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QUESTION OF CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1970

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution B recommended by the First Committee (A/7890, para. 22)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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- 1. At its 1348th meeting, on 11 December 1969, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution B recommended by the First Committee (A/7890, para. 22). The Committee had before it a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1293) and heard an oral report by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
- 2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of part II of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to publicize the report of the Secretary-General of 1 July 1969 on chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons and the effects of their possible use (A/7575) in as many languages as is considered desirable and practicable, making use of the facilities of the United Nations Office of Public Information.
- 3. In his statement the Secretary-General informed the Committee that the report has already been issued for official distribution purposes in English, French, Spanish and Russian, and in popular format as a sales publication. It is his intention to publish additional copies of the report in Arabic, Danish, German,

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Japanese, Portuguese and Swahili at an estimated cost of \$14,300 for translation and printing and to publish ten additional language versions of the twenty-page question and answer booklet entitled "The Dangers of Chemical and Bacteriological (Biological) Weapons" at no extra cost.

- 4. The Advisory Committee concurred in the Secretary-General's estimate and hoped that some revenue might be anticipated should it prove possible to make the report and booklet available as a sales item.
- 5. The Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that, should me it adopt draft resolution B recommended by the First Committee, an additional appropriation of \$14,300 would be required under section 10 of the budget for the financial year 1970.
