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TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN SECTIONS: 1950

(Note by the Secretary-General)

In accordance with paragraph 4 (IV) of the appropriation resolution (resolution 356 (IV)), concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is requested for the transfer of funds between Sections as follows:

| | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
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| Section 5 | 43,000 | |
| Section 10 | | 141,310 |
| Section 11 | | 28,710 |
| Section 25 (c) Technical Assistance Adm. | 127,020 | |
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1. Printing Proceedings United Nations Conference on Conservation and Utilization of Resources.....(Section 5: + 43,000)

The additional funds required in this section relate to additional costs of printing the proceedings of the United Nations Scientific Conference on Conservation and Utilization of Resources. This Conference, organized under the auspices of the United Nations to discuss a broad range of technical subjects of general interest to Governments of Member States, was held during the summer of 1949 at Lake Success.

The appropriation for 1949 made a provision for printing the technical papers presented to the Conference as well as the records of the discussion which followed. Document A/566, budget estimates for 1949, included an item of \$41,000 to cover the cost of "printing the records of the Conference, 858 text pages in two languages."

It was realized early in 1949 that it would not be possible to complete this project in 1949; therefore an amount of \$9,000 was included in the budget

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estimates for 1950 to complete the printing necessitated by this Conference and by the World Road Conference. Less printing was accomplished in 1949 than was anticipated when the 1950 estimates were prepared, also, review of the total requirements now shows that the printing costs involved will exceed the original estimate.

It is contemplated to publish a separate volume covering the proceedings of the plenary meetings, and a volume including the technical papers presented and the discussion which took place in each of the six sections, as well as an index volume, in both English and French. It is estimated that a total of approximately 2,800 pages per language is involved against the 858 pages estimated two years ago. Instead of approximately 250 to 300 papers that were anticipated in 1948 when the budget estimates were prepared, a total of approximately 550 papers actually were presented to the Conference.

It is intended to publish in 1950 volume I (Plenary Meetings), six volumes covering the six technical sections, and one index volume in English, as well as volume I (Plenary Meetings) in French. The six sectional volumes and the index volume in French would then be published during 1951.

The cost of the volume containing the proceedings of the plenary meetings in English can be absorbed by the existing provision in the 1950 budget. Total costs to complete the printing programme as outlined above for 1950, are estimated as follows:

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| Six sectional volumes - English (covering the subjects discussed in the six technical sections) - total pages, 2,200 | \$41,300 |
| One index volume - English - 100 pages | 2,740 |
| One volume - French - 500 pages (Proceedings of the Plenary Meetings) | <u>9,780</u> |
| Total... | \$53,820 |

These costs are based on prices in New York. An endeavour will be made to print all volumes abroad, in order to benefit from lower printing costs. If this is possible, it is estimated that the total costs can be reduced by approximately 20 per cent, reducing the total to \$43,000.

A report summarizing the activities of the United Nations Scientific Conference on Conservation and Utilization of Resources was submitted to the

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Economic and Social Council at its tenth session by the Secretary-General (document E/1579 dated 28 December 1949). The discussion that took place in the Economic and Social Council reflected the considerable interest shown by the various members of the Council. During the discussion in the 349th meeting (13 February 1950), the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs announced that the plenary volume in English was being published, which would be followed by the records of the sectional meetings. The French edition would be published later. The Assistant Secretary-General also announced that any additional expenses involved could be covered without asking for additional credits. Therefore, the Secretary-General is prepared to effect the necessary savings in section 10 (Department of Economic Affairs) of the budget for 1950 and proposes to transfer the amount of \$43,000 from that section to section 5.

The printing costs of the remaining seven volumes of the French edition have been included in the budget estimates for 1951. The total cost of printing six sectional volumes and one index volume is estimated at \$35,870. This figure is based on average prices quoted recently in the European markets.

2. Establishment of Technical Assistance Administration
(Section 25 (c) + 127,020)

The increase shown for section 25 (c) is the estimated cost of six months' expenditures from appropriated funds for the Technical Assistance Administration.

The Secretary-General, upon examination of the three main technical programmes now assigned to the Secretariat, - namely, the programme of technical assistance for economic development of under-developed countries (General Assembly resolution 200 (III)), the social welfare advisory functions (General Assembly resolution 58 (I)) and assistance to Member States in the field of public administration (General Assembly resolution 246 (III)), proposes to establish a new office which will be responsible for all the operational aspects of the various programmes.

Therefore, the Secretary-General has included in the budget estimates for 1951 provision for a new organizational unit, the Technical Assistance Administration, to deal in a co-ordinated way with the programmes involved.

The Secretary-General is anxious to effect this organizational adjustment on 1 July 1950 or as soon thereafter as practicable, in view of the inauguration of the expanded programme for technical assistance. He consequently requests

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the concurrence of the Advisory Committee to transfer funds up to the amounts shown.

Of the forty posts requested in 1951 to form a nucleus staff for the new unit, thirty-nine posts are to be transferred from the Departments of Economic Affairs and Social Affairs. Accordingly, credits should be transferred from sections 10 and 11 (Department of Economic and Social Affairs).

It is estimated that six months' salary costs of twenty-seven posts to be transferred from the Department of Economic Affairs would amount to \$91,310. The twenty-seven posts comprise twenty-two posts attached to the Division of Economic Stability and Development as a separate Technical Assistance Section (document A/903, page 70), and five posts forming the Public Administration Unit (A/903, page 159). In addition, provision for other expenses at \$7,000 should be allocated to the new unit. The total for six months, therefore, is \$98,310 from section 10.

It is estimated that six months' salary costs related to twelve posts to be transferred from the Department of Social Affairs would amount to \$27,810. The twelve posts involved are engaged in the operational aspects of the social welfare advisory functions. In addition, provision for other expenses at a total of \$900 should be allocated to the new unit. The total for six months is thus \$28,710 from section 11.

Should the transfer be accomplished at a date later than 1 July, the amounts to be transferred would be reduced proportionately.
