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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 116 appear in the report of the Committee contained in documents A/50/842 and Add.1.
- 2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 46th and 55th meetings, on 18 March and 4 April 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.46 and 55).
- 3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/C.5/50/12);
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses (A/C.5/50/30).

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II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. <u>Draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.43</u>

- 4. At its 55th meeting, on 4 April, the Committee had before it a draft resolution submitted by the Chairman, entitled "Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions" (A/C.5/50/L.43).
- 5. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Cuba, Uganda, Kenya, China, Indonesia, Algeria, Portugal and Egypt.
- 6. The Controller also made a statement and clarified issues raised by delegations during the discussion.
- 7. At the same meeting, the representative of Uganda made a statement and proposed that no action be taken on draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.43.
- 8. Statements were made by the representatives of Mali and Mexico in favour of the motion, and by the United States against the motion (see A/C.5/50/SR.55).
- 9. The Committee then proceeded to vote on the motion, which was adopted by 46 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.
- 10. Statements made in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Ukraine (see A/C.5/50/SR.55).

B. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

- 11. At the 55th meeting, on 4 April, the representative of Tunisia and Vice-Chairman of the Committee made a statement, in the course of which he reported to the Committee the outcome of his consultations on the issue of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.
- 12. At the same meeting, the Chairman orally proposed a draft decision, which the Committee adopted without a vote (see para. 13).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the question of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses to the second part of its resumed session, in May 1996.
