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Reporting of payments to Experts and Consultants

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Advisory Committee in its report to the General Assembly on the Budget Estimates for 1948 (A/336, paragraph 90) requested that there should be submitted to the General Assembly with the annual accounts each year a schedule of payments to Experts and Consultants during the year covered by the accounts. Such a schedule has been submitted as Annex A to the accounts of each year since that time.
2. It is respectfully requested that the Committee reconsider this matter in the light of subsequent developments, particularly in view of the considerations set forth hereunder. As an alternative, it is suggested that the objectives of the Committee may be attained by the presentation of a schedule annually to the Committee rather than to the General Assembly, and the restriction of the items to be included in the schedule to payments where a fixed minimum amount is paid to any one person. It is suggested that such a minimum might be established at \$1,000.
3. The attention of the Committee is invited to the following considerations:
 - (a) Since the time when the original request was made, more effective controls have been established over the employment of consultants, requiring in all cases the approval of the Assistant Secretary-General for Administrative and Financial Services.
 - (b) The comprehensive listing as now furnished involves the reporting of a considerable volume of comparatively insignificant items.
 - (c) The furnishing of the listing with the annual accounts entails increased printing costs for the annual report.
 - (d) With the inception of the Technical Assistance Programme for Economic Development, which will to a large extent be implemented through the employment of experts and consultants, the volume of items will undoubtedly increase substantially, and result in being a lengthy annex to the accounts.

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4. If the Committee concurs in the proposal in paragraph 2 above, it is recommended that immediate effect be given to the change in procedure, and that no comprehensive listing of all payments be submitted with the Annual Accounts for the year 1949.
