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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977 AND MEDIUM-
TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1976-1979

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
recommended by the Second Committee (A/10405, para. 10)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed ABOUL GHEIT (Egypt)

1. At its 1763rd meeting, on 8 December 1975, the Fifth Committee, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee (A/10405, para. 10).
2. The Committee had before it a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1734) which indicated that, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in paragraph 10 of document A/10405, an additional appropriation of \$310,000 would be required under section 11 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, in order to provide Arabic language services for the fourth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. An additional provision of \$56,000 for staff assessment would be required under section 25, offset by a similar amount under income section 1.
3. The statement by the Secretary-General also indicated that he was not at this time requesting an appropriation for the provision of summary records to the Conference, but that he would do so at the time of the 1976 performance report, should this be required.
4. In an oral statement, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated that the Advisory Committee concurred in the estimate presented by the Secretary-General.
5. The representative of Democratic Yemen orally introduced a draft decision which read as follows:

"The General Assembly urges the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps in order to ensure the availability of Arabic language services to the fourth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development."

6. In the debate, one delegation requested that note be taken in the report of the Committee of the offers made by a number of delegations to co-operate with the Secretary-General in his efforts to provide the required services to the Conference.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision proposed by the representative of Democratic Yemen, without objection (see para. 9 below).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

8. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee 1/ be adopted, an additional appropriation of \$310,000 would be required under section 11 of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, and a further provision of \$56,000 for staff assessment would be required under section 25, offset by a similar amount under income section 1.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

9. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

"The General Assembly urges the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps in order to ensure the availability of Arabic language services to the fourth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development."

1/ A/10405, para. 10.