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THE URGENT NEED FOR SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR AND THERMO-NUCLEAR TESTS

Financial implications of resolution 1762 (XVII) adopted by the
General Assembly at its 1165th meeting on 6 November 1962

Thirty-third report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary
Questions to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/960) concerning the financial implications of resolution 1762 (XVII) adopted by the General Assembly at its 1165th meeting on 6 November 1962. In that report, the Secretary-General recalls that, in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee at its 940th meeting on 6 November 1962 decided to inform the General Assembly that the adoption of the draft resolution contained in document A/5279^{1/} would give rise to additional expenditures in 1962 not to exceed either \$213,000 or \$145,000, depending on whether the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament and its Sub-Committee on the Discontinuance of Nuclear Weapons Tests would meet concurrently or otherwise.
2. These estimates were based on the statement of the financial implications of the draft resolution in question, which had been submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/C.5/940, and considered by the Advisory Committee. The concurrence of that Committee had been notified orally by its Chairman at the 940th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

^{1/} Which became resolution 1762 (XVII).

3. The report under study (A.C.5/960) has been submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with the undertaking he made in paragraph 4 of his original report (A/C.5/940) that he would report again on this matter later during the present session when it would be possible to estimate accurately the total supplementary credits required for inclusion in the 1962 budget estimates for this purpose.

4. Following the adoption of resolution 1762 (XVII) by the General Assembly, the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament reconvened in Geneva on 26 November 1962. Furthermore, the Sub-Committee on the Discontinuance of Nuclear Weapons Tests, for which provision had been made up to 13 November 1962, under section 2 of the supplementary estimates for the financial year 1962 as submitted in document A/5223, has continued in session. On the reasonable assumption that both the Committee and the Sub-Committee remain in session until 21 December 1962, but would not hold simultaneous meetings, the total supplementary credits required for this purpose are now estimated by the Secretary-General at \$141,500, to cover the costs of temporary language servicing staff (\$118,000), general expenses, including the reproduction and distribution of related documentation (\$19,500) and travel and subsistence of substantive staff assigned from Headquarters (\$4,000).

5. Accordingly, the Secretary-General requests a supplementary credit in the amount of \$141,500, under section 2 of the 1962 budget estimates, to meet these expenditures. The Advisory Committee recommends approval of that request.
