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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE
OF EXPERTS TO EXAMINE THE FINANCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND
THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Form of presentation of the United Nations budget and the
duration of the budget cycle

The Austrian delegation proposes that the following paragraph be inserted in the report of the Rapporteur on this item.

The Fifth Committee decided to approve the Secretary-General's report (A/C.5/1335) and requested him to report to the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly on the progress of the studies necessary to enable the General Assembly to take a final decision on the question of the form of the United Nations budget and the duration of the budget cycle. The Committee approves in principle the various suggestions contained in the Secretary-General's report as endorsed by the Advisory Committee in document A/8217 and requests the Secretary-General to base his report to the twenty-sixth session on them. The Secretary-General's report should include, in particular, a mock-up of the 1972 estimates in a new form, an assessment of the possible technical difficulties and means to overcome them and a suggested detailed time-table for the preparation and review of a medium-term programme and budget presented in the new format. The Fifth Committee is conscious of the need to benefit from the best possible advice on the technical questions involved, and requests the Secretary-General to secure, as necessary, the services of qualified outside consultants.