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QUESTION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1968

Financial implications of the proposal in the draft resolution contained in document A/L.540 and Add.1

Report of the Fifth Committee

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On 15 December 1967, at its 1227th meeting, the Fifth Committee considered 1. a report by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1159) and an oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on the financial implications of the proposal in the draft resolution contained in document A/L.540 and Add.1. 2. Operative paragraph 2 of the aforementioned draft resolution requests the United Nations Council for South West Africa to fulfil by every available means the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly. The Secretary-General in his supplementary estimates for the financial year $1967^{\frac{1}{2}}$ sought and obtained approval for an additional appropriation to meet the costs in that year arising as a consequence of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2248 (S-V) as it related to the appointment of an initial complement of staff to assist the Acting Commissioner in the performance of his task. No similar provision has been made in the Secretary-General's budget for 1968. 3. The Secretary-General, in his note contained in document A/6930, proposed that the Legal Counsel continue as Acting Commissioner until the General Assembly appoints a Commissioner. Therefore, no additional provision is required at this time.

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4. The requirements for the Acting Commissioner's supporting staff comprise a principal officer (D-1), a senior officer (P-5), a first officer (P-4), an associate officer (P-2) and three general service staff. The related costs under sections 3, 4 and 5 are estimated at \$128,000. Income from staff assessment would amount to \$19,000.

5. One representative reserved his delegation's position with regard to the proposed expenditure.

6. The Committee decided without objection to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/L.540 and Add.1, an additional appropriation for 1968 in the amount of \$128,000 would be required, apportioned as follows:

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Section 3:	Chapter	III	95,000
Section 4:			30,000
Section 5:	Chapter	III	3,000
			128,000

Income from staff assessment, under income section 1, was estimated at \$19,000. Under operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution contained in 7. document A/L.540 and Add.1, the General Assembly would request the Security Council to take effective steps to enable the United Nations to fulfil the responsibilities it has assumed with respect to South West Africa, and under operative paragraph 8 the Assembly would further request the Security Council to take all appropriate measures to enable the United Nations Council for South West Africa to discharge fully the functions and responsibilities entrusted to it by the General Assembly. The Secretary-General is unable, at this stage, to provide an estimate of any costs which might arise as a consequence of further action to be undertaken by the Security Council in accordance with the terms of the draft resolution or by the United Nations Council for South West Africa. In the event, therefore, that any expenditures arise in this regard, it would be his intention to submit estimates of the costs involved to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at the appropriate time.
