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DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
recommended by the Third Committee (A/33/468, para. 9)

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 submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/33/91) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee (A/33/468, para. 9).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would recommend that a working group be established at the beginning of the thirty-fourth session of the Assembly, and be provided with adequate facilities to enable it to complete its task, to consider the Final Provisions of the Draft Convention and reconsider the articles which have not yet been completed, with a view to the adoption of the Draft Convention at its thirty-fourth session.
3. In his statement, the Secretary-General noted that, although the resolution does not stipulate the number of meetings required to permit the working group to complete its task, it was estimated that a total of 15 days would be sufficient. Accordingly the Secretary-General estimates that, on the basis of 15 daily sessions consisting of one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon, for which there would be simultaneous interpretation in Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and which would produce 50 pages of pre-session, 50 pages of in-session, and 30 pages of post-session documentation for the entire 15 days in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, the conference servicing costs would amount to \$84,000. No additional appropriation was being requested for this purpose, pending a review of actual requirements in the context of the consolidated

statement on total conference servicing requirements to be submitted towards the end of the General Assembly.

4. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made an oral statement, during which he indicated that the Advisory Committee recommended that the General Assembly be informed that, should it adopt the draft resolution, no additional appropriation would be required under the programme budget for 1978-1979. Conference servicing costs not exceeding \$84,000 would be included in the consolidated paper on conference servicing which will be presented to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

5. Comments made by delegations in the course of the discussion of this question are reflected in the summary records of the meeting (A/C.5/33/SR.66).

#### DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to report to the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee (A/33/468, para. 9), no additional appropriation would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979. Conference servicing costs not exceeding \$84,000 would be included in the consolidated paper of conference servicing which will be presented to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

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