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contained in the report of the Fourth Committee (A/7013, para. 39)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. On 18 December 1967, at its 1229th meeting, the Fifth Committee considered a report by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1164) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution III contained in the report of the Fourth Committee (A/7013, para. 39).
2. Under paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, which the Fourth Committee approved at its 1755th meeting on 16 December 1967, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to take appropriate action, in consultation with the administering Power and the Special Committee, to ensure the presence of the United Nations in the Territory for the supervision of the preparations for, and the holding of, the election envisaged in paragraph 5 (b) of this draft resolution, and to participate in all other measures leading towards the independence of the Territory. Such a request was made by the General Assembly in its resolution 2230 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, but it has not been possible for the Secretary-General to comply with this request during 1967.
3. In the absence of the necessary details concerning the proposed United Nations presence and pending consultations with the administering Power on the scope and

nature of the arrangements to be made, it was not possible for the Secretary-General to furnish the Fifth Committee with any estimate of the costs which might have to be met by the Organization in the event of the adoption of the draft resolution.

4. When the necessary information became available, the Secretary-General would seek the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to meet the expenses involved under the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses in the financial year 1968.

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, in the absence of precise information on the costs involved, the Secretary-General should be authorized to meet the expenditures under the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses in 1968.
