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United Nations Mission to India-Pakistan

Twenty-sixth report of 1950 of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered a report by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/417) submitting estimates in respect of the United Nations Mission to India-Pakistan during 1951.
2. The 'cease fire' agreement (S/1100) accepted by the Governments of India and Pakistan in December 1948 provides in part I that "in its discretion and as the Commission (for India and Pakistan) may find practicable, the Commission will appoint military observers who, under the authority of the Commission and with the co-operation of both Commands, will supervise the observance of the cease-fire order". On 5 January 1949, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to provide for the designation of an adequate number of military observers for this purpose (S/1196, paragraph 17). At its 470th meeting on 14 March 1950, the Security Council adopted a resolution (S/1469) providing, inter alia, that the Governments of India and Pakistan should be requested "to take all necessary precautions to ensure that their agreements regarding the 'cease-fire' shall continue to be faithfully observed." In view of the fact that the Security Council has taken no action to modify the above resolution and that the problem is still before the Council, the Secretary-General considers it necessary to propose continuing provision during 1951 for the organization established for the observance of the 'cease-fire' agreements, which remain in force.
3. On this basis, the estimated expenditure in 1951 for the United Nations Mission to India-Pakistan (\$626,800) is \$87,000 less than the 1950 appropriation of \$713,900 for the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan.

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4. Travelling and subsistence expenses for 59 military observers and auxiliary personnel (\$338,500) constitute the largest single item in the estimates, and the Advisory Committee considers the average of \$1,750 (the rate applied for round trips from Headquarters) to be unnecessarily high for the 55 round trips of the observers. A reduction of 10 per cent on the item for travel expenses is recommended.

5. As regards the subsistence allowances for staff members, the Advisory Committee notes that the proposed rate of \$12.50 for staff with dependents and \$9.50 for staff without dependents exceeds the rates proposed or approved for six other missions in the field. The position is shown in the following comparative table:

<u>Mission</u>	<u>Staff with dependents</u> <u>Dollars (US)</u>	<u>Staff without dependents</u> <u>Dollars (US)</u>
Office of the United Nations Commissioner in Eritrea	8	5
United Nations Commission for Indonesia	9.50	6.50
Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland	10	7
United Nations Special Committee on the Balkans	9.50	6.50
United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea	11.50	8.50
Office of the United Nations Commissioner in Libya	9.50*	6.50*
United Nations Mission to India-Pakistan	12.50	9.50

The Committee recommends that the rate proposed for the India-Pakistan Mission, which appears unduly liberal, should be scaled down, after the completion of six months' service, by 20 per cent, with a consequent reduction of approximately \$7,500.

* The substitution, after the completion of one year's service, of a post allowance of \$150 and \$100 per month is proposed for staff members with and without dependents respectively.

6. The total amount actually expended or appropriated for the Commission for India and Pakistan during the years 1948 to 1950 is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Dollars (US)</u>
1948 (actual expenses)	231,300
1949 " "	679,500
1950 (appropriation)	<u>713,900</u>
Total	<u>1,624,700</u>

7. The effect of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 above is to reduce the estimates by about \$17,000. Further savings of smaller dimensions should accrue on the items for temporary assistance, local transport and miscellaneous expenses. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends for approval an appropriation of \$600,000 under section 5, chapter II, of the 1951 budget, representing a reduction of \$26,800 in the figure submitted.

8. The salaries of the internationally recruited staff members of the Mission and of the temporary replacement staff at Headquarters are gross, and the off-setting revenue in respect of contributions under the Staff Assessment Plan is estimated at \$16,500.
