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DECLARATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE  
IN SOUTH ASIA

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1974-1975

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution B  
recommended by the First Committee (A/9911, para. 9)

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.5/1637) concerning the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution B recommended by the First Committee (A/9911, para. 9).
2. In his statement, the Secretary-General indicated that, should the General Assembly approve draft resolution B recommended by the First Committee, it might be possible to provide for the related needs from within existing resources. He further stated that, should it eventually prove necessary to incur additional commitments, he would request the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in accordance with the provisions of the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1974-1975.
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 concurred in the Secretary-General's view that it could be possible to meet from existing resources the requirements resulting from the draft resolution. He added that, in the view of the Advisory Committee, it would probably not be necessary for the Secretary-General to seek authority at a later date to incur additional commitments for this purpose.
4. One delegation recalled the position it adopted during the discussion of agenda item 107 in the First Committee; it had opposed the draft resolution and had voted

against it. In explanation of vote, it had stated that it did not believe that the Secretary-General had a role to play in the matter without the prior agreement, which had not been given, of the States concerned, among which was his own country, and that it did not consider itself bound by the provisions of the draft resolution, nor could it approve the financing of any meeting organized under the terms of that draft resolution. Since the Fifth Committee had earlier expressed its concern at the proliferation of unproductive meetings, it should refuse to allocate any resources for the new meeting called for in the draft resolution.

#### DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution B recommended by the First Committee (A/9911, para. 9), no additional appropriation would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975.

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