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PEACE AND SECURITY

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1971

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
recommended by the First Committee (A/8184, para. 7)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1407th meeting, on 4 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.5/1345) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/8184, para. 7). The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is contained in document A/8008/Add.11.
2. Under the terms of paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare, with the assistance of qualified consultant experts appointed by him, a report on the economic and social consequences of the arms race and of military expenditures. In his report (A/C.5/1345), the Secretary-General stated that, on the assumption that the preparation of the report called for would require the services of twelve consultant experts and that they would meet at United Nations Headquarters for three series of meetings, with a total duration of approximately five weeks, and that it would be necessary to provide for in-session documentation not exceeding 800 pages in four languages and a final report not exceeding 300 pages in four

languages, additional appropriations of \$153,100 would be required in the budget for 1971. This amount represented the estimated costs of travel, subsistence and fees of the consultant experts (\$89,600), recruitment of eight interpreters for a period of two weeks during which internal resources would not be available (\$8,950), external contractual translation and typing (\$52,250), and reproduction costs (\$2,300).

3. In its report (A/8008/Add.11), the Advisory Committee recalled that, under the terms of the draft resolution approved by the Second Committee on 23 November 1970 (A/C.2/L.1124/Rev.1), as orally amended, the General Assembly would ask the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with such advisers as he deemed necessary, a report containing, inter alia, proposals establishing a link between the Disarmament Decade and the Second United Nations Development Decade. The Advisory Committee had been informed that the purposes of the two reports, as set out in the respective draft resolutions, would not be the same and that the Secretary-General did not envisage making use of the same experts to prepare both reports. The Advisory Committee felt, however, that some of the documentation arising from the meetings of consultant experts referred to in the First Committee's draft resolution might be useful in the preparation of the report requested in the draft resolution approved by the Second Committee. In the interests of efficiency and economy, the Advisory Committee strongly urged the Secretary-General to ensure that the Secretariat units concerned should co-operate closely so that whatever documentation and resources could serve the purposes of both groups would be made available to them. Taking into account these observations, the Advisory Committee concurred in the Secretary-General's estimates.

4. Several delegations expressed concern over the possible duplication or overlapping of work relating to the two reports and emphasized the need, as expressed in the Advisory Committee's report, for the Secretary-General to ensure close co-operation between the Secretariat units concerned with a view to avoiding duplication and providing for maximum efficiency and economy.

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The representative of the Secretary-General assured the Committee that every effort would be made to ensure such co-ordination. Some delegations also expressed the view that the two draft resolutions should have been considered together by the Advisory Committee and the Fifth Committee.

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in its report to the General Assembly (A/8184, para. 7), an additional appropriation of \$153,100 would be required in the budget for the financial year 1971, consisting of \$150,800 under section 3, chapter III (Other temporary assistance), and \$2,300 under section 11 (Printing).

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