ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE ARMAMENTS RACE AND ITS EXTREMELY HARMFUL EFFECTS ON WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1972

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/8583, para. 9)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1484th meeting, on 15 December 1971, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1419) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/8583, para. 9).

2. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to arrange for the reproduction of his report on the economic and social consequences of the arms race and military expenditures as a United Nations publication and to give it the widest publicity in as many languages as is considered desirable and practicable.

3. In his statement (A/C.5/1419), the Secretary-General indicated that his report had been issued as a document of the General Assembly (A/8469), with an addendum (A/8469/Add.1) containing replies received from Governments and communications from specialized agencies and other international organizations. The costs of printing these documents in a 6" x 9" booklet form, with a two-colour cover, in the five official languages of the Organization and in the quantities indicated in his
statement, were estimated by the Secretary-General at $19,900 in respect of his report (A/8469) and $14,500 in respect of the addendum to the report (A/8469/Add.1), or a total of $34,400.

4. In an oral statement, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions indicated that, although the First Committee's recommendation was not explicit as to whether the addendum to the Secretary-General's report should also be printed, the Advisory Committee nevertheless concurred in the estimates submitted by the Secretary-General.

5. The Fifth Committee decided without objection to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in its report on agenda item 32 (A/8583, para. 9), an additional appropriation in the amount of $34,400 would be required under Section 11, chapter III, of the budget for the year 1972.