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CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1970

Administrative and financial implications of the recommendations
contained in document A/7690

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1308th meeting, held on 21 October 1969, the Fifth Committee, in compliance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1243) on the administrative and financial implications of the recommendations made by the Preparatory Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations in its report (A/7690).
2. The Secretary-General in his statement estimated that an additional appropriation in the amount of \$197,000 would be required. This amount includes the cost of scrolls to be given to staff members who entered the service of the United Nations before or during the year 1946 and are still with the Organization during the commemoration (\$3,000), the costs associated with a commemorative session of the General Assembly (\$130,000), the costs of a cultural event (\$3,000), the costs of public information activities (\$58,000), and the costs of hospitality as a consequence of the various commemorative functions (\$3,000). In addition, the sale of commemorative medallions is expected to yield additional revenue of some \$35,000.

3. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the recommendations of the Committee. While not proposing any reduction in the estimates, the Advisory Committee noted that careful planning of the organization of work of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly and the possibility that Member States which participate in the commemorative session might forego or shorten their contributions to the annual general debate could lead to consequential savings. The Advisory Committee also noted the Secretary-General's assurance that the holding of the world youth assembly will not result in any charge to the regular budget of the United Nations.

4. One representative expressed his delegation's formal reservations in connexion with the proposal to hold a commemorative session.

5. The Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the recommendations contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations (A/7690), an additional appropriation of \$197,000 would be required under a new chapter in section 12 of the budget for the financial year 1970, and that a consequential credit of \$35,000 could be expected under income section 4 of the budget for the financial year 1970.
