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*Chairman:* Mr. Harry MORRIS (Liberia).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION B SUBMITTED BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/7016 ON AGENDA ITEM 28\* (A/C.5/1149/REV.1)

1. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that the Advisory Committee had considered the Secretary-General's note (A/C.5/1149/Rev.1) containing a statement on the financial implications of the Conference on Non-Nuclear-Weapon States to be held at Geneva during August and September 1968. The Secretary-General's estimate of \$380,500 included \$25,500 for temporary staff and consultants and \$322,300 for conference servicing costs and, as indicated in the note, that estimate made provision for a total of 207 temporary staff. The Advisory Committee was of the opinion that it should be possible to reduce the number of temporary staff proposed for the Conference; it also considered that, should meetings of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee be held concurrently, it would be possible to utilize some of the temporary staff engaged for that Conference. The Advisory Committee considered further that a reduction in the estimate of \$21,100 for public information staff, services and supplies was also possible; in particular, it was doubtful of the need for the detachment of

\*Non-proliferation of nuclear weapons:  
 (a) Report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament;  
 (b) Report on the Preparatory Committee for the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States.

3 substantive staff from Headquarters, and of certain other costs.

2. The Advisory Committee was therefore recommending a reduction of \$30,500 in the estimate. Should the Committee approve that recommendation, it might wish to inform the General Assembly that the holding of the conference, as provided for in the draft resolution of the First Committee, would require an additional appropriation of \$350,000 under section 2 (Special meetings and conferences) of the budget estimates for 1968. The Advisory Committee's recommendation was, of course, made on the understanding that the matter would again be referred to it, should there be a change in the dates for the Conference.

3. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee, it would be necessary to provide an additional appropriation of \$350,000 under section 2, chapter IX (Conference of Non-Nuclear Weapon States) of the budget estimates for 1968. He also proposed that it authorize the Rapporteur to report directly to the General Assembly on the question.

*It was so decided.*

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A SUBMITTED BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/7017 ON AGENDA ITEM 29\*\* (A/C.5/1161)

4. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) recalled that the General Assembly, by the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee (A/7017, para. 10, draft resolution A), would request the Secretary-General to arrange for the reproduction of his report (A/6858) on the effects of the possible use of nuclear weapons and on the security and economic implications for States of the acquisition and further development of those weapons, as well as for the printing in 17 languages of a sixteen-page pamphlet on the substance of his report. The Secretary-General had estimated that, should the General Assembly adopt that draft resolution, an additional appropriation of \$30,400 would be required under section 11 (Printing) of the budget estimates for 1968, of which \$13,400 would relate to the printing of the report and \$17,000 to the preparation and printing of the pamphlet.

\*\*Question of general and complete disarmament:  
 (a) Report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament;  
 (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the effects of the possible use of nuclear weapons and on the security and economic implications for States of the acquisition and further development of these weapons.

5. The Advisory Committee recognized the importance of the subject and the value of the report. It considered, however that some reduction in the estimate should be possible, because the draft resolution urged Member States to arrange for distribution of the report and of the pamphlet in their own languages; moreover, since some of the languages in which it was proposed to print the pamphlet were closely related, his Committee wondered whether it was necessary to print it in all 17 languages. The Advisory Committee accordingly recommended a reduction of \$2,000 in the estimate of \$17,000 for the printing of the pamphlet and suggested, in view of the fact that its preparation and printing was part of the normal activities of the Office of Public Information, that its over-all recommendation of \$28,400 should be allocated as follows in the budget estimates for 1968: \$13,400 under section 11 for the printing of the report in the five official languages; and \$15,000 under section 10 (General expenses), chapter III (Public information services and supplies) for the preparation and printing of the pamphlet.

6. Mr. BIERING (Denmark) said that his delegation did not consider it necessary for the pamphlet to be published in Danish, Norwegian and Swedish; it should be possible for the Secretariat to decide to distribute it in only one of the Nordic languages.

7. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee decide to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee, additional appropriations of \$15,000 under section 10 and \$13,400 under section 11 would have to be provided in the budget estimates for 1968. He also proposed that it authorize the Rapporteur to report directly to the General Assembly on the question.

*It was so decided.*

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A SUBMITTED BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/7016 ON AGENDA ITEM 28\* (A/C.5/1167)

8. Mr. BANNIER (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) pointed out that the Secretary-General had estimated that the cost of the proposed resumed twenty-second session of the General Assembly for the purpose of considering the question of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons would, on the assumption that the resumed session would last three weeks, amount to \$140,900, with expenditures being incurred under four sections of the budget estimates for 1968. There would, however, be no provision for travel of representatives, and the estimated increase in income from staff assessment would amount to \$10,000. Moreover, the Advisory Committee anticipated that television coverage of the resumed session would yield some additional revenue to the Organization.

