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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1973

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
recommended by the Sixth Committee (A/8796, para. 13)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1548th meeting, on 12 December 1972, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 155 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1481) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee (A/8796, para. 13). The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is contained in document A/8708/Add.18.
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:
  - (a) Decide that an international conference of plenipotentiaries shall be convened as soon as practicable to consider the draft articles on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate;
  - (b) Further decide to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session an item entitled "International conference of plenipotentiaries on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations", in order that the General Assembly may consider the question of participation in the conference, the date and place of the conference and other related matters;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session a memorandum on the methods of work of the conference, so that the Assembly may consider the matter with a view to reducing the costs of the conference.

3. In his statement (A/C.5/1481), the Secretary-General indicated that adoption of the draft resolution would not give rise to any additional appropriations for the year 1973. The Secretary-General further stated that, since the questions of date, place and methods of work of the conference would be considered by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, he would only be in a position to submit the appropriate statement of administrative and financial implications to that session.

4. In its report (A/8708/Add.13), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions indicated that it agreed that no additional appropriations would be required for 1973. The Advisory Committee also welcomed the Sixth Committee's effort to keep to a minimum the costs of the proposed conference, and expressed the hope that, when deciding on the date and place of the conference, the Sixth Committee would bear in mind the General Assembly's decision in paragraph 11 of resolution 2609 (XXIV), restated in subsequent resolutions on the pattern of conferences, that "as a general rule, not more than one major special conference shall be scheduled in any one year". Furthermore, as the date and place of a meeting or conference has a direct bearing on costs, the Advisory Committee recommended that these two aspects be covered by the Secretary-General in the memorandum which he had been requested to submit to the Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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 (A/8796, para. 13), no additional appropriation would be required in the budget for the financial year 1973, and that the administrative and financial implications for future years would be considered by the Committee at the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly, in the context of its examination of the budget estimates for the biennium 1974/1975.

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