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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

(Memorandum by the Secretary-General)

1. The Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union has not found it possible to comply with the request that specialized agencies should transmit their budgets or budgetary estimates for 1951 by 1 July 1950.
2. It appears that the text of Article 12 of ITU's Financial Regulations is partly responsible for this, since it prescribes that:

"In accordance with Article 5 of the Convention, the Administrative Council shall, during its ordinary session, approve each year the draft budget submitted by the Secretary-General. After approval by the Council, the budget shall be sent for information to all the Members and Associate Members of the Union, and to the United Nations."

3. Following the text of this regulation, the Budget is forwarded to the United Nations after its approval by the annual session of ITU's Administrative Council, which generally meets every year at the end of the month of August.
4. In the annex to the present document a summary of ITU's amended budget for 1950 is given. Attention is also drawn to the report of ITU to the United Nations, as circulated to the Economic and Social Council. In addition, it is believed that the Advisory Committee will be interested in the following administrative questions which were examined by ITU's Administrative Council during its 1949 session:

- (i) A proposal to establish a working capital fund was debated but no final action was taken by the Council, which postponed the question until the 1950 session.
- (ii) The ITU adopted a pension plan which differs considerably from the one adopted by the United Nations. There appears to be no intention at

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this stage of having ITU join the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

- (iii) The salary rates at present in force for ITU staff were fixed by the Atlantic City Conference and cannot be amended until the 1952 Conference at Buenos Aires. A report submitted to the Administrative Council by the Personnel Committee stated that in any revision of salary rates "the results of the inquiry by the United Nations should be taken into account" (i.e., the report of the Expert Committee on Salary, Allowance and Leave Systems).
- (iv) The question of local staff was debated, and the Council accepted a series of proposals tending to bring ITU's temporary staff under conditions of employment similar to those of the United Nations. ITU participated in a working party of the United Nations and specialized agencies on the local staff classification and rates in Geneva.
- (v) The Council had before it a letter from the United Nations drawing attention to and enumerating the benefits of the ECOSOC plan whereby annual meetings of specialized agencies would be held in the first six months of each year. The minutes of the Council's plenary session record no discussion of this point, although informal exchange of views appears to have taken place. Since no final conclusion could be reached, it was agreed that the fifth session of the Administrative Council would open in Geneva on 21 August 1950. This question has been included in the agenda of the current year's session of the Council.
- (vi) The Council discussed the question of premises for the Secretariat of the ITU and agreed that ITU's Secretary-General should continue to study the problem. There would be an effort to obtain additional space at the Maison des Congrès, where the ITU already has some offices.

ANNEX

AMENDED BUDGET 1950  
(All figures in US dollars)

Part I. ORDINARY BUDGET

General position

Estimates on the basis of the income and expenditure for the first half of 1950 indicate the following general position:

ORDINARY BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
<u>Amended budget</u>		<u>Amended budget</u>	
Credit balance brought forward from 1949	<u>72,716</u>	Administrative Council	37,383
Contributory shares for 1950		General Secretariat	446,028
743 units at 1 228		I.F.R.B.*	229,720
762 units at 1 228	935,586	C.C.I.F.**	88,602
Unforeseen	1,511	C.C.I.T.***	18,505
		C.C.I.R.****	<u>97,663</u>
	<u>1,009,813</u>		917,901
Interest	<u>58,411</u>	Interest	<u>42,056</u>
		Balance to be carried forward to 1951	<u>959,957</u>
	<u><u>1,068,224</u></u>		<u><u>108,267</u></u>
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\* International Frequency Registration Board

\*\* International Telephone Consultative Committee

\*\*\* International Telegraph Consultative Committee

\*\*\*\* International Radio Consultative Committee

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Part II. EXTRAORDINARY BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
<u>Amended budget</u>		<u>Amended budget</u>
Contributory shares to be borne by all Members of the I.T.U.	345,327	Provisional Frequency Board (P.F.B.) 116,822
	<u>345,327</u>	Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conf. 228,505
Contributory shares to be borne by participants in conferences and meetings	335,213	<u>345,327</u>
	<u>335,213</u>	C.C.I.F. sundry meetings North Africa, Paris, Brussels and Geneva 7,409
		RHF Technical Plan Committee, Florence 19,393
		High Frequency Broadcasting Conference, Florence/Rapallo 280,374*
		C.C.I.R. sundry meetings 23,364
		C.C.I.T. sundry meetings 4,673
		<u>335,213</u>

\*If the Conference is over by the end of July, the original budget estimates should be retained, viz. 290,421.

Should it be concluded on 12 August, add 24,416.  
" " " " 26 August, " 51,402.  
" " " " 9 September, " 78,738.

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### Part III. PRINTED MATTER BUDGET

On 1 January a special department was set up to deal with printed matter in order to obtain greater efficiency in this sphere.

The printed matter budget is not very greatly changed. At the end of June, the expenditure is about \$17,523 more than receipts on account of the heavy commitments which are not yet offset by the receipts from sale of documents. This budget will probably show an expenditure surplus of about \$58,411 due mainly to the fact that the work was begun in 1950 on the 19th edition of the Official List of Telegraph Offices, which will mean an expenditure of about \$35,047 whereas there will be no receipts before 1951. The notifications and circulars, which are sent free to Members under Council Regulation 86, will cause a deficit that may be assessed at \$11,682.

Of the publications originally planned for 1950, the following have been postponed, on account of insufficiency of data:

Carte schématique des voies de communications télégraphiques internationales.

Liste des voies de communications télégraphiques internationales.

On the other hand we expect to publish the following documents for which there were no estimates in the original budget:

Map of land stations open to public correspondence with aircraft.

List of radiolocation stations.

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