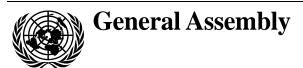
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Thirtieth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

- 1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered an advance copy of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/60/24) in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.32/Rev.1, concerning the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010.
- 2. The activities related to the implementation of the requests contained in the draft resolution are described in paragraphs 10-13 of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General; paragraphs 14-17 contain information on estimated additional requirements for the biennium 2006-2007.
- 3. The Secretary-General estimates an amount of \$31,200 for administrative support services under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for 2006-2007. In view of the size of the amount involved, the Advisory Committee is of the opinion that it should be absorbed.

4. The Secretary-General indicates that an additional amount of \$223,200 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. The Advisory Committee understands that the Secretariat intends to report on the degree to which additional conference servicing requirements can be absorbed in the context of the consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates to be submitted very shortly. Under the circumstances, the Advisory Committee recommends that conference servicing requirements be considered in the context of the review of the consolidated statement provided for in the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987 regarding the use and operation of the contingency fund.
