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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1969

Science and technology

International co-operation with a view to the use of computers  
and computation techniques for development

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/C.2/L.1012

Twenty-third report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary  
Questions to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1195) in which he estimates that the administrative and financial implications in 1969 of the draft resolution in document A/C.2/L.1012 would amount to \$27,000 under section 3 of the budget for fees, travel and subsistence of consultants.
2. The Advisory Committee notes that these consultants would be required in connexion with the preparation of a report on various aspects of international co-operation with a view to the use of computers and computation techniques for development, which the Secretary-General is requested, under the terms of the draft resolution, to prepare with the assistance of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, and with whatever further collaboration may prove necessary. The Advisory Committee welcomes the fact that in operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution the Secretary-General is being requested to consult, in the preparation of the report, with Member States, the specialized agencies and the IAEA and other international organizations

concerned, and that the latter are being invited to co-operate with the Secretary-General. This procedure should ensure the necessary co-ordination at the inter-agency level and should avoid duplication of effort.

3. The Secretary-General indicates that, while he would avail himself as much as possible of the staffing facilities of the Office of Science and Technology and the Statistical Office, it would be necessary to employ one or more consultants for a total period of twelve man-months.

4. The Advisory Committee would agree that the preparation of an effective report along the lines requested in the draft resolution would call for the employment of consultants possessing the necessary specialized expertise. In the circumstances, the Committee recommends that, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution proposed by the Second Committee, an additional amount of \$27,000, as requested by the Secretary-General, should be appropriated under section 3 of the budget for 1969.

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