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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1970

Administrative and financial implications of the consensus
reached by the First Committee at its 1716th meeting

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1348th meeting, held 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 the consensus reached by the First Committee at its 1716th meeting. The Committee had before it a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1289) and heard an oral report by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

2. In reaching its consensus, the First Committee expressed the feeling that it would be desirable to issue an updated edition of the volume entitled The United Nations and Disarmament, 1945-1965^{1/} and suggested that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations would be an appropriate occasion for this updating, which should subsequently be undertaken at intervals of five years.

^{1/} United Nations publication, Sales No.: 67.I.9.

3. The Secretary-General in his statement had estimated the cost of updating the English and French editions and of issuing the updated version in Russian and Spanish at \$85,000. Of this amount, \$37,850 would be required under section 3 of the budget and \$47,150 under section 11 of the budget. The Advisory Committee concurred in this estimate, but was not certain that the work could be completed during 1970. Should this prove to be the case the Advisory Committee would expect that any unspent balance of the credit of \$85,000 would be surrendered.
4. One delegation expressed the view that the publication of this document was not necessary and stated that his delegation would not object if it were not published in Russian.
5. The Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that, should it endorse the consensus reached by the First Committee at its 1716th meeting, an additional appropriation of \$85,000 would be required under the budget for the financial year 1970, of which \$37,850 would be required under section 3 and \$47,150 under section 11.