UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT
BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1970

Part V. Technical programmes

Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolutions contained in the reports of the Second Committee (A/7774, para. 9, draft resolution II; A/7777, para. 8, draft resolution III)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1331st meeting, on 20 November 1969, the Fifth Committee considered document A/C.5/1260, in which the Secretary-General informed it of the changes which will have to be made in the form of the draft resolution on budget appropriations for the financial year 1970 if the General Assembly adopts two draft resolutions approved by the Second Committee at its 1275th meeting 1/ and at its 1282nd meeting. 2/ The Fifth Committee also had before it the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/7776). The first of these draft resolutions would have the General Assembly decide "to maintain the separate section in part V of the United Nations budget for the needs of technical assistance in industrial development". The second would have

1/ A/7774, para. 9, draft resolution II.
2/ A/7777, para. 8, draft resolution III.

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the General Assembly approve "the application of the programming and budgetary procedures contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1434 (XLVII) to the United Nations technical co-operation activities other than industrial development, which is provided for under part V (Technical programmes) of the United Nations budget".

2. The Advisory Committee, in its report (A/7776), recalled that, in its fifteenth report to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session, it had submitted its observations on the advantages of consolidating the credits under part V of the budget within one section. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee expressed the view that the present proposal, namely, that the appropriations for the regular programme of technical co-operation in economic development, social development, public administration, human rights advisory services and narcotic drugs control be covered by one section of the budget, was a step in the direction recommended.

3. As regards the procedural aspects of the proposals, the Advisory Committee cited the passage in its fifteenth report to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session which drew "attention to the importance of maintaining the division of functions and of competence between the Main Committees of the General Assembly... if a Main Committee is of the opinion that a given activity within its field of competence can best be served by a particular budgetary presentation, the matter should be brought to the attention of the Fifth Committee by means of a recommendation from the Committee concerned. The Fifth Committee can then discuss the budgetary aspects of the matter and recommend action by the General Assembly in the light of over-all budgetary considerations". The Advisory Committee then went on to restate the view that that "approach should be adhered to, in order to maintain the sound budgetary procedures which are so important to the Organization". In an oral statement, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee drew the Fifth Committee's attention to the two points in its report.


4/ Ibid., para. 8.

5/ Ibid.
4. In the course of discussion, some delegations expressed the view that United Nations technical assistance programmes should be exclusively financed from voluntary contributions. As a consequence, they favoured the suppression of part V of the budget in its entirety. A number of delegations, however, stated their support for the inclusion of part V in the budget. Some of these delegations said that they would not have opposed an increase of the budgetary allocation for technical programmes. Some delegations drew the attention of the Fifth Committee to the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 1426 (XLVI), which requested "substantially increased resources for the consultative and technical services related to the exploration and utilization of natural resources".

5. With regard to the draft resolutions adopted by the Second Committee, a number of delegations were of the opinion that all the credits under part V of the budget should be consolidated within one section, as this arrangement would permit a greater degree of flexibility in the implementation of the technical programmes. Some of these delegations expressed their support for the views of the Advisory Committee, as contained in paragraph 3 above. Several delegations stated their preference for the division of part V in two sections, as recommended in the draft resolutions adopted by the Second Committee.

6. The Fifth Committee decided to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt the two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee, part V of the 1970 budget would accordingly comprise two sections: section 13 for the technical programmes in the fields of economic development, social development, public administration, human rights advisory services and narcotic drugs control, and section 14 for the industrial development programme.