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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution E
recommended by the First Committee (A/32/380, para. 19)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 60th meeting, on 9 December 1977, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement of financial implications (A/C.5/32/70) of draft resolution E recommended by the First Committee (A/32/380, para. 19).
2. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (see A/32/8/Add.20) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.
3. In his statement (A/C.5/32/70), the Secretary-General submitted the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution E recommended by the First Committee (A/32/380, para. 19). The total cost of the programme of work envisaged in this draft resolution was estimated at \$714,100, including an estimated \$566,500 for the publication in 1978 and 1979 of a United Nations disarmament periodical and \$147,600 in respect of staff and conference servicing costs related to the publication of the periodical. The statement indicated that the Secretary-General would report later to the current session of the General Assembly on the extent to which the publishing costs can be absorbed within existing resources.
4. The estimate of \$147,600 for established posts for conference servicing costs relate to the request for three additional posts (P-4, P-2 and G-3). The Advisory Committee was not convinced that a P-2 post would be needed. The Committee therefore recommended a reduction of \$47,000 in staff costs and \$7,500 in related common services costs.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution E recommended by the First Committee (A/32/380, para. 19), additional requirements of \$85,400 for established posts and \$15,200 for common services costs would arise under sections 2 and 22, respectively, of the proposed programme budget for 1978-1979. An additional amount of \$23,700 would also be required under section 25 to cover the related staff assessment to be offset by an increase in the same amount in the estimates of income from staff assessment under income section 1. The adoption of the draft resolution would also give rise to publishing costs not exceeding \$566,500 and this amount would be included in the consolidated statement of conference servicing costs for 1978 to be submitted by the Secretary-General towards the close of the present session of the General Assembly.
