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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1969

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/L.553

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure, the Fifth Committee is required to inform the General Assembly of the effect on the budget estimates in the event of the adoption of the draft resolution currently before the General Assembly in plenary session.
2. Under operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution under reference, the General Assembly would decide to hold a United Nations Conference on Human Environment in 1972. In operative paragraph 2, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session, a report concerning:
 - "(a) The nature, scope and progress of work at present being done in the field of the human environment;
 - "(b) The main problems facing developed and developing countries in this area, which might with particular advantage be considered at such a conference, including the possibilities for increased international co-operation in this area, especially as they relate to economic and social development, in particular of the developing countries;
 - "(c) Possible methods of preparing for the Conference and the time necessary for such preparations;

"(d) A possible time and place for the Conference;

"(e) The range of financial implications for the United Nations of the holding of the Conference."

3. Operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution would further request the Secretary-General, in preparing the report, "to consult with Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency and with appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, and to draw on contributions from appropriate inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations".

4. Should the General Assembly adopt this resolution, the Secretary-General would approach the specialized agencies concerned for staff assistance in the preparation of the report. In addition, however, it would be necessary to provide the Director for Science and Technology, who will have central responsibility for the co-ordination and supervision of the work, with the services of consultants. It is estimated that provision will need to be made for twelve man-months of consultants' services for the drafting and reviewing of sections of the report. Six man-months of secretarial assistance will also need to be provided. Appropriate provisions will also have to be made in 1969 for the travel of staff and consultants in connexion with the consultations to be carried out with Governments, specialized agencies and other organizations, as requested in operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution.

5. On the above basis, it is estimated that the implementation of the draft resolution will give rise to total additional expenditures in 1969 in the amount of approximately \$25,000 as per the following estimates:

	\$
Travel and fees of consultants for twelve man-months	20,500
Travel and subsistence of staff	1,000
Services of a secretary for six months.	<u>3,500</u>
	<u>25,000</u>

6. The Secretary-General would endeavour to meet these expenses within the level of appropriations already recommended by the Advisory Committee under sections 3 and 5 for 1969.