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Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
recommended by the Sixth Committee (A/8202, para. 18)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mohammed EL BARADEI (United Arab Republic)

1. At its 1410th meeting, on 7 December 1970, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1344) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee (A/8202, para. 18).
2. Under the terms of paragraph 2 (a) of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to continue the study called for by the General Assembly in resolution 1401 (XIV) in order to prepare a supplementary report on the legal problems relating to the utilization and uses of international watercourses, taking into account the recent application in State practice and international adjudication of the law of international watercourses and also intergovernmental and non-governmental studies of this matter. Under paragraph 2 (b) of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to forward to the International Law Commission the report prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1401 (XIV).

3. In his statement (A/C.5/1344), the Secretary-General indicated that the supplementary report called for under paragraph 2 (a) of the draft resolution would be prepared by the staff of the Office of Legal Affairs and issued as a document of the International Law Commission, and that the related costs of translation and reproduction would be absorbed within the budgetary provisions relating to the work of the International Law Commission. He added that the report prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1401 (XIV)<sup>1/</sup> comprised 792 pages, and that it had been issued in 1963 in English, French and Spanish, but was now out of stock. The cost of reproducing the required number of copies of the report internally by photo offset in the three languages was estimated at approximately \$1,200. The Secretary-General said that he would endeavour to absorb these costs by utilization of internal resources, with no requirement for additional appropriation.

4. In an oral statement, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions recommended that the General Assembly should be informed that the adoption of the draft resolution would not call for any additional appropriation.

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee (A/8202, para. 18), no additional appropriation would be required in the budget for the financial year 1971.

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<sup>1/</sup> A/5409 (15 April 1963).