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UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland

Financial implications of the conclusions of the report of  
the Fourth Committee (A/1550)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. In accordance with rule 152 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and with the request of the President in his letter dated 21 November 1950 (A/C.5/415), the Fifth Committee, at its 270th meeting held on 28 November 1950, considered the financial implications of the recommendation of the Fourth Committee (A/1550) that the General Assembly approve the draft Trusteeship Agreement and Declaration of Constitutional Principles as contained in document A/1294.\*
2. The Fifth Committee had before it a report by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/406) giving estimates as to the budgetary provision required in 1951 for servicing the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, and the twentieth report of 1950 of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/1552), which had considered these estimates following reference to it of the Secretary-General's report.
3. The Secretary-General estimated that, on the basis of 1950 expenditures, with allowance, however, for additional expenses of field trips throughout Somaliland as planned by the Council, budgetary requirements for the Advisory Council would amount in 1951 to a total of \$192,000, against which there would

\* See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 10.  
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be offsetting revenue under the Staff Assessment Plan amounting to \$8,000. The Secretary-General also informed the Fifth Committee in his report that negotiations had been carried out in 1950 with the Administering Authority with a view to obtaining reimbursement for expenses incurred by the United Nations in connexion with staff and services provided to the Advisory Council. The Italian Government, however, would not agree to such reimbursement, on the grounds that it had no control over the expenditures of the Council. In these circumstances and in order to maintain the independent character of the Advisory Council, the Secretary-General proposed that the negotiations for reimbursement by the Italian Government be considered as closed.

4. The view was expressed by the Advisory Committee that certain savings should be possible with respect both to temporary assistance and to the provision requested for travel and subsistence of members of the Council and of staff. On the basis of its observations on these items the Advisory Committee recommended an appropriation of \$162,000 under chapter VIII of section 5 of the 1951 budget, representing a reduction of \$30,000 on the provision requested by the Secretary-General. The Advisory Committee further recommended that the question of seeking reimbursement from the Administering Authority should be given further consideration, since substantial services were being rendered through the Advisory Council to a non-member of the United Nations.

5. The Fifth Committee was informed that the Secretary-General was unable to concur in the total reduction proposed by the Advisory Committee, and that a global cut of \$10,000 in the estimates as originally submitted represented the maximum which, in his opinion, could safely be made. In addition to the views of the Advisory Committee and the Secretary-General, the Committee heard a statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Council for Somaliland, in the course of which maintenance of the proposed provision for travel and subsistence was requested. The Chairman of the Advisory Council also proposed, at the Council's request, that consideration be given by the General Assembly to the erection of a building in the centre of Mogadiscio for use by the Council. Although the matter had not been examined in detail, he believed that a suitable building could be provided at a cost of approximately \$30,000. The Fifth Committee agreed that this latter proposal should be referred to the Advisory Committee for examination

and report, if possible, during the current session of the General Assembly.

6. A number of delegations having expressed their concurrence in the observations of the Advisory Committee concerning the desirability of continuing negotiations with the Italian Government for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the United Nations for staff and services rendered to the Advisory Council, the Fifth Committee was assured by the Secretary-General's representative that further efforts in this direction would be undertaken.

7. On being put to the vote, the Secretary-General's request, as supported by several delegations, for an appropriation of \$182,000 under chapter VIII of section 5 of the 1951 budget was rejected by 19 votes to 12, with no abstentions. A proposal by the representative of the United Kingdom that an appropriation of \$175,000 be approved was then accepted by 25 votes to 12, with 3 abstentions.

8. The Fifth Committee therefore decided to inform the General Assembly that adoption of the proposal of the Fourth Committee with reference to Somaliland would require budgetary provision in 1951 in the amount of \$175,000.

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