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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution D, recommended
by the Special Political Committee (A/33/374, para. 21)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. The Committee considered this item at its 46th meeting, on 30 November 1978, at which time it had for its consideration the statement submitted by the Secretary-General, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, (A/C.5/33/58), regarding the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution D entitled "Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East" (A/33/374, para.21), recommended by the Special Political Committee.

2. Under the terms of draft resolution D, the General Assembly would, inter alia:

(a) Request the Working Group to continue its efforts, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner General, for the financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for a further period of one year;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

3. The statement by the Secretary-General indicated that, while the Working Group was expected to hold 10 meetings in New York in 1979 for which conference services would be required, those services could be provided from within existing resources.

4. The statement noted that, in addition, it was anticipated that the Chairman

or a representative of the Working Group would undertake travel in connexion with ensuring the Agency's financial security. The cost of this travel was estimated at \$6,000, for which the Secretary-General envisaged an appropriation under section 2 A, Policy-making Organs, should the General Assembly adopt the resolution.

5. At the 46th meeting of the Fifth Committee, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee reported orally that the Advisory Committee recommended that the amount requested in the Secretary-General's report be absorbed, necessitating no additional appropriation under section 2 A (see A/C.5/33/SR.46, para. 3). There was no discussion.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee decided, by consensus, to inform the General Assembly, that, should it adopt draft resolution D entitled "Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East" (A/33/374, para. 21), recommended by the Special Political Committee, no additional appropriation would be required for the biennium 1978-1979.
