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QUESTION OF THE RESERVATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES OF THE  
SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR, AND THE SUBSOIL THEREOF, UNDERLYING THE  
HIGH SEAS BEYOND THE LIMITS OF PRESENT NATIONAL JURISDICTION, AND  
THE USE OF THEIR RESOURCES IN THE INTERESTS OF MANKIND

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1970

Administrative and financial implications of draft resolution C  
recommended by the First Committee in its report (A/7834)

Thirty-fourth 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 the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1276) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution C recommended by the First Committee in its report (A/7834). The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted by the First Committee at its 1709th meeting on 2 December 1969 (A/C.1/L.477 and Add.1-4). As indicated by the Secretary-General, in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution he would be requested to prepare a further study on various types of international machinery, and aspects of such a machinery, having jurisdiction over the peaceful uses of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.
2. The Secretary-General estimates that implementation of this request would require an additional appropriation of \$6,000 under section 3 of the budget for 1970, to provide for the services of consultants to supplement the expertise of the Secretariat.

3. The Advisory Committee recognizes that in such a specialized and complex field as that to be covered by the proposed study it is reasonable to seek consultant advice from outside the United Nations Secretariat. However, it believes that it should be possible to absorb the financial requirements within the level of the over-all provision in the 1970 regular budget for consultant services. Accordingly, it recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution C recommended by the First Committee, no additional appropriation will be required under the budget for 1970.

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