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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Administrative and financial implications of draft
resolution II recommended by the Special Political
Committee (A/34/808, para. 15)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ali Ben-Said KHAMIS (Algeria)

1. At its 83rd meeting, on 17 December 1979, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/34/81) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution II recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/34/808, para. 15) as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/34/7/Add.23). The recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was introduced by its Chairman.
2. The delegation of Egypt proposed that the Fifth Committee make additional provision under section 27 (Public information) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 in the amounts of \$91,800 for the restoration of two posts (one P-2 and one General Service) and \$50,000 for Development Forum in 1980 in respect of which reductions had been recommended by the Advisory Committee (A/34/7/Add.23, paras. 9 and 13).
3. Comments and observations made by delegations in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/34/SR.83).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee decided, by 78 votes to 8, with 12 abstentions, to adopt the proposal made by the representative of Egypt.
5. The Committee then decided, by 86 votes to 8, with 5 abstentions, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution II recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/34/808, para. 15), additional appropriations of \$1,143,100 would be required under section 27 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981. Provision of \$112,400 would also have to be made under section 31 (Staff assessment) to be offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment). In addition, the related conference-servicing costs, not exceeding \$661,200, would be considered in the context of the consolidated paper on conference-servicing costs at a later stage.
6. Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Japan and Spain.
