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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Third Committee (A/37/595, para. 13)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 39th and 45th to 47th meetings, on 19, 26 and 29 November 1982, 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.5/37/31 and A/C.5/37/32) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/37/595), as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/37/7/Add.8). The observations of the Committee on Conferences are contained in document A/C.5/37/32/Add.1.
2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/37/SR.39 and 45-47).

DECISIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

A. Draft resolution I

3. The Fifth Committee decided, by 69 votes to 14, with 14 abstentions, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution I recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/37/595), additional appropriations

totalling \$171,600 would be required under the programme budget for 1982-1983 apportioned as follows:

Section 23: \$156,600
Section 28D: \$ 15,000

An additional appropriation of \$26,300 would also be required under section 31 (Staff assessment), which would be offset by an increase of the same amount in the estimates of income under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

4. Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Morocco, Brazil, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Kenya and Panama.

B. Draft resolution II

5. At the 39th meeting, the representative of Canada introduced orally a draft decision (A/C.5/37/L.29) reading as follows:

"The Fifth Committee decides to recommend to the General Assembly that it authorize additional expenditures as detailed in annex II of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/37/7/Add.8) and that no exception be made to General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), paragraph 10."

6. At its 46th meeting, on 29 November, the draft decision was adopted by the Fifth Committee without objection (see para. 11).

7. After the decision was adopted, the representative of the Philippines stated that it was with great regret that he noted that, in the light of the decision taken by the Committee, the Conference would not be held at Manila as planned.

8. Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Bahamas, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Jordan, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Republic of Cameroon, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

9. The Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly as follows:

(a) Should the General Assembly accept the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee (para. 11), adoption of draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee would require an additional appropriation under the programme budget for 1982-1983 of \$186,100, apportioned as follows:

Section 1	\$ 12 600
Section 23	\$ 28 300
Section 26	\$ 3 100
Section 27	\$142 100

(b) Should the General Assembly not accept the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee (para. 11), adoption of draft resolution II would require an additional appropriation of \$711,600 under the programme budget for 1982-1983, apportioned as follows:

Section 1	\$ 16 000
Section 23	\$ 77 100
Section 26	\$ 3 600
Section 27	\$155 300
Section 28D	\$ 23 400
Section 29A	\$436 200

10. The related conference-servicing costs would be considered in the context of the consolidated statement of total conference-servicing requirements to be submitted to the General Assembly at a later stage during the current session.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

The General Assembly, in connexion with draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/37/595), decides to authorize additional expenditures as detailed in annex II of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/37/7/Add.8), and decides that no exception be made to paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969.
