Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A submitted by the First Committee in document A/7441

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1291st meeting, on 18 December 1968, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1218) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A contained in the report of the First Committee (A/7441), by the terms of which the Secretary-General would be requested to prepare a concise report in accordance with the proposal contained in paragraph 32 of the introduction to his annual report on the work of the Organization, submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament, contained in paragraph 26 of its report. By operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution the General Assembly would recommend that the report should be based on accessible material and prepared with the assistance of qualified consultant experts appointed by the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed and the suggestions made during the discussion of this item at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.

2. The Secretary-General in his note estimated that an additional appropriation in the amount of $163,000 would be required to implement the draft resolution.

3. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in presenting orally the Committee's recommendations, expressed the view that some savings should be possible, particularly if Governments were able to make available experts to assist in the studies, and accordingly recommended that, should the Assembly adopt the draft resolution of the First Committee, additional appropriations in the total amount of $150,000 would be needed under sections 3 (Salaries and wages), 5 (Travel of staff) and 10 (General expenses) of the budget for 1969.

4. The Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly accordingly and expressed the hope that Governments would be able to make available the services of experts in their employ to assist in the studies required, without charge to the United Nations in respect of fees.

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Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A submitted by the First Committee in document A/7445

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1294th meeting, on 19 December 1968, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1226) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A contained in the report of the First Committee (A/7445). Under the terms of operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in accordance with resolution G of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States (see A/7277 and Corr.1 and 2, para. 17), to appoint a group of experts, chosen on a personal basis, to prepare a full report on all possible contributions of nuclear technology to the economic and scientific advancement of the developing countries.

2. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the report of that Committee in an oral statement, in which he informed the Fifth Committee that the Advisory Committee concurred in the estimates of the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General had estimated in his note that the implementation of the draft resolution would require an additional appropriation of $126,000 under section 3 (Salaries and wages), chapter III (Other temporary assistance), and an appropriation of $3,500 under section 10 (General expenses) of the budget for 1969.

3. The Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly accordingly.