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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DECADE FOR ACTION
TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
recommended by the Third Committee (A/34/618, para. 18)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ali Ben-Said KHAMIS (Algeria)

1. At its 47th meeting, on 14 November 1978, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly, considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/34/22 and Corr.1 and 2) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee (A/34/618, para. 18) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/34/7/Add.6).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution the General Assembly would adopt a programme of activities for the second half of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.
3. In his statement (A/C.5/34/22 and Corr.1 and 2), the Secretary-General indicated that the programme of activities envisaged would entail costs estimated at \$393,700, of which \$39,400 were already included in his initial estimates for the biennium 1980-1981. Consequently, the net additional resources requested by the Secretary-General were \$354,300.
4. As regards the conference servicing costs, estimated at \$708,500, the Secretary-General stated that he was not seeking appropriations pending the review of actual requirements in the context of the consolidated statement of total conference servicing requirements, to be submitted towards the end of the current General Assembly session.

5. In its related report (A/34/7/Add.6), the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions pointed out that usually not all participants attend seminars or stay for the entire duration. The Committee, in view of this fact, and believing that no additional funds needed to be appropriated for external printing, for which the Secretary-General had already requested \$194,900, recommended that the estimates for non-conference costs be reduced from \$354,300 to \$325,000, that is, by \$29,000.

6. Comments made by delegations in the course of the discussion of this question are reflected in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.5/34/SR.47).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee (A/34/618, para. 18), an appropriation in the amount of \$325,000 would be required under section 23 of the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981 and that the requirements under section 29 would be included in the consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements, to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of its current session.
