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ENERGY AGENCY

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGETS OF THE AGENCIES FOR 1962

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 901st meeting, held on 13 December 1961, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative budgets of the agencies for 1962 (A/5007).
2. Several delegations, while commending the Advisory Committee for the excellence of its report, regretted that it had been received too late for the detailed study and thorough discussion which its contents unquestionably merited. They expressed the hope that it would prove possible to submit the report at a much earlier stage of future sessions.
3. Appreciative references were also made to those sections of the Advisory Committee's report that dealt with the agency programmes of assistance to newly independent countries and with the participation of the agencies in the United Nations operation in the Congo.
4. It was suggested that the Advisory Committee might be invited to devote special attention in its 1962 report to the question of inter-agency co-ordination in the field, at both the regional level and the country level. The question had assumed particular importance in view of the accelerated pace at which it was proposed to decentralize the economic and social activities of the United Nations.
5. Other representatives pointed out that Main Committees of the General Assembly had recently adopted draft resolutions on matters falling very largely within the

province of certain of the specialized agencies. A problem of co-ordination thus arose that went beyond the Advisory Committee's customary review of the agencies' administrative budgets. The Advisory Committee might with advantage study that wider issue, since there was a risk that the progressive decentralization of activities might result in duplication and wastage of manpower and funds, or in an unsatisfactory use of those resources.

6. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee stressed the importance which that Committee attached to its examination of the administrative budgets of the agencies, in terms of Article 17, paragraph 3, of the Charter. The delay that had arisen in the submission of the report was certainly regrettable; it was, however, due not to any remissness on the part of the Advisory Committee but to the lengthy process of consultation with each one of the interested agencies which had necessarily to precede the preparation of the final text. He added that the Advisory Committee would gladly give attention to the several points that had been raised in the course of the discussion.

7. The Committee unanimously approved a draft resolution proposed by the Chairman, the text of which is set out in paragraph 8 below.

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGETS FOR 1962 OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

The General Assembly,

1. Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative budgets for 1962 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;^{1/}

2. Invites the attention of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to the comments and observations made in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly.
