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REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1972

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution I  
recommended by the Special Political Committee  
(A/8547, para. 22)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1470th meeting, on 3 December 1971, 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.5/1411) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution I recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/8547, para. 22).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to continue its work for one year in accordance with the provisions of its previous mandate and, as appropriate, to pursue urgently with Governments, both bilaterally and on a regional basis, with specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, and with other organizations and individuals concerned, the implementation of the recommendations that would be approved by the General Assembly in draft resolution I, as well as the implementation of other resolutions relevant to the mandate of the Working Group. The Assembly would also request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

3. In his statement the Secretary-General indicated that he did not consider that additional costs would be incurred in respect of servicing the meetings of the Working Group and processing its documentation, on the assumption that such meetings would be scheduled within the over-all programme of meetings in such a manner that services could be provided from within existing resources. With regard to the consultations which the Working Group would be requested to pursue with Governments, specialized agencies, organizations and individuals, the Secretary-General estimated the related costs of travel and subsistence of the Chairman and one other member of the Working Group, accompanied by a Secretariat staff member, at \$11,000 for which an additional appropriation would be required under a new chapter of section 12 (Special expenses) of the budget for 1972.

4. In an oral report, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated that in the opinion of the Advisory Committee it would not be desirable to establish a new chapter under section 12. Instead, the Advisory Committee recommended that the expenditures envisaged be included under sections 1 (Travel of representatives and members of commissions and committees) and 5 (Travel of staff). The estimates involved, \$8,000 and \$3,000 respectively, could in the opinion of the Advisory Committee be met from within the over-all provisions under these sections in 1972, without the need for additional appropriations.

5. The Fifth Committee decided without objection to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution I recommended by the Special Political Committee in its report (A/8547, para. 22), no additional appropriation would be required in 1972, and that the expenditures involved should be met from within existing resources under sections 1 and 5 of the budget for 1972, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

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