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OF THE DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SEVENTH
SPECIAL SESSION

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

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions II
and IV and draft decision I recommended by the Second Committee
(A/10344/Add.1, paras. 26 and 27)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed ABOUL GHEIT (Egypt)

1. At its 1768th meeting on 12 December 1975, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statements by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1757 and Corr.1, A/C.5/1758) concerning the administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions II and IV recommended by the Second Committee (A/10344/Add.1, para. 26). At its 1769th meeting, on 12 December, the Committee also considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1742) concerning the administrative and financial implications of draft decision I, recommended by the Second Committee (A/10344/Add.1, para. 27).

(a) Draft resolution II

2. Under paragraph 4 of draft resolution II, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of existing studies and of information received from Governments and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, a preliminary report, for its consideration at the thirty-first session, on the extent to which women participate in fields such as agriculture, industry, trade and science and technology, with a view to making recommendations on ways and means of increasing and upgrading the participation of women therein.

3. In his statement (A/C.5/1757 and Corr.1), the Secretary-General estimated that, should the General Assembly adopt the resolution, additional appropriations in the amount of \$20,000 under section 5 A and \$7,300 under section 23 would be required in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977. Of this amount, \$19,750 would be required to cover the costs of a consultant and a related secretarial post. He further estimated that an amount of \$1,000 would be required for staff assessment under section 25, offset by an increase in the same amount under Income section 1.

4. In his oral statement, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions indicated that the Advisory Committee recommended that the amount requested for conference services be absorbed within the resources already recommended for approval under section 23, and that the amounts requested for consultant's services and temporary assistance be reduced to \$10,000 to provide Professional and General Service temporary assistance.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee (A/10344/Add.1, para. 26), an additional appropriation of \$10,000 would be required under section 5 A of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 and a further amount of \$1,000 would be required for staff assessment under section 25, offset by an equivalent amount under Income section 1.

(b) Draft resolution IV

6. Under the terms of paragraph 3, of draft resolution IV recommended by the Second Committee, the General Assembly would request organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to undertake feasibility studies on the establishment of sectoral and regional technological information banks and/or other viable systems. In paragraph 6 of the resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to establish an interagency task force to undertake a comprehensive analysis, with a view to the preparation of a plan for the establishment of a network for the exchange of technological information and to submit a report containing preliminary recommendations, through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session, to the General Assembly. The task force should use the widest possible expertise in the fields of information exchange and the transfer of technology.

7. In his statement (A/C.5/1758), the Secretary-General estimated that, should the General Assembly adopt the resolution, additional appropriations in the amount of approximately \$30,000 would be required under section 5 A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977.

8. In his oral statement, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions indicated that the Advisory Committee concurred in the estimates of the Secretary-General.

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DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

9. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution IV recommended by the Second Committee (A/10344/Add.1, para. 26), an additional appropriation of \$30,000 would be required under section 5 A of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977.

(c) Draft decision I

10. Under the terms of draft decision I, the General Assembly would take note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System on the work of its first session. 1/

11. In his statement (A/C.5/1742), the Secretary-General estimated that, should the General Assembly adopt the draft decision, additional appropriations in the amount of \$85,800 would be required under section 4 of the proposed programme budget for 1976-1977, to cover the costs of servicing the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee. An additional amount of \$5,000 would be required for staff assessment under section 25, offset by a similar amount under Income section 1. The Secretary-General further indicated that, should developments arising from the work of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Working Group impose additional requirements under the regular budget, he would seek the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to enter into the necessary commitments under the provision of the General Assembly resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses during the biennium 1976-1977.

12. In its report (A/10008/Add.24), the Advisory Committee questioned the proposed inclusion by the Secretary-General of the costs of the Ad Hoc Committee on Restructuring under section 4 in which provision is made for the Economic and Social Council and its subordinate organs, inasmuch as the Ad Hoc Committee is a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly, and the related costs should be included under section 1. The Committee further recommended that the amount already requested and any requirements which might arise for conferences services be absorbed within the appropriations already recommended for section 23. It concurred with the estimate by the Secretary-General of \$8,500 for temporary assistance and travel; the related requirements for staff assessment would amount to \$1,500.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

13. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft decision I recommended by the Second Committee (A/10344/Add.1, para. 27), an additional appropriation in the amount of \$8,500 would be required under section 1 and an amount of \$1,500 would be required for staff assessment under section 25, offset by an equivalent amount under Income section 1.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/10005 and Corr.1).