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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1974-1975

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution III
recommended by the Third Committee (A/9829/Add.1, para. 37)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1672nd meeting, on 25 November 1974, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1630) concerning the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution III, entitled "Consultative Committee for the Conference of the International Women's Year", recommended by the Third Committee (A/9829/Add.1, para. 37).
2. In his statement, the Secretary-General indicated that, should the General Assembly approve the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee, the additional costs to be incurred in respect of the Consultative Committee would be \$47,000 in the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975. It was indicated, however, that these costs would be met from voluntary funds.
3. In an oral statement to the Fifth Committee, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions noted that the draft resolution would authorize an exception to the principle approved by the General Assembly in 1962 that the United Nations should not normally pay the travel and subsistence costs of government representation on United Nations bodies. The Committee had expressed some concern about this exception and trusted that it would not set a pattern for the future. While approving the Secretary-General's estimate of costs, to be met out of voluntary funds, the Advisory Committee observed that, should it not prove possible to meet the costs of documentation for the Committee from within existing resources, voluntary funds should be used for that purpose.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee decided without objection to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution III recommended by the Third Committee, an expenditure of \$47,000 would be involved which would be met out of voluntary funds.
