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Report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Statement of Financial Implications submitted by the Secretary-General  
in accordance with Rule 33 of the rules of procedure of the  
Economic and Social Council

1. The Secretary-General draws to the Council's attention paragraph 24 of document E/1619 reviewing the implications of the revised Statute in terms of the new and extended duties laid upon the Secretariat.
2. So far as concerns the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General considers it would be necessary for the first year to strengthen the existing staff of two professional officers, two secretaries and one clerk by a senior officer (grade 16) and a secretary. This provision should be made from the time that the Council wishes the revised arrangements to come into effect. The gross annual cost of the salaries of these two posts is \$12,120.<sup>1/</sup> Should the Council decide, in the light of resolution 175 (VII) that the implementation of the revised Statute is a matter of urgency and should come into force in the current financial year, the posts would need to be provided forthwith and the proportionate cost during 1950 is \$9,090. The sum the Secretary-General would endeavour to absorb within his existing budget.
3. Should the Council however decide that the implementation of the revised Statute can come into operation on 1 January 1951, the Secretary-General will make provision for the annual cost of these posts in his 1951 budget estimates and there would then be no financial implication under this heading during 1950.

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1/ A sum of \$2,310 would be recoverable under the Staff Assessment Plan.

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4. It is impossible at this stage to forecast the burden which will fall on the various divisions of the Departments of Economic Affairs and Social Affairs. The Secretary-General will, however, keep close observation on this point and will include any adjustments of staff which might be required in subsequent years in his annual budget estimates.

5. It is also impossible to forecast the increased burden on the technical services of translation and reproduction of documents and on the servicing of meetings. It may be anticipated, however, that the increase in the amount of documents processed by these services will be gradual. For the meantime, therefore, the Secretary-General would try to absorb the increase within current appropriations.

It is also anticipated that additional meetings of the Council Non-Governmental Organizations Committee during 1950 could be so scheduled during the year that the costs involved could be absorbed.

The Secretary-General would make appropriate provision under these headings for succeeding years in the budget estimates of the year concerned in the light of the experience gained.

6. As regards "facilities for assisting Non-Governmental Organizations in their consultative work" (para. 22, E/1619), the Secretary-General notes that these are to be provided "within his resources and his administrative discretion".

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