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REPORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION ON THE SECOND PART
OF ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION AND ON ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1967

Financial implications of draft resolution I recommended by
the Sixth Committee (A/6516, para. 152)

Eighteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary
Questions to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the Secretary-General's statement (A/C.5/1088) of the financial implications in 1967 of draft resolution I recommended by the Sixth Committee relating to an International Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Law of Treaties (A/6516, para. 152). The Sixth Committee's action resulted from a recommendation of the International Law Commission at its eighteenth session that such a conference should be convened to study the final text of the Commission's draft articles and incorporate the results of its work in a single convention on the law of treaties.
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution recommended for adoption by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General would be required to convene, at Geneva or at any other suitable place for which an invitation is received before the twenty-second session of the General Assembly, the above-mentioned conference, to be held in two parts - the first session early in 1968 and the second session early in 1969.
3. The Advisory Committee notes that the adoption of the draft resolution by the General Assembly would require an additional credit of \$32,900 under section 2 of the budget for 1967 to provide for the translation, typing, reproduction and distribution of the preparatory documentation. The financial implications for the years 1968 and 1969, provisionally estimated at \$389,300 and \$201,600 respectively, would be included in the Secretary-General's initial budget estimates for those years.

4. Although the Advisory Committee is required at this time only to consider the financial implications relating to 1967, it would point out that should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution the Secretary-General would be called upon to proceed with plans for convening an additional major special conference in 1968. It should be borne in mind that, so far, at least three other major conferences are being planned for that year.

5. On numerous occasions in the past the Advisory Committee has expressed its concern about the size of the conference and meetings programme and the burden placed on the servicing departments and it has proposed that the General Assembly give special and urgent attention to this problem. The Committee would also recall resolution 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965 by which the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that not more than one major special conference of the United Nations shall be scheduled in any one year.

6. The Advisory Committee recognizes the importance attached by Governments of Member States to the convening of an international conference of plenipotentiaries on the law of treaties, and accepts the estimate of financial implications in 1967 for the preparation of pre-conference documentation. It suggests, however, that the General Assembly may wish to give further thought to establishing priorities within the total conference and meetings programme for 1968.

7. The Advisory Committee, having in mind General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957, assumes that, should the conference be held elsewhere than at Headquarters or Geneva, any additional costs to the Organization would be borne by the host Government.
