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ADVISORY SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by resolution 58(I) adopted on 14 December 1946, authorized the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Economic and Social Council, to make provision, with the co-operation of the specialized agencies where appropriate, for the continuance of advisory functions in the field of social welfare carried on by UNRRA. In the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to the Social Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the measures taken in compliance with the resolution. This has been done regularly.

2. At its fourth session, the Social Commission, having studied the Secretary-General's reports* on the implementation of resolution 58(I), recommended to the Economic and Social Council that the advisory social welfare services be placed on a continuing basis, rather than on the present year-to-year basis.

3. At its ninth session, the Economic and Social Council after discussing the recommendations of the Social Commission**, adopted on 23 July 1949 the following resolution (243 (IX)):

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having noted the studies and conclusions of the Secretary-General and the views of the Social Commission with respect to the programme of advisory social welfare services, from which it is evident that this programme is rendering useful and needed services to Governments,

"Recognizing that the advisory social welfare services are being maintained on a year-to-year basis only, but believing that they should now be placed on a continuing basis,

"Recommends that the Social Commission continue to appraise the effectiveness of the services in assisting countries in developing their necessary social welfare services, and report to the Council thereon;

* E/CN.5/109, E/CN.5/109/Add.1 and E/CN.5/110.

** E/1369.

"Commends the efforts of the Secretary-General in obtaining financial participation on the part of recipient countries and requests the Secretary-General to implement his plans to increase such participation;

"Recommends that the General Assembly adopt the following resolution:

"The General Assembly

"1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to place on a continuing basis, rather than on the present year-to-year basis, the advisory social welfare services originally authorized by resolution 58 (I);

"2. Directs the Secretary-General:

- (i) To include an amount for these services in the budget of the United Nations in the future;
- (ii) For 1950, to continue this work at approximately the same level of expenditure on the part of the United Nations as in 1949.
