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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1955

Budgetary arrangements for the payment of indemnities

Thirty-third report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the ninth session of the General Assembly

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report which the Secretary-General has submitted on budgetary arrangements for the payment of indemnities (A/C.5/607).
2. Indemnity payments as defined in that report fall into two categories. As regards the first category, which comprises payments made under the Staff Regulations and the Staff Rules (staff regulations 9.3, 9.3(b) and staff rule 109.3), the Secretary-General proposes that provision should continue to be made in the annual budget of the United Nations. The Advisory Committee concurs in the Secretary-General's proposal.
3. The second category comprises payments arising out of awards of compensation made by the Administrative Tribunal. For reasons indicated in paragraph 6 of his report the Secretary-General proposes the establishment of a special indemnity fund, out of which payment would be made of any compensation awarded by the Administrative Tribunal to staff members of the United Nations. No other payments would be made out of the fund.
4. The Advisory Committee agrees that such a fund may offer some advantage in obviating any wide variation between the amounts appropriated annually in respect of common staff costs and those actually expended. The Committee recommends, however, that the fund should be established in the first instance on an experimental basis and be subject to review at the end of two years. A draft resolution to give effect to these recommendations is attached as an annex to the present report.

ANNEX

Draft resolution

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. As from 1 January 1955 there shall be established a Special Indemnity Fund;
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of article 7 of General Assembly resolution 359 (IV) of 10 December 1949 and the provisions of financial regulations 6.1 and 7.1, the Secretary-General is authorized to transfer to the Fund from the income from staff assessment, as a first charge against such income, on 1 January 1955 an amount of \$250,000 and on 1 January 1956 such amount as will, when added to the balance remaining in the Fund on that date, bring the credit in the Fund up to an amount of \$250,000;
3. The Secretary-General is authorized to charge against the Fund all payments to staff members of the United Nations arising out of awards of compensation made in accordance with its Statute by the Administrative Tribunal.
