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DIPLOMATIC ASYLUM

Administrative and financial implications of the draft
resolution contained in document A/C.6/L.998

Statement by the Secretary-General submitted in accordance
with rule 153 of the rules of procedure

1. Under the terms of the resolution contained in document A/C.6/L.998, adopted by the Sixth Committee at its 1511th meeting on 2 December 1974, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to prepare and circulate to Member States, before the thirtieth session of the Assembly, a report containing an analysis of the question of diplomatic asylum. The Assembly would also decide to include in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session an item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the Question of Diplomatic Asylum".
2. An oral statement of financial implications was made to the Committee, of which a summary is in A/C.6/SR.1511.
3. It is understood that the report will contain some 300 pages. Were a report of this magnitude to be translated under contract, the related cost of translation and reproduction would be approximately \$50,000. However, since paragraph 3 of the draft resolution would include the Question of Diplomatic Asylum as an item in the provisional agenda of the thirtieth session of the Assembly, the related report would form part of the Assembly documentation for which appropriations have been included in the programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975. Therefore, the Secretary-General is not at this stage requesting an additional appropriation for this purpose but draws the attention of the Fifth Committee to the inevitable impact which reports of this magnitude are bound to have on the capacity and resources of the Secretariat in connexion with its regular programme of pre-session documentation.
