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Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution I  
recommended by the Second Committee (A/8925, para. 16)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1540th meeting, on 1 December 1972, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 155 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1473) concerning the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee, which deals with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) (A/8925, para. 16). Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide to convene a second General Conference of UNIDO in Vienna, at the highest possible level of governmental representation, for a period of two weeks in the early months of 1975.
2. In his statement (A/C.5/1473), the Secretary-General indicated that should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution, an additional appropriation of \$74,000 would be required under section 16 of the 1973 budget estimates and that the requirements for the subsequent years 1974 and 1975, amounting to \$385,000, would be included in the Secretary-General's 1974/1975 Biennial Work Programme and Budget. The Secretary-General also indicated that, should the general conference meet immediately before or after the session of the Industrial

Development Board, the total costs of the conference could be reduced by an estimated amount of \$15,000, representing savings on the travel of temporary conference staff.

3. In its related report,<sup>1/</sup> the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions indicated that it had considered the Secretary-General's request for \$74,000 for 1973 within the context of the estimates under section 16 approved by the Fifth Committee at its 1513th meeting. As a result of the temporary suspension of recruitment of professional staff in 1972, UNIDO had a larger than normal number of vacancies. Moreover, UNIDO had substantial temporary-assistance funds which enabled it to recruit specialized staff on a short-term basis. In the circumstances, the Advisory Committee concluded, it should be possible for UNIDO so to redeploy its staff resources as to carry out in 1973 the necessary preparatory work for a conference scheduled for 1975. However, since it had recommended a reduction in the initial estimate under chapter III, Salaries and Wages, to reflect expected delays in recruitment, the Advisory Committee concluded that the additional work that would be generated by the proposed conference justified restoration under that chapter of \$30,000 representing 12 man-months of high-level professional staff.

4. The Advisory Committee further indicated that it was convinced that, given the number of vacancies at the professional level in UNIDO, sufficient general service capacity should be available within existing estimates to provide secretarial assistance to the additional professional staff. Further, the additional amount of \$2,000 which the Secretary-General was requesting for the travel of staff could also be defrayed out of the amount approved in first reading under chapter V of section 16 of the budget estimates. Consequently, the Advisory Committee recommended that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee, an additional appropriation of \$30,000 would be required under section 16 of the budget estimates.

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<sup>1/</sup> A/8708/Add.12.

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it approve draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee in its report (A/8925, para. 16), an additional appropriation of \$30,000 would be required under section 16 of the budget for 1973, and that the estimates for the biennium 1974/1975 would be considered by the Committee in the context of the Secretary-General's initial estimates for UNIDO for that biennium and in the light, inter alia, of the comments in paragraph 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/8708/Add.12).

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