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Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/36/L.18

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mario MARTORELL (Peru)

1. At its 57th meeting, on 30 November 1981, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/36/60) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/36/L.18. The recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were presented orally by its Chairman.
2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/36/SR.57).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/36/L.18, an additional appropriation of \$1,940,800 would be required in the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983, distributed as follows:

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Section 2C (Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea	1,715,900
Section 7 (Department of Technical Co-operation for Development)	12,500
Section 23 (Human rights)	(10,000)
Section 27 (Public information)	196,600
Section 28L (Jointly financed administrative activities)	25,800

4. A further appropriation of \$383,900 would be required under section 31 (Staff assessment), which would be offset by an estimate of income in the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

5. Furthermore, conference-servicing costs would arise, which are estimated, on a full-cost basis, at \$4,601,100. The actual additional appropriations that may be required in this respect would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements to be submitted at a later stage during the current session, in the light of the 1982 calendar of conferences as finally approved by the General Assembly.

6. Adoption of the draft resolution would also require a change of venue, from New York to Geneva, of the fifteenth session of the International Civil Service Commission, the sixth meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance and the twenty-fifth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The additional conference-servicing costs related to these changes are estimated, on a full-cost basis, at \$640,600. The actual additional appropriations that may be required, however, would similarly be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly at a later stage during the current session.