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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution V
recommended by the Second Committee (A/33/526, para. 63)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 66th meeting, on 19 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.5/33/106) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution V recommended by the Second Committee (A/33/526, para. 63).

2. In his statement, the Secretary-General indicated that the financial implications of convening a United Nations Conference on Restrictive Business Practices, in the period between September 1979 and April 1980, under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development would amount to \$504,087. This estimate was based on the assumption that the Conference would be convened at Geneva for four weeks, and provision would be made for 100 pages of pre-session, 100 pages of post-session and 10 pages per day of in-session documentation. It was indicated furthermore that an additional provision of \$17,160 under section 11A would be required for the travel and per diem expenses of one member each of recognized liberation movements. It was pointed out, however, that, since the date of convening the conference was still undetermined as being 1979 or 1980, none of the related costs would be included in the wrap-up paper on conference costs to be submitted shortly. Consequently, should the conference be actually held in 1979 these costs would be reflected, if necessary, in the final performance report under section 23B, Conference Services, Geneva and section 11, UNCTAD.

3. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions indicated in an oral statement that the adoption of the draft resolution would not require at this stage an additional appropriation for the 1978-1979 biennium.

4. Comments made in the course of the discussion of this question in the Committee are reflected in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.5/33/SR.66).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution V recommended by the Second Committee (A/33/526, para. 63), no additional appropriation at this stage would be required under the programme budget for 1978-1979. Any related cost, should the conference be held in 1979, however, would be included in the final performance report under sections 23B and 11.
