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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
recommended by the First Committee (A/31/377, para. 8)

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1. At its 47th meeting, on 13 December 1976, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/67) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/31/377, para. 8).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference to maintain close contact with the representatives of the States possessing nuclear weapons in order to keep currently informed of their respective attitudes, as well as to consider any relevant comments and observations which might be made to it, and, for this purpose, to meet briefly and submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, in accordance with its established procedure.
3. In his statement (A/C.5/31/67), the Secretary-General estimated the financial implications of the draft resolution at \$51,200 on a full-cost basis, covering the conference servicing costs in respect of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference. The statement further indicated that those costs would be reviewed towards the end of the current session of the General Assembly and a report would be made to the Fifth Committee as to how much could be absorbed from within resources in the light of the over-all pattern of conferences for 1977 and how much would be required in net additional appropriations for the biennium 1976-1977.
4. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, introducing the report of that Committee, stated that the Advisory

Committee recommended that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution, documentation and conference services would need to be provided at a cost not exceeding \$51,000, including the cost of services to be provided from already approved resources.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/31/377, para. 8), conference servicing costs not exceeding \$51,000 would be considered by the Assembly in the context of its consideration of the total requirements for the revised calendar of conferences for 1977.
