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Revised estimates for section 5, special missions and related activities

United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine  
United Nations Conciliation Commission in Palestine

Estimates for section 5a, United Nations Field Service

Twenty-eighth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and  
Budgetary Questions to the eleventh session of the General Assembly

Section 5, special missions and related activities

1. In document A/C.5/680 the Secretary-General has reported to the following effect on the 1957 requirements for the two Palestine missions - the Truce Supervision Organization and the Conciliation Commission:

(a) The estimates for 1957, if based on the situation prevailing in October 1956, and on the assumption that expenditure will continue during the coming year at the same rate and according to the same pattern, would amount to \$82,000 in the case of the Conciliation Commission, and \$1,190,800 in that of the Truce Supervision Organization, or a total of \$1,272,800. For comparison, the revised 1956 appropriations amounted to \$1,207,900, and actual 1955 expenses to \$699,439;

(b) In fact, however, there is at present no adequate basis on which to submit detailed and firm estimates, nor does the Secretary-General expect to be in a position to make such estimates during 1956.

2. Accordingly the Secretary-General proposes:

(a) That, as a basis for action on the 1957 budget, a global amount of \$1 million should be included in section 5, to cover provisionally the 1957 requirements of the two missions; and

(b) That a further report should be presented to the Advisory Committee in the course of 1957.

3. The Advisory Committee agrees with this proposal and recommends that, as regards the Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine and the Conciliation Commission for Palestine, an amount of \$1 million should be appropriated; on the above provisional basis, in section 5 of the 1957 budget, on the understanding (a) that any adjustments in the provision which subsequent developments may necessitate will be reported to the Advisory Committee by June 1957; and (b) that the funds approved for these two missions shall not be available for expenditure under other chapters of section 5.

4. The total of the revised estimates proposed by the Secretary-General in respect of section 5 is \$1,810,000, or \$185,000 above the figure provisionally entered<sup>1/</sup> in his original budget estimates for 1957 (A/3126, pp. 10 and 11).<sup>2/</sup>

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5. In his initial estimates for section 5a, the United Nations Field Service, (A/3126, pp. 11 and 12)<sup>2/</sup> the Secretary-General submitted a tentative figure of \$768,700, subject to possible review in the light of decisions to be taken by the General Assembly or the Security Council on the size and scope of the various special missions and special activities for 1957.

6. The Advisory Committee is now informed that this provisional figure represents, in the Secretary-General's opinion, as accurate an estimate of 1957 requirements for the Field Service as can be made at the present moment. Accordingly, while recommending an appropriation of \$768,700 for section 5a of the 1957 budget, the Committee proposes, in the course of its summer session of 1957, to review the 1957 requirements for the Field Service.

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<sup>1/</sup> The initial figure of \$1,625,000 included \$150,000 as a firm estimate for the United Nations Advisory Council for Somaliland under Italian administration. The balance of \$1,475,000 represented a global token provision for the remaining missions under section 5.

<sup>2/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 5.

ANNEX I

Notes on the special missions considered in the present report

I. The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine

The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine was established by General Assembly resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948. The second operative paragraph of that resolution reads:

"[The General Assembly]

"2. Establishes a Conciliation Commission consisting of three States Members of the United Nations which shall have the following functions:

"(a) To assume, in so far as it considers necessary in existing circumstances, the functions given to the United Nations Mediator on Palestine by resolution 186 (S-2) of the General Assembly of 14 May 1948;

"(b) To carry out the specific functions and directives given to it by the present resolution and such additional functions and directives as may be given to it by the General Assembly or by the Security Council;

"(c) To undertake, upon the request of the Security Council, any of the functions now assigned to the United Nations Mediator on Palestine or to the United Nations Truce Commission by resolutions of the Security Council; upon such request to the Conciliation Commission by the Security Council with respect to all the remaining functions of the United Nations Mediator on Palestine under Security Council resolutions, the office of the Mediator shall be terminated."

By resolution 394 (V) of 14 December 1950, the General Assembly directed the Conciliation Commission "to establish an office which, under the direction of the Commission, shall:

"(a) Make such arrangements as it may consider necessary for the assessment and payment of compensation in pursuance of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III);

"(b) Work out such arrangements as may be practicable for the implementation of the other objectives of paragraph 11 of the said resolution;

"(c) Continue consultations with the parties concerned regarding measures for the protection of the rights, property and interests of the refugees."

In January 1952 (resolution 512 (VI)), the General Assembly expressed the view "that the Conciliation Commission for Palestine should continue its efforts to secure the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly on Palestine and accordingly should be available to the parties to assist them in reaching agreement on outstanding questions."

II. The United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine

By a resolution of 11 August 1949 (S/1376) the Security Council, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General "to arrange for the continued service of such of the personnel of the present Truce Supervision Organization as may be required in observing and maintaining the cease-fire, and as may be necessary in assisting the parties to the Armistice Agreements in the supervision of the application and observance of the terms of those Agreements."

## ANNEX II

The following table shows, in respect of the two missions covered by the present report, (a) the amounts expended in each year to 1955; (b) the amounts appropriated for 1956; and (c) the global amount proposed by the Secretary-General, on a provisional basis, for 1957.

	1947-1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine	-	3,141,332 <sup>b/</sup>	789,557 <sup>b/</sup>	778,416 <sup>b/</sup>	737,742 <sup>b/</sup>	38,059	50,074	64,152	92,900 <sup>c/</sup>	1,000,000 <sup>d/</sup>	5,692,232 1,000,000
United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine	-	-	-	-	-	456,921	591,112	635,287	1,115,000 <sup>c/</sup>	-	2,798,320
United Nations Special Committee on Palestine; United Nations Commission on Palestine; United Nations Truce Commission for Palestine	4,051,772 <sup>a/</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,051,772
										Grand total	\$13,542,324

a/ Aggregate expenditure for predecessor organizations, including a truce observation group.

b/ Inclusive of costs incurred in respect of the Truce Observation Organization.

c/ Revised figure proposed by the Secretary-General for 1956 (A/3207) and recommended for approval by the Fifth Committee at its 536th meeting on 21 November 1956.

d/ Provisional global estimate for the two missions (see A/C.5/680, paragraphs 2 and 5).