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Financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by the Fourth Committee in document A/5657**Report of the Fifth Committee**

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1. In accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee considered, at its 1054th meeting on 10 December 1963, the financial implications of the draft resolution on the question of Oman submitted by the Fourth Committee (A/5657, para. 16).

2. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1004) in which it was indicated that, while the adoption of the draft resolution would entail additional expenditure in 1964, particularly in connexion with possible visits to the area by the proposed *ad hoc* committee, the volume of expenditure could not be forecast with accuracy. On the assumption, however, that the *ad hoc* committee would make one visit to the area for a period of three weeks, accompanied by four staff members, the cost was estimated at \$50,000, the necessary provision to be made under section 18—Special Missions—of the 1964 budget. The Secretary-General proposed that, if the requirements exceeded that figure, he should have recourse to paragraph 1 of the General Assembly resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1964 in order to cover any such excess.

3. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented orally the report of that Committee, in which the point was made that, because of the difficulty of estimating at the present stage the budgetary requirements for the *ad hoc* committee, the additional appropriation under section 18 of the 1964 budget should be limited to \$20,000.

4. The hope was expressed in the Committee that, in accordance with operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, all the parties concerned would co-operate with the *ad hoc* committee by all possible means, including facilitating visits to the area, so that expenditure might be reduced.

5. By 67 votes to none, with 1 abstention, the Fifth Committee decided, in accordance with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, to inform the General Assembly that the adoption for the year 1964 of the draft resolution submitted by the Fourth Committee (A/5657, para. 16) would give rise to additional expenditure for which an appropriation of \$20,000 should be made under section 18 of the 1964 budget estimates; any expenditure in excess of this amount to be met by recourse to paragraph 1 of the General Assembly resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the year 1964.

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Telegram dated 26 October 1963 from the Sultan of Muscat and Oman to the President of the General Assembly

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Muscat, 26 October 1963

Your Excellency,

Last session the General Assembly rejected, as it had also done the previous year, a resolution expressing judgement on matters exclusively within our jurisdiction. Notwithstanding, the same subject is to be debated again this year, and, even more incongruously, in the Committee dealing with trusteeship matters and Non-Self-Governing Territories. We are compelled once again to remind the distinguished delegates that we continue to hold sole responsibility for all matters within our territories, which are sovereign and independent, not subject to any form of trusteeship nor in any sense non-self-governing. It was because we thought that these fundamental considerations might have been misunderstood by some delegates that we invited the Secretary-General to send an impartial observer to report on the situation in the Sultanate. His report²⁴ is now available to all who are interested and we hope that this will put an end to the matter. We request that this communication be circulated to all Members of the United Nations.

Said bin Taimur, Sultan of Muscat and Oman

²⁴ A/5562.