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Chairman: The Maharaja Jam Saheb of NAWANAGAR (India).

Financial implications of the draft resolution on agenda item 20 (a), proposed by the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee (A/C.5/446)

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the Secretary-General's report (A/C.5/446) on the financial implications of the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee's draft resolution (A/1724) on the question of an international régime for the Jerusalem area and protection of the Holy Places.
2. Mr. AGHNIDES (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) submitted orally the Advisory Committee's report.
3. The Advisory Committee was glad to note from the Secretary-General's report that the principles adopted by the General Assembly (resolution 231 (III)) regarding the *per diem* to be paid to members of the new body to be set up by the General Assembly had been respected.
4. The Advisory Committee approved the estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and recommended an appropriation of \$25,600 under section 5, chapter V, and an appropriation of \$5,000 under section 25, chapter V.
5. Mr. KAHANY (Israel) recalled that his delegation had voted against the draft resolution adopted by the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee. That decision would delay the solution of a problem which could have been solved satisfactorily if the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee had adopted another draft resolution submitted to it, on which, however, it had not had an opportunity to reach a decision. He thought, moreover, that the work entrusted to the new body had already been carried out.
6. He would therefore vote against any appropriations for that purpose.

7. Mr. FOURIE (Union of South Africa), Rapporteur, replying to a question from Mr. BRENNAN (Australia), stated that, although the Committee had approved the budget at the previous meeting, it would be possible, if the Committee would accept that procedure, to incorporate the appropriations for the implementation of other Committees' decisions, the financial implications of which had been submitted to the Fifth Committee in accordance with rule 152 of the rules of procedure.

The Advisory Committee's recommendations for appropriations totalling \$30,600 were adopted by 30 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions.

Financial implications of draft resolutions A and B on agenda item 21 (a) and (b), proposed by the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee (A/1728, A/C.5/447)

8. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the members of the Committee to the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/447) and of the Advisory Committee (A/1728) with respect to the proposed United Nations arbitral tribunal for Libya, and pointed out that the latter had recommended a reduction of \$4,000 in the item referring to the travel and subsistence of internationally recruited personnel.

The Advisory Committee's recommendation was adopted by 34 votes to 4, with 1 abstention.

9. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Rapporteur should be authorized to inform the President of the General Assembly directly of the decisions the Fifth Committee had just taken.

It was so decided.

Adoption of the Rapporteur's draft reports (A/C.5/L.105, A/C.5/L.107)

10. The CHAIRMAN congratulated the Rapporteur on the impartial way he had drawn up his reports on the salary, allowance and leave system of the United Nations (A/C.5/L.105) and the budget estimates for the financial year 1951 (A/C.5/L.107). He proposed that the members of the Committee should transmit any corrections which they wished to make in those reports directly to the Rapporteur.

11. Mr. DE COMMINES (France) stated that his delegation, together with others, intended to submit to the General Assembly an amendment to the provisions of paragraph 4, concerning the frequency of home leave, of the draft resolution included in the Committee's report on the salary, allowance and leave system of the United Nations.

The Rapporteur's draft report (A/C.5/L.105) was adopted.

12. At the request of Lord CROOK (United Kingdom), the CHAIRMAN put to the vote the total gross budget estimates for the financial year 1951, amounting to \$47,798,600.

The budget estimates as a whole were adopted by 34 votes to 1, with 5 abstentions.

13. Mr. BRENNAN (Australia) said he had voted against the total budget estimates because he objected to the appropriation of \$1,750,000 for the holding of the sixth session of the General Assembly in Europe.

14. The CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the figure of \$6,521,000 for miscellaneous income.

The Chairman's proposal was adopted.

15. Mr. FOURIE (Union of South Africa), Rapporteur, pointed out that a draft report by the Committee

on its decision to postpone examination of the permanent staff regulations was in preparation.¹

Termination of the Committee's work

16. Mr. FOURIE (Union of South Africa), Rapporteur, thanked the members of the Bureau of Finance and the Secretary of the Committee for the assistance they had given him.

17. Lord CROOK (United Kingdom) paid a warm tribute to the Chairman.

18. Miss WITTEVEEN (Netherlands), Mr. HALL (United States of America), Mr. Amjad ALI (Pakistan), Mr. MELAS (Greece), Mr. DE COMMINES (France), Mr. MACHADO (Brazil), Mr. FENAUX (Belgium) and Mr. ASHA (Syria) associated themselves with the tribute paid to the Chairman by the United Kingdom representative, and congratulated and thanked the other officers of the Committee, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, and the Secretariat, who had assisted the Committee in its work.

19. The CHAIRMAN thanked all the members of the Secretariat, of all ranks, who had taken part in the Committee's work, and also the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, his fellow-officers and all the members of the Committee.

20. Mr. AGHNIDES (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) thanked the Chairman and the members of the Committee. He apologized for the somewhat brusque frankness with which he had spoken at times and thanked all those who had assisted the Advisory Committee in its work.

The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.

¹ The report was issued later as document A/1731.