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Financial implications of draft resolution A submitted by the First Committee in document A/6529

1. The First Committee, at its 1462nd meeting, on 23 November 1966, adopted a draft resolution (A/6529, para. 22, draft resolution A) by which, inter alia, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare a concise report on the effects of the possible use of nuclear weapons and on the security and economic implications for States of the acquisition and further development of these weapons, and to publish the report and transmit it to the Governments of Member States in time to permit its consideration at the twenty-second session of the General Assembly.

2. On the assumption that twelve to fifteen consultants would be engaged to undertake this study and that they would meet twice in 1967 at Geneva, each meeting lasting two weeks, it is estimated that the related expenditures in 1967 would amount to $75,000, covering the travel and subsistence of the consultants and the payment to them of fees at a nominal rate of $50 a day during meetings, with some further provision in respect of time spent between sessions on the task in question. It has been assumed that the substantive servicing of the group would be undertaken mainly by staff members already in Geneva for the meetings of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament and that its meetings would be scheduled so as not to coincide with meetings of that Conference, in order that the necessary interpretation services could be provided from available resources.

3. Accordingly, the Fifth Committee might wish to advise the General Assembly that the adoption of the above-mentioned draft resolution would require an additional appropriation of $75,000 under section 3 (Salaries and wages), chapter III (Other assistance), heading (iii) (Ad hoc expert groups), of the budget for 1967.

DOCUMENTS A/6529 AND ADD.1

Report of the First Committee

1. The item, "Question of general and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament", was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly (A/6350) on the basis of resolution 2031 (XX) of 3 December 1965.

2. At its 163rd meeting, on 22 September 1966, the General Committee recommended the inclusion of the