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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Administrative and financial implications of draft
resolution C recommended by the Special Political
Committee (A/33/511, para. 19)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 62nd and 63rd meetings, on 15 and 16 December 1978, 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.5/33/84) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution C recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/33/511, para. 19). In his statement, the Secretary-General indicated that the financial implications of the draft resolution would amount to \$185,800, comprising \$117,600 for conference servicing and \$68,200 to provide a secretariat to service the meetings of the Committee to Review United Nations Public Information Policies and Activities and for increasing the publication of selected pamphlets and leaflets in the Arabic and Spanish languages. The statement further indicated that the amount of \$117,600 would be included in the consolidated statement of conference servicing costs to be submitted towards the end of the current session of the General Assembly, but that \$68,200 would be required under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979.

2. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made an oral statement in which the Advisory Committee recommended that an appropriation be made in the amount of \$30,000 under section 21 and that conference servicing costs not exceeding \$78,000 should be included in the consolidated statement of conference servicing costs.

3. At the 63rd meeting, the representative of Tunisia proposed that the amounts proposed by the Secretary-General should be approved.

4. Comments made by delegations in the course of the discussion of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/33/SR.62 and 63).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. At its 63rd meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, by 63 votes to 18, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution C, recommended by the Special Political Committee (A/33/511, para. 19), an additional appropriation of \$68,200 would be required under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979. An amount of \$14,700 would also be required for staff assessment under section 25, offset by the same amount under income section 1. Conference servicing costs not exceeding \$117,600 would arise and would be considered at a later stage in the context of the consolidated paper of conference servicing costs for 1979.
