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UNITED NATIONS OPERATIONS IN THE CONGO:
1961 COST ESTIMATES AND FINANCING

Interim report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. T.W. CUTTS (Australia)

1. Operative paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 1590 (XV) of 20 December 1960 reads as follows:

"3. Authorizes the Secretary-General, pending action by the General Assembly at its resumed fifteenth session and with the observance of the maximum possible economy in expenditures, to incur commitments in 1961 for the United Nations operations in the Congo up to the total of \$24 million for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1961."

At its 828th and 829th meetings, held on 30 March 1961, the Fifth Committee considered the question of the expiration on 31 March 1961 of the expenditure authorization contained in that paragraph.

2. India submitted a draft resolution (A/C.5/L.657) in respect of which the sponsor subsequently accepted an oral amendment suggested by the representative of Venezuela.

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

3. The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted by 38 votes to 9, with 23 abstentions.

4. Accordingly, the Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:^{1/}

^{1/} The text of this draft resolution has previously been distributed to the Members of the General Assembly under the symbol A/L.338.

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The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the question of the 1961 cost estimates for the United Nations operations in the Congo and the financing of these operations is currently under consideration,

Authorizes the Secretary-General, pending action by the General Assembly at its resumed fifteenth session, and without prejudice to such action, to continue until 21 April 1961 to incur commitments for the United Nations operations in the Congo at a level not to exceed \$8 million per month.
