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REPORTS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. In the course of its deliberations during the fourth regular session of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee gave careful consideration to the recommendations and observations contained in the various reports submitted by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
2. At the Committee's 234th meeting, held on 7 December 1949, the representative of India, supported by other members of the Committee, formally moved that the Fifth Committee should recommend that the General Assembly take note of the reports submitted to it in 1949 by the Advisory Committee, and record its recognition of the high value of the work performed by the Advisory Committee in the interests of the United Nations.
3. Some delegations, while expressing full agreement with the spirit of the proposed draft resolution and paying sincere tribute to the helpful and constructive services rendered during the past year by the Advisory Committee, considered nevertheless that it would be more appropriate for an expression of appreciation to be recorded in the proceedings of the Fifth Committee rather than in the form of a General Assembly resolution. Other members of the Committee, however, expressed the view that the reports should be formally taken note of and that the Advisory Committee had been faced with an exceptionally onerous task over the previous twelve months. It had rendered an exceptionally valuable service to the Fifth Committee and to the General Assembly during the present very strenuous session, and its Chairman had continuously given the Committee the benefit of his highly appreciated assistance in its work; in the circumstances, it was considered that recognition of their assistance in the manner proposed was fully merited. Moreover, the same procedure had been followed by the General Assembly at its third session.

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4. It was requested and agreed that the draft resolution submitted by the representative of India should be voted on paragraph by paragraph. The first paragraph, taking note of the reports of the Advisory Committee, was approved by 43 votes to none, with 1 abstention; the second paragraph, recognizing the high value of the work performed by the Advisory Committee in the interest of the United Nations, was approved by 40 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was then approved by 41 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.
5. The Fifth Committee therefore decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the reports submitted to it in 1949 by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
2. Records its recognition of the high value of the work performed by the Advisory Committee in the interest of the United Nations.
