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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution
A/37/L.40/Rev.1

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. M. Adel EL SAFTY (Egypt)

1. At its 73rd meeting, on 16 December 1982, 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.5/37/85) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.5/37/L.40/Rev.1 as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/37/7/Add.20), as orally revised 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.5/37/SR.73).
3. The representative of the United States of America orally proposed the following draft decision:

"The Fifth Committee informs the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution in document A/37/L.40/Rev.1, the only additional costs would be \$1,543,900 for conference-servicing costs, calculated on full-cost basis, which would be submitted to the General Assembly in the context of a consolidated statement of conference-servicing requirements. All other costs should be absorbed within existing resources as stated in General Assembly resolution 36/240."
4. The draft decision was rejected by 60 votes to 18, with 11 abstentions.

5. Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Algeria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Ghana, India and Uganda.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee decided, by 60 votes to 9, with 20 abstentions, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/37/L.40/Rev.1, an additional appropriation of \$555,000 would be required under section 4 (\$317,700), section 10 (\$14,000), section 11 (\$19,300), section 12 (\$18,000), section 13 (\$17,300), section 14 (\$16,300) and section 27 (\$152,400) of the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983. Conference-servicing costs would arise, which are estimated, on a full-cost basis, at \$1,534,900. The actual additional appropriations that might be required in this respect 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.

7. Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Canada and Sierra Leone.
