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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1974-1975
AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1977

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution I
recommended by the Second Committee (A/9379, para. 20)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1613th meeting, on 29 November 1973, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 155 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1546) concerning the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee (A/9379, para. 20)

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2 to 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to extend the mandate of the Working Group on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States established by resolution 45 (III) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

(b) Decide that the Working Group shall hold two sessions in 1974, each lasting three weeks, as recommended by the Trade and Development Board in its decision 98 (XIII) of 8 September 1973;

(c) Urge the Working Group to complete, as the first step in the codification and development of the matter, the elaboration of a final draft charter of economic rights and duties of States to be examined and approved by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session;

(d) Request the Trade and Development Board to examine, at its fourteenth session, as a matter of priority, the report of the Working Group and to transmit it to the General Assembly, together with its own comments and suggestions.

3. In his statement (A/C.5/1546) the Secretary-General indicated that, should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee, an additional appropriation of \$262,000 would be required for the biennium 1974-1975 under section 14 of the programme budget, together with an additional amount of \$57,000 under section 34 for staff assessment, which would be offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.
4. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in an oral report to the Fifth Committee, indicated that the Advisory Committee agreed with the cost estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in this regard.
5. During the Fifth Committee's consideration of the item, one representative indicated that his delegation would have abstained if the recommendation of the Advisory Committee had been put to the vote.
6. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it decide to approve draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee (A/9379, para. 20), an additional appropriation of \$262,000 would be required for the biennium 1974-1975 under section 14 of the programme budget, together with an additional amount of \$57,000 under section 34 for staff assessment, which would be offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.
