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**Chairman: Mr. Pote SARASIN (Thailand).**

*In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. M. I. Botha (Union of South Africa), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.*

**Financial implications of draft resolutions adopted by other Committees of the General Assembly:**

**(a) Draft resolution submitted by the Sixth Committee concerning agenda item 65\* (A/2869, A/C.5/618, A/C.6/L.346) (concluded)**

1. The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the Advisory Committee's recommendation (A/2869) that the limit on advances to be made from the Working Capital Fund for financing the United Nations share of the costs of the international technical conference on the conservation of the living resources of the sea, should be set at \$15,000.

*The recommendation was adopted by 26 votes to 5.*

**(b) Draft resolution submitted by the Fourth Committee concerning agenda items 35\*\* and 52\*\*\* (A/C.4/L.388, A/C.5/621)**

2. The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the Advisory Committee's recommendation that a token amount of \$50,000 should be provided under a new chapter III, Special visiting mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland of section 4 of the 1955 budget estimates (A/C.5/621).

*The recommendation was adopted by 30 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

**AGENDA ITEM 38**

**Budget estimates for the financial year 1955  
(continued)**

**Draft resolution relating to the Working Capital Fund (A/2688)**

3. Mr. CHECHYOTKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) felt that the draft resolution relating to

\* Economic development of fisheries and question of fishery conservation and regulation.

\*\* The Togoland unification problem.

\*\*\* The future of the Trust Territory of Togoland under United Kingdom trusteeship.

the Working Capital Fund (A/2688, page 16) deserved to be studied more carefully. Year after year it was proposed that the balance of surplus account not already applied against Members' assessments should be transferred to the Working Capital Fund. His delegation considered such a step unjustified. As a result of the measures which the Secretary-General had taken or was going to take for the reorganization of the Secretariat, the actual expenditure for 1954 and the estimated expenditure for 1955 were already less than for preceding years; moreover, it was improbable that any request for a considerable loan would be submitted by the specialized agencies in 1955; lastly, the position with regard to the payment of contributions had improved. The USSR delegation therefore formally proposed that paragraph 1 (b) of the draft resolution should be deleted.

4. Mr. ANDERSEN (Secretariat) said that, in the Secretary-General's opinion, it was important to maintain the Working Capital Fund at the level laid down in the draft resolution (A/2688, p. 16). In fact, the Secretary-General had sometimes been obliged to delay certain payments in order to avoid exhausting the Working Capital Fund. The situation had been better in 1954 but the Secretary-General felt that one year's experience was too short a period to justify an immediate reduction of the Working Capital Fund. Although the situation with regard to the payment of contributions had improved and continued to be satisfactory, it was nevertheless not so good as it had been at the same time in 1953.

5. The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the USSR proposal that paragraph 1 (b) of the draft resolution relating to the Working Capital Fund (A/2688) should be deleted.

*The USSR proposal was rejected by 28 votes to 5, with 1 abstention.*

6. The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the draft resolution relating to the Working Capital Fund, submitted by the Advisory Committee (A/2688).

*The draft resolution was adopted by 30 votes to 5.*

**Second reading (A/C.5/602, A/C.5/614/Rev.1, A/C.5/615)**

7. In reply to a question by Mr. HALL (United States of America) the CHAIRMAN explained that the figures in document A/C.5/614/Rev.1 were final except for the sum of \$565,200 given under section 1 in annex A of that document. That estimate included an appropriation for the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the United Nations in 1955 (A/2864).

8. Mr. HALL (United States of America) thought it preferable to wait until the Committee had taken a decision concerning the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the United Nations before putting the total estimate to the vote.

9. The CHAIRMAN agreed. He would accordingly ask the Committee to vote on the appropriation of \$402,700 for section 1, General Assembly, Commissions and Committees.

10. In reply to a question by Mr. CHECHYOTKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) Mr. ANDERSEN (Secretariat) explained that the appropriation for a Special Indemnity Fund was shown in paragraph 2 (ii) of annex B of document A/C.5/614/Rev.1.

*The estimate of \$402,700 for section 1 was adopted on second reading by 34 votes to 5, with 1 abstention.*

*The retention of section 2 was approved on second reading unanimously.*

*The estimate of \$143,100 for section 3 was adopted by 34 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$27,200 for section 3a was adopted by 35 votes to none, with 5 abstentions on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$101,700 for section 3b was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$100,000 for section 4 was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$1,776,100 for section 5 was adopted by 35 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$484,000 for section 5a was adopted by 33 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$2,117,050 for section 5 was adopted by 33 votes to 6 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$76,650 for section 6a was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$657,300 for section 7 was adopted by 34 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$109,200 for section 7a was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$3,687,000 for section 8 was adopted by 35 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$859,200 for section 9 was adopted by 33 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$2,534,000 for section 10 was adopted by 33 votes to 5 on second reading.*

11. Mr. HALL (United States of America) said that his delegation would abstain in the vote on section 10a Visitors' Service, for it considered that the present system was quite satisfactory and that there was no need to change it. He would like to be given the assurance that the numbering of that section did not prejudice the position of the Visitors' Service in the organization of the Secretariat. It was of course a matter for the Secretary-General, but the United States delegation did not wish the fact of budgetary numbering to prevent the assignment of the unit to the Office of General Services rather than to the Department of Public Information. Pending the decision of the Secretary-General it would be better for the Visitors' Service to be placed in a new section 35 if this numbering would be prejudicial.

