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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Revised estimates under section 28L. Jointly financed
administrative activities

Secretariat of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions:
United Nations share

Fifth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative
and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered document A/C.5/34/16 in which the Secretary-General submits a revised estimate of \$317,800 for the United Nations share (37 per cent) of the costs of the secretariat of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (CCAQ) for 1980-1981. The revised estimate is \$19,900 higher than the estimate of \$297,900 already included in section 28L of the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981 and recommended by the Advisory Committee in its first report on the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981. 1/

2. As can be seen from paragraph 4 of the Secretary-General's report, the revision of the CCAQ budget would provide for a new P-3 post to meet the requirements of its work in the financial and budgetary area. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 4 that one Professional staff member is already available for work on financial and budgetary matters. In this connexion, the Advisory Committee understands that CCAQ (Financial and Budgetary Questions) normally holds two sessions a year for a total of two or three weeks and that its secretariat is assisted in the provision of documentation for those sessions by submissions from the participating organizations. The Committee is not convinced that the volume of work in between the sessions justifies the assignment of two Professional officers to financial and budgetary questions.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session,
Supplement No. 7 (A/34/7), para. 28.128.

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3. Under the circumstances the Advisory Committee found insufficient justification for the addition of a new P-3 post to the secretariat of CCAQ. The Committee therefore recommends that the amount of \$297,900 already included in the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for 1980-1981 be maintained.
