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PREPARATORY WORK WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBLE HOLDING OF A
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 109 OF THE CHARTER

AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER: ELECTION OF A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
TO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER ON THE
BASIS OF PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES

Financial implications of the draft resolution proposed by
the Sixth Committee (A/2559)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. In accordance with rule 152 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and with the request made by the President of the General Assembly in a letter to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee dated 5 November 1953, the Fifth Committee, at its 412th meeting on 25 November 1953, considered the financial implications of the draft resolution proposed by the Sixth Committee (A/2559) on items 58, 70 and 72 of the agenda of the eighth session.
2. The Fifth Committee had before it a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/560) on the financial implications of the Sixth Committee's draft resolution, together with observations thereon submitted by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its twenty-third report to the eighth session (A/2575).
3. It was estimated by the Secretary-General that the additional cost of implementing the draft resolution would amount to \$35,430 for the year 1954.

Of this sum \$18,830 would be needed for temporary assistance under section 6a of the budget and the remaining \$16,600 for contractual printing under section 26. Common staff costs relating to temporary assistance requirements could, in the Secretary-General's opinion, be absorbed within the normal appropriation for section 17, in addition to which revenue of \$3,000 would result from staff assessment in 1954 and an estimated \$2,500 from sales of publications in 1955.

4. The Advisory Committee, in its report, expressed doubt whether, in view of the cuts in sections 6a and 26 already recommended by the Fifth Committee in first reading, a further substantial deferment of work would be advisable. As regards the reproduction of the documents of the United Nations Conference on International Organization which have not been published and the proposed complete index of the documents of that Conference, the Advisory Committee suggested that consideration might be given to the use of a less costly process than printing. It also noted that neither the compilation of UNCIO documents nor the index would necessarily be completed during 1954 since the draft resolution of the Sixth Committee requested that these should be prepared, published and circulated during 1954 or shortly thereafter. On the basis of these considerations, the Advisory Committee recommended that, in the event of the adoption of the draft resolution, the provision of \$30,000 should prove adequate for the year 1954, and that the reduction of \$5,430 on the Secretary-General's estimate should be distributed at his discretion between sections 6a and 26.

5. The Fifth Committee, after receiving an assurance from the representative of the Secretary-General that an appropriation as recommended by the Advisory Committee would not prejudice or delay the carrying out of the work called for, rejected by 36 votes to 5, with no abstentions, a proposal by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to recommend that no additional provision should be made in the budget estimates for 1954, and approved, by 36 votes to 5, with one abstention, the recommendation of the Advisory Committee indicated above.

6. The Fifth Committee accordingly informs the General Assembly that, in the event of the adoption of the draft resolution of the Sixth Committee, additional budgetary provision will be required in a total amount of \$30,000.