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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1970

Thirty-seventh report of the Advisory Committee
on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the
General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has examined a report by the Secretary-General on preparations for the Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, along with an indication of cost estimates for the Conference (A/7823/Rev.2). It will be recalled that such a report was requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 2406 (XXIII) of 16 December 1969; that resolution also specified that the Conference would be held in Geneva at convenient dates in 1971.
2. The Secretary-General reports that the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee, at meetings in August 1969, did not decide upon a final agenda for the Conference, and thus was not able to recommend detailed cost estimates. It expressed the hope, however, that by the time it reconvened in April 1970 these two questions could be resolved.
3. The preliminary cost estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in his report take into account paragraph 2 (b) of resolution 2406 (XXIII), under which he was to provide for a conference "which would fully achieve the objectives stated in General Assembly resolution 2309 (XXII)^{1/} but would be more limited in

^{1/} In this resolution the Assembly, inter-alia, declared that a fourth international conference would be advantageous in promoting the application of atomic energy to peaceful purposes and requested that planning for such a conference be begun.

size and cost than the one held in 1964 and at minimum expense to the United Nations". The estimates are based on a number of assumptions which the Secretary-General has listed in paragraphs 4 and 5 of his report. Among these assumptions are that the Conference would have the same number of agenda items (forty-two) as the Third Conference held in 1964, that the contribution of the International Atomic Energy Agency would be in the same proportion as for the Third Conference, and that there would be a major reduction in requirements for documentation and printing.

4. The Secretary-General's preliminary estimate of costs to be borne by the United Nations amounts to \$932,800, compared with actual expenses of \$947,130 to the United Nations for the Third Conference in 1964. This expenditure would be incurred as follows:

	<u>1970</u> \$	<u>1971</u> \$	<u>1972</u> \$	<u>Total</u> \$
A. Temporary assistance	60,000	100,000	-	160,000
B. Conference servicing staff	-	165,000	-	165,000
C. Travel of staff.	10,000	35,000	-	45,000
D. Public information services.	-	25,000	-	25,000
E. General expenses	-	133,000	-	133,000
F. Hospitality.	-	3,500	-	3,500
G. Documentation.	40,000	87,000	255,000	382,000
H. Headquarters accommodation	<u>6,600</u>	<u>12,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,300</u>
	<u>116,600</u>	<u>561,200</u>	<u>255,000</u>	<u>932,800</u>

5. In its consideration of these figures the Advisory Committee took into account their provisional nature and the fact that - at least in so far as expenditures in 1971 and 1972 are concerned - it would expect to have before it in the course of 1970 more precise estimates, taking into account the recommendations to be made by the Scientific Advisory Committee. It was of the view that on the basis of a further examination it might prove possible to limit the cost of the Conference to the United Nations to about \$750,000

6. As regards the estimates for 1970, the Advisory Committee, while concurring in the Secretary-General's preliminary estimate of \$116,600, would hope that in

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the light of future decisions of the Scientific Advisory Committee actual expenditures could be kept within a ceiling of \$100,000.

7. On this basis, the Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly appropriate an additional amount of \$116,600 under section 2 of the budget for 1970 for preparatory work for the Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.
