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Revised Estimates for Sections 18 and 19

Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees

(Note by the Secretary-General)

1. In General Assembly resolution A/RES/398 of 9 November 1956, the Secretary-General was requested to call upon the High Commissioner for Refugees to consult with other appropriate international agencies and interested Governments with a view to making speedy and effective arrangements for emergency assistance to refugees from Hungary. Accordingly, in a telegram dated 11 November 1956, the Secretary-General requested the Deputy High Commissioner to take action under this resolution and to assume immediate responsibility for co-ordinating emergency assistance to refugees from Hungary.
2. In resolution A/RES/409, of 21 November 1956, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to continue their efforts and urged Governments and non-governmental organizations to make contributions to the Secretary-General, to the High Commissioner or to other appropriate agencies for the care and resettlement of Hungarian refugees, and to co-ordinate their aid programmes in consultation with the Office of the High Commissioner. The resolution also requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to make an immediate appeal to both Governments and non-governmental organizations to meet the minimum present needs as estimated in the report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees to the Secretary-General (A/3371, Corr.1, and Add.1) and authorized them to make subsequent appeals on the basis of plans and estimates made by the High Commissioner with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund.

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3. The Third Committee of the General Assembly, in a resolution (contained in document A/C.3/L.510/Rev.1) adopted on 29 November 1956, requested the High Commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary-General and with the governments concerned, to develop a comprehensive assessment of the needs, both material and financial, of the Hungarian refugees, to be submitted to the UNREF Executive Committee for its approval at the earliest possible date,
4. As of this date, more than 110,000 refugees from Hungary have arrived in Austria and the influx at present is approximately 3,000 per day. The High Commissioner estimates that about 75% of these refugees from Hungary will stay in Europe and will belong for a given period to the category of unsettled refugees. The additional responsibilities assigned to the High Commissioner will cause the workload of the Office to increase beyond the capacity of the establishment provided for under Section 19 of the Secretary-General's budget estimates for the financial year 1957 (A/3126).
5. In the light of the above considerations the Secretary-General estimates that the present establishment of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees will have to be strengthened as follows:

Headquarters Office in Geneva

- (a) One second and one associate officer to assist the Country Desk Officer responsible for Austria and Germany, plus one secretary at level 5 of the General Service category.
- (b) Two secretaries at level 4 to provide needed assistance to Country Desk Officers for France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and other countries in Europe.
- (c) One secretary at level 4 and one Registry Clerk at level 3 to help cope with the increased correspondence with Governments and voluntary agencies and with the dissemination of official information.

Branch Offices

- (d) Vienna: One associate officer, one computer at local level 6, two secretaries at local level 3, and one driver at local level 1.
- (e) Bonn: One secretary at local level 3.
- (f) Rome: One secretary at local level 3.
- (g) Salzburg (new sub-office): One second officer, one secretary at local level 3, and one driver at local level 1.

6. In addition to the above-listed posts which would be carried under temporary assistance in 1957, it will be necessary to provide for related expenses, including common staff costs, overtime, travel on official business, common services and equipment (typewriters, calculating machines, one car for Vienna and one car for Salzburg). The costs in respect of these requirements as they affect Section 19, are itemized below:

	<u>Headquarters Office</u> \$	<u>Franch Offices</u> \$	<u>Total</u> \$
Temporary assistance	29,300	23,900	53,200
Overtime	200	500	700
Travel on official business	5,000	4,000	9,000
Common staff costs	-	4,700	4,700
Common services	-	8,800	8,800
Permanent equipment	-	5,100	5,100
	<u>34,500</u>	<u>47,000</u>	<u>81,500</u>

Income from staff assessment is estimated at \$4,600.

7. In accordance with existing practice, the common staff costs and common services in respect of the Headquarters Office, estimated at \$5,700 and \$6,200 respectively, would fall under Section 18, the European Office of the United Nations.

8. To meet the costs outlined above, the Secretary-General proposes an additional provision in the 1957 budget of \$11,900 under Section 18, and of \$81,500 under Section 19.

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