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Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution II  
recommended by the Second Committee (A/31/451, para. 13)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 55th meeting, on 17 December 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.5/31/90) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee (A/31/451, para. 13).
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of that draft resolution, the General Assembly would extend the mandate of the Committee on the Drafting of a Constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.
3. In his statement (A/C.5/31/90), the Secretary-General proposed that the fifth session of the Committee on the Drafting of a Constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should be held in the first half of 1977 in Vienna, assuming that the Committee would meet for four weeks, that 30 meetings per week would be serviced in five languages (Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish) with some meetings held concurrently. It was assumed further that 30 to 40 meetings would be serviced in either two or three languages, with some meetings held concurrently and that no summary records would be established.
4. On the basis of the above assumptions, the total cost of the fifth session of the Committee on the Drafting of a Constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization was estimated at \$419,600, consisting of \$6,800 for travel of substantive staff members from Headquarters, \$204,000 for

interpretation, \$131,900 for in-session documentation, \$17,600 for post-session documentation, \$4,300 for information coverage, \$32,000 for conference supervisory staff, \$20,000 for overtime and \$3,000 for hospitality.

5. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for convening the conference of plenipotentiaries during the second half of 1977 at United Nations Headquarters.

6. In his statement, the Secretary-General indicated that, in the absence of indications as to the timing and the duration of the conference of plenipotentiaries, a question on which the Committee on the Drafting of a Constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization would have to make a recommendation, his estimate was based on the assumptions that the conference would convene for one week, that there would be two meetings a day, that required services would be provided in five languages, and that there would be no pre-session or post-session documentation, but some 50 pages of in-session documentation.

7. On the basis of the above assumptions, the total cost of the conference of plenipotentiaries was estimated at \$45,600, consisting of \$20,700 for interpretation and documentation, \$12,100 for general services, \$5,300 for public information services and \$7,500 for the travel of substantive staff from Vienna.

8. In conclusion, the Secretary-General indicated that the total estimated requirements relating to draft resolution II amounted to \$465,200 of which \$63,100, it was anticipated, could be absorbed from existing resources. A net additional appropriation in the amount of \$402,100 was accordingly requested.

9. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in an oral report, indicated that, since the convening of the conference of plenipotentiaries would depend on the progress achieved by the fifth session of the Committee on the Drafting of a Constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the request for \$45,600 for that purpose should be deferred. Concerning the Secretary-General's estimate of \$419,600 for the fifth session of the Committee on the Drafting of a Constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Advisory Committee was of the opinion that some economies could be achieved as far as they related to the public information, in-session and post-session documentation and conference supervisory staff components. In total, the Advisory Committee considered an appropriation of \$250,000 under section 12 adequate to service the fifth session of the Committee on the Drafting of a Constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Furthermore, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated that, should additional requirements arise out of servicing the fifth session of the Committee on the Drafting of a Constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization the Secretary-General should report on those in the context of his 1976-1977 performance report.

## DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

10. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee (A/31/451, para. 13), additional appropriations in the amount of \$250,000 would be required under section 12 of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977.

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