9. The Secretary-General's estimates were, of necessity, based on assumptions which could not easily

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- (a) Report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament;
- (b) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States.

be analysed in existing circumstances. The Advisory Committee accordingly agreed that, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee (A/7016, para. 9, draft resolution A), the Fifth Committee might make provision for an amount of \$140,900 under sections 3 (Salaries and wages), 9 (Maintenance, operation and rental of premises), 10 (General expenses) and 11 (Printing) of the budget estimates for 1968. The Advisory Committee hoped, however, that the Secretary-General would explore existing resources with a view to making some savings under all those sections; it believed that some savings should be possible, in particular under sections 10 and 11.

10. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Fifth Committee decide to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution of the First Committee, a total additional appropriation of \$140,000—to be allocated as shown in paragraph 3 of the Secretary-General's note (A/C.5/1167)—would have to be provided in the budget estimates for 1968. He also proposed that the Committee should advise the Assembly that, should the resumed session last for more than three weeks, additional costs were estimated at \$44,000 per week and that, should the need for those additional costs arise, the Secretary-General would seek the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee to incur them under the provisions of paragraph 1 of the General Assembly resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1968. He finally proposed that the Committee authorize the Rapporteur to report directly to the General Assembly on the question.

*It was so decided.*

AGENDA ITEM 74

Budget estimates for the financial year 1968 (continued) (A/6705 and Corr.1, A/6707 and Corr.1-3, A/6854, A/6861, A/6878, A/6922, A/6948, A/6953, A/6974, A/6978, A/6983, A/C.5/1113 and Corr.1 and 2, A/C.5/1114 and Corr.1, A/C.5/1115 and Corr.1, A/C.5/1118, A/C.5/1123 and Corr.1, A/C.5/1124, A/C.5/1126-1129, A/C.5/1132, A/C.5/1135, A/C.5/1136 and Add.1, A/C.5/1137, A/C.5/1138, A/C.5/1142, A/C.5/1143, A/C.5/1145-1147, A/C.5/1149, A/C.5/1153, A/C.5/1154, A/C.5/1155 and Corr.1, A/C.5/1157, A/C.5/L.901, A/C.5/L.908 and Corr.1, A/C.5/L.917/Rev.1, A/C.5/L.922, A/C.5/L.927, A/C.5/L.932, A/C.5/L.935, A/C.5/L.938 and Corr.1, A/C.5/L.939, A/C.5/L.940)

Draft resolution on the United Nations regular budget  
(continued) (A/C.5/L.917/Rev.1, A/C.5/L.940)

11. Mr. ESFANDIARY (Iran) said that he had been requested to announce on behalf of the sponsors of the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.917/Rev.1) and of the delegations of the Afro-Asian group of countries which had been in consultation with them, that the following amendments had been accepted by the sponsors: operative paragraph 4 was to become paragraph 1, the reference in it to "paragraph 1" to be changed to "paragraph 2 below", and the necessary changes to be made in the numbering of the operative paragraphs; the words "including the Economic and Social Council and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination" were to be inserted after

the words "programme-formulating bodies" in paragraph 1 of the existing text and after the words "United Nations" in paragraph 4.

12. The amendments submitted by the United Republic of Tanzania (A/C.5/L.940) had been withdrawn by the sponsor.

13. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to vote on draft resolution A/C.5/L.917/Rev.1, as amended.

*At the request of the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, the vote was taken by roll-call.*

*Sudan, having been drawn by lot by the Chairman, was called upon to vote first.*

*In favour:* Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, China, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of the), Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Spain.

*Against:* None.

*Abstaining:* United Republic of Tanzania, Afghanistan.

*Draft resolution A/C.5/L.917/Rev.1, as amended, was adopted by 84 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.*

14. Mr. PILLADO SALAS (Argentina) said that, had his delegation been present when the vote was taken, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

#### Second reading (A/C.5/L.939)

15. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.5/L.939, relating to its second reading of the budget estimates for 1968. The figure to be approved on second reading was subject to revision, since the General Assembly still had to take action on several items, which would be reflected in the final draft resolution to be adopted by the Committee.