12. Mr. ANDERSEN (Secretariat) explained that the section, Visitors' Service, was numbered 10a in the budget estimates for 1955 because it was closely linked with the Department of Public Information. The numbering did not prejudice the position of the Visitors' Service within the Secretariat. The matter would be settled by the Secretary-General.

13. Mr. HALL (United States of America) asked for an assurance that the Secretary-General would not interpret the vote on section 10a as implying that the General Assembly preferred the Visitors' Service to be attached to the Department of Public Information.

14. Mr. ANDERSEN (Secretariat) gave that assurance.

*The estimate of \$290,000 for section 10a was adopted by 39 votes to none, with one abstention, on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$6,236,800 for section 11 was adopted by 35 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$489,000 for section 11a was adopted by 34 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$2,976,150 for section 12 was adopted by 34 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$510,000 for section 13 was adopted by 35 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$987,500 for section 14 was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$3,437,400 for section 15 was adopted by 35 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$3,625,000 for section 16 was adopted by 34 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$171,600 for section 17 was adopted by 34 votes to 5 on second reading.*

15. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the telegram and letter the President of the Permanent Central Opium Board (PCOB) had sent to the Secretary-General pointing out the difficulties which would be caused by the abolition of the post of Deputy Secretary of the Board (A/C.5/602, A/C.5/615). If the Committee reversed its decision it would be necessary to increase the estimate approved for section 18, at the first reading by \$11,000 (\$4,732,300 instead of \$4,721,300).

16. Mr. LE CANNELIER (France) felt strongly that the post of Deputy Secretary should be retained, for the Secretariat of the Board carried out a highly important task. It should not be forgotten that the Board was to undertake some preparatory work which was essential if the 1953 Protocol<sup>1</sup> was to be applied as soon as it entered into force.

17. The French delegation proposed that the post should be retained temporarily and that the Secretary-General should be authorized to appropriate the necessary sum for the salary of the Deputy Secretary under section 18, chapter I (iii), Temporary assistance, which would make it unnecessary to change the appropriation approved at the first reading.

18. Mr. BIHIN (Belgium) said that the Belgian delegation shared the opinion of the French delegation on that point and supported the French proposal.

19. Mr. CHECHYOTKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) recalled that the Committee had already taken decisions concerning the remuneration of members of the Permanent Central Opium Board and the Supervisory Body, in view of the work they had to perform between sessions. In his opinion there was no justification for the retention of the post of Deputy Secretary of the Board.

<sup>1</sup> See *United Nations Opium Conference Protocol and Final Act signed at New York, 23 June 1953*, United Nations Publications, Sales No.: 1953.XI.6.

20. Mr. DONS (Norway) thought that the Committee could scarcely ask the Secretary-General to save \$11,000 from chapter I in order to pay the salary of the Deputy Secretary of the Board. He proposed that the Committee should increase the appropriation approved at the first reading by \$11,000.

21. Mr. ANDERSEN (Secretariat) said that, if the Committee adopted the French proposal, the Secretary-General would try to meet the necessary expenditure from the appropriation under chapter I, and that if necessary, he would ask the Advisory Committee for authorization to exceed that appropriation. At all events, the Secretary-General could not at that stage undertake to save \$11,000 under chapter I.

22. Mr. LE CANNELIER (France) said that in view of the explanations just given he would withdraw his proposal and support the Norwegian proposal.

*The Norwegian proposal was rejected by 16 votes to 14, with 9 abstentions.*

23. M. BIHIN (Belgium) reintroduced, on behalf of his own delegation, the French proposal that the post of Deputy Secretary of the Board should be retained temporarily and that the Secretary-General should be authorized to appropriate the sum necessary for the salary under chapter I (iii), Temporary assistance.

*The proposal was adopted by 17 votes to 10, with 12 abstentions.*

*The estimate of \$4,721,300 for section 18 was adopted by 33 votes to 5 on second reading.*

24. Mr. LIVERAN (Israel) (Rapporteur) presumed that the Secretary-General would inform the President of the Board of the decision just taken by the Committee.

*It was so decided.*

*The estimate of \$685,000 for section 19 was adopted by 34 votes to 5, with 1 abstention, on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$905,100 for section 20 was adopted by 35 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$1,152,800 for section 21 was adopted by 34 votes to 5, with 1 abstention, on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$970,700 for section 22 was adopted by 34 votes to 5, with 1 abstention, on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$20,000 for section 23 was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$50,000 for section 23a was adopted by 33 votes to 5, with 2 abstentions, on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$716,100 for section 24 was adopted by 34 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$700,000 for section 25 was adopted by 35 votes to 5 on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$386,700 for section 26 was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$479,400 for section 27 was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$768,00 for section 28 was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$145,000 for section 29 was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$649,500 for section 30 was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$2 million for section 31 was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$117,600 for section 32 was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The estimate of \$600,450 for section 33 was adopted unanimously on second reading.*

*The global reduction of \$3,000 in section 34 was approved unanimously on second reading.*

*The total estimate of \$46,863,800 was adopted on second reading by 35 votes to 5.*

25. The CHAIRMAN put to the vote the revised total estimate of \$6,832,600 for miscellaneous income for 1955 (A/C.5/614/Rev.1, annex B).

*The estimate of \$6,832,600 was adopted by 36 votes to 5 on second reading.*

The meeting rose at 12.25 p.m.