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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 115 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/52/743.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 59th meeting, on 27 March 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's further consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/52/SR.59).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/52/L.33

3. At the 59th meeting, on 27 March, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft decision entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997" (A/C.5/52/L.33) following informal consultations, which the Committee adopted without a vote (see para. 4).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

(a) Takes note of the unspent balance of 9,326,600 United States dollars from the regular budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

(b) Decides to allocate:

(i) An amount of 2.5 million dollars to the Integrated Management Information System for 1998;

(ii) An amount of 1.3 million dollars for improving and refurbishing conference facilities;

(c) Also decides to retain the balance amount with a view to financing the activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as requested in General Assembly resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, taking into account the recommendations of the Secretary-General in this regard.