#### **SECTION 1. TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES OF REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

*An appropriation of \$1,270,700 under section 1 was approved unanimously on second reading.*

#### **SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES**

*An appropriation of \$2,587,100 under section 2 was approved on second reading by 81 votes to none with 1 abstention.*

#### **SECTION 3. SALARIES AND WAGES**

*An appropriation of \$59,356,400 under section 3 was approved on second reading by 73 votes to 10.*

#### **SECTION 4. COMMON STAFF COSTS**

*An appropriation of \$13,769,000 under section 4 was approved on second reading by 74 votes to none, with 10 abstentions.*

#### **SECTION 5. TRAVEL OF STAFF**

*An appropriation of \$2,182,500 under section 5 was approved on second reading by 73 votes to none, with 10 abstentions.*

#### **SECTION 6. PAYMENTS UNDER ANNEX I, PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3, OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS: HOSPITALITY**

*An appropriation of \$125,000 under section 6 was approved unanimously on second reading.*

#### **SECTION 7. BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PREMISES**

*An appropriation of \$4,861,200 under section 7 was approved unanimously on second reading.*

#### **SECTION 8. PERMANENT EQUIPMENT**

*An appropriation of \$605,500 under section 8 was approved unanimously on second reading.*

#### **SECTION 9. MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND RENTAL OF PREMISES**

*An appropriation of \$4,124,000 under section 9 was approved on second reading by 74 votes to none, with 9 abstentions.*

#### **SECTION 10. GENERAL EXPENSES**

*An appropriation of \$5,568,500 under section 10 was approved on second reading by 72 votes to none, with 10 abstentions.*

#### **SECTION 11. PRINTING**

*An appropriation of \$1,589,000 under section 11 was approved on second reading by 80 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.*

#### **SECTION 12. SPECIAL EXPENSES**

*An appropriation of \$9,110,800 under section 12 was approved on second reading by 64 votes to 9, with 10 abstentions.*

#### **SECTION 13. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

*An appropriation of \$5,113,600 under section 13 was approved on second reading by 73 votes to 6, with 4 abstentions.*

#### **SECTION 14. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

*An appropriation of \$991,400 under section 14 was approved on second reading by 73 votes to 6, with 4 abstentions.*

#### **SECTION 15. HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY SERVICES**

*An appropriation of \$220,000 under section 15 was approved on second reading by 71 votes to 5, with 5 abstentions.*

**SECTION 16. NARCOTIC DRUGS CONTROL**

An appropriation of \$75,000 under section 16 was approved on second reading by 74 votes to 5, with 4 abstentions.

**SECTION 17. SPECIAL MISSIONS**

An appropriation of \$6,029,600 under section 17 was approved on second reading by 67 votes to 11, with 4 abstentions.

**SECTION 18. OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES**

An appropriation of \$3,469,000 under section 18 was approved on second reading by 72 votes to none, with 10 abstentions.

**SECTION 19. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

An appropriation of \$1,356,350 under section 19 was approved unanimously on second reading.

**SECTION 20. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT**

An appropriation of \$9,175,000 under section 20 was approved unanimously on second reading.

**SECTION 21. UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**

An appropriation of \$8,232,000 under section 21 was approved unanimously on second reading.

**TOTAL ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE**

A total budget appropriation of \$139,811,650 for 1968 was approved on second reading by 70 votes to 1, with 11 abstentions.

**ESTIMATES OF INCOME****INCOME SECTION 1. STAFF ASSESSMENT INCOME**

The estimate of \$14,610,700 under income section 1 was approved unanimously on second reading.

**INCOME SECTION 2. FUNDS PROVIDED FROM EXTRA-BUDGETARY ACCOUNTS**

The estimate of \$2,436,150 under income section 2 was approved unanimously on second reading.

**INCOME SECTION 3. GENERAL INCOME**

The estimate of \$3,901,000 under income section 3 was approved unanimously on second reading.

**INCOME SECTION 4. REVENUE-PRODUCING ACTIVITIES**

The estimate of \$2,677,150 under income section 4 was approved unanimously on second reading.

**TOTAL ESTIMATES OF INCOME**

The total estimates of income for 1968 of \$23,625,000 was approved unanimously on second reading.

16. Mr. PALAMARCHUK (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation's views on individual sections of the budget had been expressed in detail at previous meetings. However, he wished to express its deep concern at the continued rapid growth in the United Nations budget, and particularly at the excessive expenditure allocated to the upkeep of the Secretariat. Because some of the appropriations were unjustifiably large, his delegation had voted against the appropriation under section 3 and had abstained in the vote on a number of other sections. It continued to believe that the additional expenditure to be incurred under those sections for the United Nations Council on South West Africa should be met from income already available in the Territory.

17. His delegation noted with regret that the budget for 1968, like those of preceding years, contained estimates for the illegal financing of measures adopted in violation of the United Nations Charter, such as the bonds issued to cover the cost of United Nations operations in the Middle East and the Congo, UNCURK and the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea. It had therefore voted against the appropriations under sections 12 and 17. In addition, it had voted against appropriations under sections 13 to 16, because it did not agree with the inclusion of expenditures for technical assistance in the regular budget of the United Nations. That practice gave rise to unnecessary duplication and did not facilitate the proper use of specialists from the Soviet Union.

18. For those reasons, the Soviet Union had abstained in the vote on the budget estimates for 1968 as a whole.

*The meeting rose at 11 p.m.*