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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 the draft resolution
recommended by the First Committee (A/9360, para. 10)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ernesto C. GARRIDO (Philippines)

1. At its 1630th meeting, on 17 December 1973, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 155 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1591) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/9360, para. 10).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to examine all the views and suggestions expressed by Governments on the convening of a world disarmament conference and related problems, including conditions for the realization of such a conference, and to submit, on the basis of consensus, a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session. The Secretary-General would be requested to render all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Committee in its work, including the preparation of summary records.
3. In his statement (A/C.5/1591), the Secretary-General indicated that adoption of the draft resolution could give rise to costs provisionally estimated at some \$51,000. Nevertheless, given the provisional nature of these estimates, the Secretary-General indicated that he would endeavour to meet these costs from within the levels of the appropriations already recommended, without the need for additional appropriations.

4. In an oral report, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions indicated that the Advisory Committee concurred in the Secretary-General's statement.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/9360, para. 10), no additional appropriation would be required in the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.
