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REDUCTION OF THE MILITARY BUDGETS OF STATES PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY 10 PER CENT AND UTILIZATION OF PART
OF THE FUNDS THUS SAVED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1974-1975

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
recommended by the First Committee (A/9900, para. 8)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Reporteur: Mr. Mahmoud M. OSMAN (Egypt)

1. At its 1681st meeting, on 4 December 1974, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1641) concerning the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/9900, para. 8).
2. In his statement, the Secretary-General indicated that, should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee, an additional appropriation of \$27,000 would be required under section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.
3. In an oral statement to the Fifth Committee, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated that the Advisory Committee felt that the requirements in respect of printing as estimated by the Secretary-General in his report could be somewhat reduced. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommended an additional appropriation of \$15,000 in respect of the draft resolution, or a reduction by \$12,000 in the amount estimated by the Secretary-General, on the understanding that, if further reprints were required, additional appropriations might be requested at the appropriate time.

4. Two delegations indicated that, pursuant to the positions of principle they had expressed during the consideration of this item in the First Committee, they would vote against any additional appropriation for this purpose.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. By 63 votes to 2, with 10 abstentions, the Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/9900, para. 8), an additional appropriation of \$15,000 would be required under section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.
