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Financial implications of the draft resolutions proposed
by the Third Committee (A/1118)

Twenty-sixth report of 1949 of the Advisory Committee
on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. In accordance with a decision taken by the Fifth Committee at its 227th meeting on 22 November 1949, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/357) on the financial implications of the draft resolutions proposed by the Third Committee (A/1118).
2. The Committee notes that, inasmuch as the date set in the draft resolution for the establishment of the High Commissioner's Office is 1 January 1951, the Secretary-General does not anticipate the need for an appropriation for 1950 on that account. Should unforeseen circumstances call for special preparatory work during the latter part of 1950, the Advisory Committee would be prepared to concur in the transfer of funds between sections of the budget, or, at need, in an advance from the Working Capital Fund.
3. As regards the tentative estimate of expenditure during 1951 in respect of the High Commissioner's Office, the Committee notes that the Secretary-General has had regard to the observations made in its previous report on this subject (A/1059) and that, in view of the definition of functions recommended by the Third Committee, the original estimate is reduced from \$750,000 to \$400,000. The submission of precise figures at the present time is, of course, impossible. When, however, events can be foreseen more clearly, budget estimates will be prepared in consultation with the Advisory Committee, prior to the fifth regular session of the General Assembly.