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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING
THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT
TELEVISION BROADCASTING

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
recommended by the First Committee (A/31/285, para. 14)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. E. Brian NASON (Ireland)

1. At its 23rd meeting, on 4 November 1976, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/36) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in its report to the Assembly on agenda items 31 and 32 (A/31/285, para. 14).
2. By operative paragraphs 1 and 9 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would endorse the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space 1/ and endorse the United Nations programme on space applications for 1977 as referred to in paragraph 46 of that report, and by operative paragraph 13 the Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in the light of paragraph 73 of the Committee's report, to consider strengthening the Outer Space Affairs Division.
3. In his statement (A/C.5/31/36), the Secretary-General set forth in detail the activities planned for 1977 for the United Nations programme on space applications and estimated their total cost at \$100,000, which amount could be met within available resources. As regards the possible strengthening of the Outer Space Affairs Division, the Secretary-General stated that he had continued to keep the

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situation under review, had not found it possible to strengthen the Division by redeployment from within existing resources, and would continue to keep the situation under review, particularly in the context of the preparation of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979. Therefore, no additional appropriations for the biennium 1976-1977 were sought to implement the proposed resolution.

4. In an oral report to the Fifth Committee, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions advised that the adoption of the draft resolution in question would not give rise to additional appropriations for the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it approve the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/31/285, para. 14), no additional appropriations would be required for the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977.
