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Statement of Financial Implications Submitted
by the Secretary-General

1. The programme of work adopted by the Commission includes a substantial number of new or expanded projects for the implementation of which additional staff will be required. Provision for additional staff in accordance with the requirements forecast by the Executive Secretary has been included by the Secretary-General in the budget estimates for 1957 to cover anticipated expenditure on all projects with the exception of the requirements for the study of timber trends and prospects in Asia and the Far East (11-06)^{1/}
2. The study of timber trends in Asia and the Far East is part of a global project undertaken by FAO in conjunction with the regional commissions. Country experts are being appointed by FAO to cover almost all countries in the ECAFE region and their reports are expected to be completed early in 1957. These country studies will be utilised to present an integrated picture for the region as a whole, and this will involve work by general economic experts as well as by experts in forestry and forest production.
3. The Commission has agreed that this study is important and useful, and has favoured participation in the study by the ECAFE Secretariat. The Report of the Commission, however, notes that the scope of ECAFE participation "would depend on the availability of staff and finances"^{2/}

^{1/} E/2821, Annex VII, p. 55.

^{2/} E/2821, Paragraph 250.

4. If this study is to be undertaken by ECAFE in 1957 it will be necessary to engage a consultant to serve as editor and over-all co-ordinator in Bangkok and also to provide an experienced economic expert to assist him. Since considerable computational work is likely to be involved, a General Service computer-typist will be needed. One secretary will also be required.

5. On these assumptions the following additional expenditure would be necessary in 1957:

1) Two professional officers (P.5 and P.4) for 12 months each including recruitment and common staff costs:	\$ 24,500
ii) Two General Service members (at grade GS-7):	5,000
iii) Travel in the region for the two professional officers and for other ECAFE staff members helping in the study:	6,000
iv) Printing (half share with FAO)	2,500
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<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$ 38,000</u>