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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1971

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1407th meeting, on 4 December 1970, the Fifth Committee considered a report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates of the cost of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (A/C.5/1302/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/8008/Add.10).
2. In his report, the Secretary-General proposed certain adjustments in the plan of expenditure for the Conference, the net effect of which was an increase from \$914,700 to \$1,163,100 in so far as the provision requested for 1971 is concerned. The Advisory Committee recommended that the Secretary-General's estimate should be reduced by \$50,000 to \$1,111,000, bearing in mind the fact that the Secretary-General's estimates assume that all staff will be on duty by 1 January 1971. The Committee also drew attention to the possibility of obtaining assistance from academic institutions and private foundations, and to the sales potential of conference background papers and reports (A/8008/Add.10, para. 10).
3. Two delegations expressed concern over the proposed level of expenditure and expressed the hope that further economies might be possible. One delegation requested the Preparatory Committee for the Conference to take into account the need for the provision of Chinese language services.

4. The Fifth Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, should it approve the Secretary-General's proposals for the Conference (A/8065/Add.1) an appropriation of \$1,111,000 would be required under section 2, chapter X, of the budget for the financial year 1971. The Fifth Committee also recommended that the Advisory Committee's comments in paragraph 10 of its report (A/8008/Add.10) should be brought to the attention of the General Assembly.
