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Agenda item 50

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1961

System of travel and subsistence allowances to members of
organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. The question of the rates of subsistence allowance for members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations was considered at the 766th meeting of the Fifth Committee on 11 October 1960. This sub-item originated in a request made by the Committee at the previous session.^{1/}

2. The reports presented by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/813) and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions^{2/} contained the following suggestions for adjusting the daily rates of allowance currently in force (Headquarters, New York, \$25; Geneva and other meeting places away from Headquarters, \$20):

	<u>Headquarters, New York</u>	<u>Geneva</u>	<u>Other meeting places</u>
Rates suggested by Secretary-General	\$35	\$25	\$25
Rates suggested by Advisory Committee	\$30	\$23	Rate variable at the discretion of the Secretary-General, within a maximum of the Geneva rate of \$23 a day.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Fifth Committee, 759th meeting.

2/ Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/4408), paras. 324-330.

3. The cost of the adjustments was estimated for 1961 at \$36,700 under the Secretary-General's suggestion, and at \$19,000 under those of the Advisory Committee.

4. There was general agreement in the Committee that an increase in rates was overdue; they had remained unchanged for ten years, and the sole question for decision was the amount of increase to be recommended to the General Assembly. The Committee considered that rates should be fixed which, while adequately meeting the requisite standards of accommodation and subsistence, would in no way suggest a lavish use of United Nations funds. Most members felt that, when judged by that criterion, the suggestions of the Advisory Committee were preferable.

5. The Committee unanimously approved the suggestions of the Advisory Committee.^{3/}

Recommendation of the Committee

6. The Fifth Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

^{3/} Ibid., paras. 326-329.

SYSTEM OF TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES TO MEMBERS OF ORGANS
AND SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The General Assembly,

Confirming the principles that govern the payment out of United Nations funds of travel and subsistence expenses to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, as set forth in its resolution 1075 (XI) of 7 December 1956,

Taking note, however, of the increases in subsistence costs that have occurred since the rates of subsistence allowance were established in its resolution 459 (V) of 1 December 1950,

1. Decides that, with effect from 1 January 1961, subsistence allowance shall be payable to eligible members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations at the following daily rates:

(a) While attending meetings at Headquarters, New York..... \$30

(b) While attending meetings in Geneva, the equivalent

in local currency of \$23

(c) While attending meetings at other places, a rate

to be fixed by the Secretary-General and not to exceed the

equivalent in local currency of \$23

2. Decides to maintain the subsistence allowance of \$10 per day of attendance payable to eligible members whose duty station is also the place of the meeting, as well as the allowance of \$8 a day payable during periods of travel aboard vessels, trains and airplanes;

3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to establish such administrative rules and procedures as are necessary for the implementation of the present resolution.
