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AS A ZONE OF PEACE

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1974-1975

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A  
recommended by the First Committee (A/9905, para. 11)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1680th meeting, on 3 December 1974, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1632) concerning the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A recommended by the First Committee (A/9905, para. 11).
2. In his statement, the Secretary-General indicated that the adoption of draft resolution A would require an additional appropriation of \$65,000 under section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975, comprising \$17,000 for interpretation, \$33,000 for translation and typing, and \$15,000 for costs of reproduction. In addition, an amount of \$13,000 would be required under section 34, offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1.
3. In an oral report to the Fifth Committee, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated that the Advisory Committee considered that the Secretary-General should endeavour to provide required services at a lower cost. In particular, it felt that some additional contribution could be made by the permanent conference servicing establishment of the Secretariat, in respect of interpretation and translation. Consequently, the Advisory Committee proposed that the appropriation requested by the Secretary-General be reduced from \$65,000 to \$40,000.
4. One delegation stated that it was firmly opposed to any reduction in the level of appropriations which would impair the effectiveness of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A recommended by the First Committee (A/9905, para. 11), an additional appropriation of \$40,000 would be required under section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975; and that, furthermore, an additional amount of \$8,000 for staff assessment would be required under section 34, offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1.

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