



Twentieth session

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1964*

Seventh report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its twentieth session

1. In its eighth report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session (A/5787) the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions submitted its recommendations on the Secretary-General's report on the supplementary estimates for the financial year 1964 (A/5747 and Corr.1 and 2).
2. In his report the Secretary-General estimated revised total requirements for 1964 at \$103,816,460, an increase of \$2,488,860 over the \$101,327,600 appropriation for 1964 voted by the General Assembly at its eighteenth session in resolution 1984 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963. The Secretary-General also estimated an increase of \$356,000 in income other than from staff assessment, and an increase of \$350,000 in income from staff assessment, for a total revised estimate of income from all sources for 1964 in the amount of \$15,892,800. This estimate compared with a total income of \$15,186,800 approved by the General Assembly under the terms of the above resolution.
3. In reviewing the supplementary estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/5747 and Corr.1 and 2, the Advisory Committee recommended^{1/} a reduction of \$150,000 in the additional credits requested, and also recommended approval of the revised income estimates as presented by the Secretary-General. The special circumstances which prevailed during the nineteenth session prevented the General Assembly from taking up these recommendations.

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^{1/} A/5787, paras. 23 and 25.

4. The current report of the Secretary-General on the supplementary estimates for 1964 (A/5948) indicates that actual obligations and expenditures amounted to \$102,948,977, or \$867,483 less than his revised estimates and \$717,483 less than the total appropriation recommended by the Advisory Committee. Additionally, actual income amounted to \$16,124,838, an increase of \$938,038 in the estimate of \$15,186,800 originally approved by the General Assembly for 1964.
5. The Advisory Committee has reviewed the information contained in the Secretary-General's report (A/5948), and examined the more significant variations between the actual obligations and expenditures and the supplementary estimates recommended by the Committee for 1964 in document A/5787. Recognizing that the General Assembly was unable to consider the revised appropriations for 1964, the Committee feels bound to refer to its observations in the aforementioned report on certain sections of the supplementary budget estimates. In particular, it would draw attention to its comments on sections 3 and 4, concerning the difficulties of recruiting the required number of professional staff approved for 1964. The Secretary-General's report^{2/} more than confirms the Committee's judgement of the recruitment difficulties and records that savings of some \$398,000 were realized under these two sections as a result, to a large extent, of a somewhat less accelerated rate of recruitment to the professional establishment than had been anticipated for the last months of 1964. The Committee would also draw attention to its general comments in paragraph 9 of its report (A/5787).
6. These comments notwithstanding, the Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly should approve the expenditure and income figures submitted by the Secretary-General for 1964 in the amounts of \$102,948,977 and \$16,124,838 respectively, and adopt the draft resolutions contained in annex III to document A/5948.
7. In this connexion, the Advisory Committee notes from the Secretary-General's report and from the report of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations and its Trust Funds and Special Accounts for 1964,^{3/} that the additional credits

^{2/} A/5948, paras. 8 and 9.

^{3/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/6006), para. 4.

required for 1964 have been charged to the amount available in the surplus account as at 31 December 1964, and that it will not, therefore, be necessary to levy any direct assessment on Member States in respect of the additional appropriation required, should the General Assembly approve these additional credits for 1964.
