgetary provisions for this purpose described in paragraph 12 of the note by the Secretary-General in document A/C.5/32/47, and to ensure that the unpublished material in the files of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development is fully utilized through appropriate arrangements with ISU,

Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the results of the two-year operation of ISU, which report should take account of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 8 and 9 of document A/33/7/Add.2, including the results of a review of the operation by the Information Systems Board and a detailed breakdown of the estimated start-up and operation costs of the Secretary-General's proposals, as well as the utility of the information to actual and potential users of a ISU system and the extent of compatibility and co-ordination achieved with the United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBIS), as well as with the relevant information systems of other United Nations organizations, such as the International Labour Organisation, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Industrial Development Organization and United Nations Environment Programme.
