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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1966

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PROMOTE THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION,
AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Financial implications of the draft resolution
recommended by the Sixth Committee in
document A/6136

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 1110th meeting, on 14 December 1965, the financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in document A/6136. The Committee had before it reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1044) and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/6157).

2. By 44 votes to 2, with 16 abstentions, the Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that in the event of the adoption of the above-mentioned draft resolution the following budgetary procedures would be envisaged:

(a) Under the programme of assistance and exchange in the field of international law which would be established in terms of paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, sub-paragraph (a) - dealing with steps to encourage and co-ordinate existing international law programmes carried out by States, and organizations and institutions - would entail only expenditures of an administrative nature. No special budgetary provision would therefore be called for in 1966. However, sub-paragraph (b) - dealing with forms of direct assistance and exchange - to the extent that all requirements could not be met from the voluntary contributions called for in paragraph 4 would give rise to expenditures which would have to be provided for under the regular budget in 1967 and future years;

(b) The Secretary-General would undertake to perform the necessary preparatory work for the programme in 1966 within the over-all resources already requested for 1966. In regard to the programme itself, the Secretary-General would first explore the possibility of financing it from voluntary contributions and through the use of UNESCO, EPTA (United Nations Development Programme) and UNITAR resources before any provision was included in the regular budget estimates;

(c) In order to meet the intent of operative paragraph 5, the Secretary-General would provide pro memoria in his initial 1967 estimates for these purposes. As suggested by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, he would pursue his efforts for the financing of the operational part of the programme from the other sources referred to and would report to the General Assembly later in 1966, at which time he would submit revised estimates under the regular budget, as necessary.
