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NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Financial implications of draft resolution B recommended
by the First Committee (A/6509, para. 16)Report of the Fifth CommitteeRapporteur: Mr. David SILVEIRA da MOTA (Brazil)

1. In accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee considered at its 1148th meeting, on 16 November 1966, the financial implications of draft resolution B recommended by the First Committee (A/6509, para. 16) concerning the convening in 1968 of a conference of non-nuclear weapon Powers on the question of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and the establishment of a preparatory committee therefor. The Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1086) containing a statement of the financial implications.
2. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made an oral report on behalf of that Committee in the course of which he drew attention, among other things, to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965 on the pattern of conferences which lays down that not more than one major special conference of the United Nations shall be scheduled in any one year. Since a few large conferences had already been scheduled for 1968, the question whether and at what time in 1968 the new conference could be fitted into the conference programme for that year was a matter which could only be decided at a later period and in the broader context of available resources and facilities.

3. The Fifth Committee generally endorsed the statement of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee and his observations on the pattern of conferences, and decided without objection to inform the General Assembly that the adoption of the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee would have the following financial implications:

- (a) No additional credits would be called for in the 1967 budget estimates;
- (b) In 1968, the necessary financial provision would have to be made, the extent of which could not be foreseen at the present time owing to:
 - (i) the lack of precise data on the duration, venue, date and agenda of the proposed conference; and
 - (ii) the fact that the recommendations of the proposed committee would have a direct effect on the eventual financial requirements;
- (c) In view of the heavy meetings programme already scheduled for 1968, it would in all probability be necessary to have recourse to temporary assistance for conference servicing. Such requirements on a minimal basis might be expected to cost at least \$30,000 per week in New York.
