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Financial implications of the draft resolution proposed
by the Sixth Committee (A/1626)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. In accordance with rule 152 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and with the request of the President in his letter dated 1 December 1950 to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/425), the Fifth Committee, at its 278th meeting held on 11 December 1950, considered the financial implications of the draft resolution adopted by the Sixth Committee on registration and publication of treaties and international agreements (A/1626).
2. The Fifth Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/434) pointing out that the estimates for section 26 (Publications) of the budget estimates, as originally submitted, were based on the publication of the text of treaties without the annexes. The inclusion of all annexes, as required under paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, would increase the total number of the Treaty Series volumes to be produced in 1951 from 15 to 35, and would involve additional funds amounting to approximately \$55,000.
3. In its thirty-fifth report of 1950 (A/1652), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concurred in the Secretary-General's estimates, but noted that under paragraph 5 of the draft resolution discretion is granted to the Secretary-General to employ less expensive methods of reproducing annexes. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommended that the estimate of the additional expenditure which would be incurred under section 26 of the 1951 budget should be approved at the figure of \$50,000. The hope

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was expressed that the Secretary-General would continue to study methods of reducing the heavy additional expenditure which will be incurred as a result of the publication of the Treaty Series under the terms of the draft resolution of the Sixth Committee.

4. The recommendations of the Advisory Committee were approved by 35 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions.

5. The Fifth Committee therefore decided to inform the General Assembly that adoption of the draft resolution of the Sixth Committee will require the provision of additional funds under section 26 of the 1951 budget in the amount of \$50,000.