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EXAMINATION OF THE QUESTION OF THE RESERVATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
PEACEFUL PURPOSES OF THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR, AND THE  
SUBSOIL THEREOF, UNDERLYING THE HIGH SEAS BEYOND THE LIMITS OF  
PRESENT NATIONAL JURISDICTION, AND THE USES OF THEIR RESOURCES  
IN THE INTERESTS OF MANKIND

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1968

Financial implications of the draft resolution contained  
in the report of the First Committee (A/6964)

Twenty-third report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary  
Questions to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1151) on the administrative and financial implications of the adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution (A/C.1/L.410), recommended by the First Committee in its report (A/6964).
2. The Advisory Committee notes that the ad hoc committee to be established under paragraph 1 of the draft resolution would be composed of representatives of thirty-five Member States and, therefore, no additional expenditure for travel or subsistence of members would be involved. The Advisory Committee understands also that, subject to the recommendation to be made by the Committee on Conferences, it should be possible to accommodate the session of the ad hoc committee within the existing calendar of meetings for 1968, and that the services of interpreters and précis-writers can be provided at no additional cost. Some additional costs, however, would be required in 1968 to enable the ad hoc committee to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session, in accordance with operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution.

3. The Secretary-General estimates that the **additional** appropriations that would be **required for 1968 for this purpose** would amount to a total of \$72,000, as follows:

	\$	\$
(a) <u>Section 3, chapter III</u>		
Contractual translation and typing . . . . .	32,000	
Consultant services . . . . .	20,000	52,000
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(b) <u>Section 10, chapter V</u>		
Internal reproduction supplies . . . . .		20,000
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		72,000
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4. The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General's estimates provide for 100 pages of original text of pre-session documentation, 500 pages of original text of in-session documentation, including summary records for a two-to-three-week session, and 200 pages of **post**-session documentation. Provision is also made for consultants' services, with some clerical assistance, for the substantive preparation of the reports and for the cost of internal reproduction supplies.

5. In its examination of this item the Advisory Committee considered that the estimates for pre-session and in-session documentation were somewhat high for this first session of the ad hoc committee, which the Advisory Committee understands may be convened during the first quarter of 1968. It also appeared to the Committee that the **estimate** of ten man-months' **services for consultants** might prove to be in excess of actual requirements.

6. The above observations notwithstanding, the Advisory Committee recommends that, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution proposed by the First Committee, an additional amount of \$72,000 should be appropriated for 1968, as requested by the Secretary-General. At the same time the Committee hopes that the Secretary-General will find it possible to effect some savings in the total estimate.