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REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/33/433, para. 7)

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 by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/33/79) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/33/433, para. 7). In his statement (A/C.5/33/79), the Secretary-General indicated that the financial implications of the draft resolution would amount to \$54,000, comprising \$42,700 for conference servicing and \$11,300 for travel and subsistence costs of the Ad Hoc Panel on Military Budgeting. The statement further indicated that the amount of \$42,700 would be included in the consolidated statement of conference servicing costs to be submitted towards the end of the current session of the General Assembly, but that \$11,300 would be required under section 2 C of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979.
- 2. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made an oral statement in which it was recommended that the Secretary-General absorb the amount requested for the Ad Hoc Panel from within available resources.
- 3. No comments were made by delegations on this item.

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DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee (A/33/433, para. 7), no additional appropriation would be required under section 2 C of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979 and that conference servicing costs not exceeding \$42,700 would arise and would be considered in the context of the consolidated paper of conference servicing costs for 1979 at a later stage.