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Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/C.2/L.1083/Rev.1

Thirty-sixth report of the Advisory Committee on
Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the
General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has examined a statement by the Secretary-General setting out the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1083/Rev.1, which was adopted by the Second Committee at its 1300th meeting on 5 December 1969 (A/C.5/1282). Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations concerned, to complement reports and studies under preparation, with special reference to the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, by undertaking certain reviews and inquiries into aspects of marine pollution.
2. The Secretary-General estimates the financial implications of these proposals at \$38,500, made up of \$8,500 for consultant services, \$27,000 for temporary professional and secretarial assistance, and \$3,000 for travel and subsistence of staff.
3. In its consideration of the Secretary-General's statement, the Advisory Committee noted that the task devolving on the Secretary-General under the draft

resolution would be principally one of review and inquiry. As this work would be carried out in co-operation with the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, which could be expected to make available a substantial body of information, the Committee was of the view that the resources required - particularly for temporary assistance - would be considerably less than estimated by the Secretary-General.

4. The Advisory Committee noted the specific references in the draft resolution to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment; it trusts that, in implementing it, the Secretary-General would, as requested, complement the reports and studies being prepared for the Conference, and not duplicate them.

5. In the light of the above considerations, the Fifth Committee might wish to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/L.1083/Rev.1, recommended by the Second Committee, an additional appropriation of \$25,000 would be needed in the budget for 1970, that is, \$13,500 less than the amount estimated by the Secretary-General. Of this appropriation, \$22,000 would be required under section 3 for consultants and temporary assistance, and \$3,000 under section 5 for travel and subsistence of staff.
