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Financial Estimate prepared by the Secretary-General in
accordance with Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure of the
Economic and Social Council

1. The recommendations and resolutions adopted by the Economic and Employment Commission at its fourth session are found in document E/1356. If the estimates for 1950 submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly are approved, it is believed that the activities requested by the Economic and Employment Commission in its report can be carried out as far as collection of data and analyses by the Division of Economic Stability and Development is concerned. These estimates provide for five additional professional and one clerical posts in that Division in 1950, exclusive of costs related to the technical assistance programme under General Assembly resolution 200(III). Additional expenditure might be required as shown in paragraph 3(d) below, if the Commission's recommendations with respect to the use of outside experts are approved by the Council. The Commission also discussed various measures with respect to the problems of economic development and economic stability and full employment on which it made no recommendations to the Council. In the event the Council takes action on any of these measures, supplementary financial estimates might be required in connection with the Commission's report.

2. The Commission's recommendation concerning its relations with the Population Commission. (Paragraphs 10 and 11 and Annex A of the Report).

The Commission resolved that normally it would not be necessary

for its representative to attend the sessions of the Population Commission and that the Secretary-General should keep the Commission informed of the work of the Population Commission.

Savings in 1950 if the representative of the Commission does not attend the 1950 session of the Population Commission are estimated at \$1,400. Reporting to the Commission on the work of the Population Commission will not involve additional costs.

3. Recommendation to abolish the Sub-Commission on Economic Stability and Full Employment and the Sub-Commission on Economic Development. (Paragraph 54 of the Report).

(a) This recommendation of the Commission is accompanied by further recommendations that to assist the Commission in its work the Secretariat should be strengthened, if necessary:

(i) by additions to its staff, and

(ii) by ad hoc groups of experts and by individual experts who would report to the Commission in their own name.

(b) The savings arising from the abolition of the Sub-Commissions would amount according to the 1950 budget to approximately \$22,000. This amount is based on estimated costs of one session of each Sub-Commission in 1950 and include travel and per diem of members of the two Sub-Commissions, local transportation and printing of the reports of the Sub-Commissions.

(c) The Commission indicated the need for adequate reports and analyses from the Secretariat and for continuation of the studies and analyses undertaken by the Secretariat for the Sub-Commissions (paragraphs 55(e), 59(b), 47 and Annex F of the Report). This programme of work already underway or planned by the Secretariat for 1950 arises out of the terms of reference of the Commission, its Sub-Commissions and the instructions of the Commission to the

Sub-Commissions approved by the Council. No additions to the staff in connection with this work will be required now or in 1950 beyond those included in the 1950 budget estimate.

(d) With respect to ad hoc groups of experts and individual experts, it is considered that provisions might be made for an equivalent of two meetings of ad hoc groups of experts in 1950. These meetings will be devoted to consideration of the problems in the general fields of economic development and economic stability. A more specific description of the topics to be considered by such ad hoc groups of experts will be decided in the light of the Council's action on the specific studies proposed by the Commission in Annex F of the Report and in the light of any further action by the next session of the Commission. The cost of two such sessions is estimated at \$31,150, arrived at as follows:

Assuming two <u>ad hoc</u> groups comprising ten experts in all from Asia and the Far East, from Europe, from Latin America and from North America, the travel expenses would be	\$8,400
The fees payable to such a group for a period of 20 working days at the rate of \$40 per day per member, would amount to	8,000
Insofar as per diem is concerned, this would amount to	3,750
<u>Local transportation</u>	1,000
<u>Printing</u> (two reports in two languages)	<u>10,000</u>
Cost of one month sessions of two groups of experts	\$31,150

In order to obtain "a great degree of flexibility in methods of consultation" desired by the Commission (paragraph 54(e) of the Report), this financial provision should enable the Secretariat to seek most suitable arrangements for expert consultations. Thus, depending upon the nature of a specific topic, arrangements could be

made for individual experts, groups of experts of less than five, or for meeting for a period shorter than a month, etc.

4. Recommendation for a report from the Secretary-General on arrangements that would be conducive to international co-operation in utilizing excess productive capacity for development projects, and the measures necessary to implement such arrangements. (Paragraphs 33 and Annex E of the Report.)
This recommendation will not require any additional expenditures.
5. Special studies designed to serve as a basis for concrete recommendations on measures to increase, mobilize and canalise savings towards the purposes of economic development. (Paragraph 35 and Annex F of the Commission's report.)

Taking cognizance of the studies in the field of economic development already underway, the Commission proposes four additional specific studies on the basis of which it could make suggestions for practical action. Since some aspects of these studies are already being studied by the Secretariat, re-arrangements in priorities of its work programme will enable the Secretariat to make available to the Commission in 1950 some of the materials it seeks without additions to the staff provided in the 1950 budget. Additional analyses and suggestions for action could be provided through expert consultations. The financial implications of the latter were discussed in paragraph 3(d) above.

6. Studies in the field of Economic Stability and Full Employment (Paragraph 47 of the Report).

The Commission felt that studies of the type included under the terms of reference of the Sub-Commission on Economic Stability and Full Employment and studies to be made of prevailing economic conditions should be continued. However, in view of the recommended re-organisation of the preparatory work suggested in its report, the

Commission felt that it would not specify the form and type of studies to be undertaken leaving the planning of this work to the Secretary-General. As pointed out in paragraph 3(b) above, the programme of work carried on now by the Secretariat in connection with the instructions of the Commission to the Sub-Commission on Employment and Economic Stability will continue and so will the work on world economic conditions and trends under the resolutions of the general Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. The provisions made in the 1950 budget estimate should meet the requirements indicated in the Commission's report.

7. Recommendation that the Secretary-General give particular emphasis to analyses of conditions and trends in his surveys of the world economic situation (Paragraph 51 of the Report).

The 1950 budget contains adequate provision to meet requirements of the Commission.

8. Recommendations on the frequency of meetings of the Commission. (Paragraphs 69(a) and 51 of the Report).

The Commission recommended that it should meet a few weeks before each session of the Economic and Social Council. The cost of the Commission's session of two weeks in 1950 is estimated in the 1950 budget at \$14,110. On the assumption that the Council meets twice a year, the additional cost of the second session of the Commission in 1950 is estimated at \$14,110.

The Commission also recommended that arrangements be made for special sessions of the Commission should the world economic situation indicate that they are warranted. Provision for such special sessions in 1949 and 1950 has financial implications estimated at \$14,110 for each session.

9. SUMMARY

a. Savings from non-attendance of the session of the Population Commission by the Commission's representative.	\$400
b. Savings from abolition of Sub-Commissions on Economic Stability and Full Employment and Economic Development. (cost of two annual sessions)	\$22,000
c. Cost of two meetings of <u>ad hoc</u> groups of experts.	<u>\$31,150</u>
Net additional cost excluding provision for any further sessions of the Commission.	<u>\$8,750</u>
d. Cost of one two-week session of the Commission.	<u>\$14,110</u>