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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions I
and III recommended by the Second Committee (A/33/527, para. 46)

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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1. At its 74th meeting, on 19 January 1979, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statements of administrative and financial implications (A/C.5/33/105 and Corr.1 and A/C.5/33/111) which the Secretary-General had submitted in respect of draft resolutions I and III recommended by the Second Committee (A/33/527, para. 46).

A. DRAFT RESOLUTION I

2. Under section II, operative paragraph 1, of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide to establish a Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy, which should be provided with the necessary conference facilities and which should hold an organizational session early in 1979 at United Nations Headquarters.

3. In his report, the Secretary-General indicated that the estimated conference servicing costs calculated on a full-cost basis would amount to approximately \$245,000 at 1978 prices. The Secretary-General estimated that conference costs for 1979 would, as a result of inflation, reach \$252,000.

4. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee presented an oral report of that Committee on these two subitems.

5. A summary of the debate on this question is contained in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.5/33/SR.74).

B. DRAFT RESOLUTION III

6. Under the terms of paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue consultations with a view to submitting recommendations to the Trade and Development Board concerning the organizing and convening of meetings during 1979, as appropriate, of governmental experts of developing countries and of representatives of intergovernmental economic co-operation groupings of developing countries, in order to promote the objectives of subregional, regional and interregional economic co-operation among developing countries.

7. In his report, the Secretary-General indicated that the total cost of these meetings was estimated to be \$275,652 at the rate of 1.63 Swiss francs to a United States dollar. The full cost of these meetings would be included in the consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements to be submitted at the end of the present session of the General Assembly, without, however, requesting an additional appropriation at the present stage because of the tentative nature of the assumption made.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

8. The Fifth Committee decided, by consensus, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolutions I and III recommended by the Second Committee (A/33/527, para. 46), no additional appropriations would be required in the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979, and that related conference servicing costs involved in the adoption of these draft resolutions were considered in the consolidated paper on conference servicing costs (A/C.5/33/100).
