SCIENTIFIC WORK ON PEACE RESEARCH

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1972

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/L.645

Eighteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session on the budget estimates for 1972

1. In the statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications (A/C.5/1412) of the draft resolution entitled "Scientific work on peace research" (A/L.645 and Add.1), he estimates that if the General Assembly were to adopt the draft resolution, an additional appropriation of $30,000 would be necessitated in 1972 and in future years, representing the cost of a Professional officer who would collect material on peace research being carried out and prepare a report to the Assembly every two years. Further, an appropriation of $9,900 for direct documentation costs would be needed in alternate years, beginning in 1973.

2. The Advisory Committee firmly believes that the necessary manpower exists within the Secretariat to carry out the work envisaged in the draft resolution, and that the addition of a new post, even on a provisional basis, is not justified. In the Committee's view, the work involved could be done on a part-time basis by one or more officials already on the staff, taking full advantage of the facilities offered by the Dag Hammarsskjold Library. With respect to the documentation costs that would arise in alternate years, the Committee believes that only when the effects of
initiatives now being considered to reduce United Nations documentation have been felt will it become clear whether an additional appropriation will actually be needed.

3. The Committee therefore considers that should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution (A/L.645 and Add.1), no additional appropriation would be required for 1972.