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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1974-1975  
AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1977

Administrative and financial implications of the draft  
resolution recommended by the First Committee  
(A/9366, para. 9)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1619th meeting, on 6 December 1973, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with the provision of rule 155 of the rules of procedure, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1574) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/9366, para. 9).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:
  - (a) Request the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean to continue its work, to carry out consultations in accordance with its mandate and to report with recommendations to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session;
  - (b) Decide that the Ad Hoc Committee be provided with summary records of its proceedings;
  - (c) Request the Secretary-General to prepare a factual statement of the great Powers' military presence in all its aspects, in the Indian Ocean, with special reference to their naval deployments, conceived in the context of great Power rivalry;
  - (d) Recommend that the statement should be based on available material and prepared with the assistance of qualified experts and competent bodies selected by the Secretary-General.

3. In his statement (A/C.5/1574), the Secretary-General indicated that adoption of the draft resolution would give rise to expenditures provisionally estimated at \$32,000 for the provision of some conference and language staff, as well as consultant services. The Secretary-General indicated, however, that he would endeavour to meet these expenditures from within the levels already recommended for the biennium 1974-1975.

4. In an oral report, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions indicated that the Advisory Committee agreed with the Secretary-General's estimates and welcomed his intention to absorb these expenditures without the need for additional appropriations.

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/9366, para. 9), no additional appropriations would be required for the biennium 1974-1975.

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