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ON THE WORK OF ITS SIXTH SESSION

Financial implications of draft resolution I proposed
by the Sixth Committee (A/2807)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. In accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee, at its 471st meeting held on 1 December 1954, considered the financial implications of draft resolution I proposed by the Sixth Committee (A/2807) which proposes the convening of an international conference of plenipotentiaries to conclude a convention for the reduction or elimination of future statelessness.
2. In a note to the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/599), the Secretary-General stated that, on the assumptions (i) that the proposed conference would take place at Headquarters for a period not exceeding three weeks and at a time not conflicting with other meetings already scheduled; (ii) that no considerable new documentation was contemplated; and (iii) that expenses of representatives would be borne by their Governments, he could provide the necessary services out of his normal budgetary resources.
3. The Secretary-General pointed out, however, that printing costs estimated at approximately \$4,500 would be incurred in printing the final convention in the three working languages.
4. As the proposed conference would be held at such time as twenty States had communicated their willingness to co-operate in it, the timing of the conference could not yet be determined. The Secretary-General stated that should the

conference take place in 1955, he might find it necessary to seek concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to finance the cost mentioned above as an unforeseen and extraordinary expense. Should the conference be scheduled for 1956, the cost would be included in the budget estimates for that year.

5. While expressing the hope that some reduction in the sum estimated for printing costs might prove possible, the Advisory Committee concurred in the statement of the Secretary-General.

6. During the consideration of this question by the Fifth Committee, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that, for reasons which the representative of the USSR had given in the discussion of the item in the Sixth Committee, his delegation would vote against budgetary provisions for the proposed conference.

7. The Fifth Committee decided, by 37 votes to 5, with 1 abstention, to inform the General Assembly that, should the draft resolution proposed by the Sixth Committee be adopted by the General Assembly, the estimated cost involved would be \$4,500 for the printing of the convention that might result from the conference, provision for which would be made as suggested in paragraph 4 above.
