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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution
recommended by the First Committee (A/33/43, para. 8)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 59th meeting, on 13 December 1978, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/33/83) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/33/436, para. 8).
2. Under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would, inter alia, renew the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference.
3. In his statement the Secretary-General noted that, although no indication had been given in the draft resolution concerning the dates of the sessions which would take place in 1979, it was understood that the Committee would hold two one-week sessions in New York from 9 to 12 April 1979 and from 10 to 14 September 1979.
4. The Secretary-General, in his statement, noted that, for the first session, facilities would be provided for in-session documentation, estimated at 20 original pages, and for summary records in four languages (English, French, Russian and Spanish). For the second meeting, facilities would be provided for in-session documentation, estimated at 25 original pages, summary records, and post-session documentation, estimated at 10 original pages, in four languages (English, French, Russian and Spanish).

5. The Secretary-General estimated that the total cost of the two meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference would amount to \$249,600 all of which related to conference servicing. These costs would, towards the end of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly, be determined through the medium of a consolidated statement of conference servicing requirements at which time a determination would be made regarding the extent to which the cost of conference servicing dealt with in the present document could be met from within the existing resources.
6. At the same meeting of the Committee, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions reported orally that the Advisory Committee recommended that the General Assembly be informed that, should it adopt the draft resolution, there would be no additional appropriation required for the biennium 1978-1979.
7. There was no discussion.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

8. The Fifth Committee decided without objection to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/33/436, para. 8), no additional appropriation would be required for the biennium 1978-1979.
