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Financial implications of the draft resolution adopted by the Fourth Committee (A/C.4/L.507, draft resolution III)

Note by the Secretary-General

- 1. The present note is submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
- 2. The draft resolution (A/C.4/L.507, draft resolution III) proposed by the Fourth Committee at its 693rd meeting, if adopted by the General Assembly, would invite the Secretary-General to prepare a summary of certain matters affecting Article 73 e of the Charter and establish a six-member Committee to examine this summary.
- 3. On the understanding that the summary would have a scope similar to studies previously undertaken and taking into account the existence in 1952 of the Ad Hoc Committee on Factors and the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs, the Secretariat would undertake to produce a paper after the end of the current session of the General Assembly. Such a paper would require careful preparation but the work could be undertaken by existing staff.
- 4. The Secretary-General anticipates that the Committee would have to meet at Headquarters for a period of approximately two weeks. As a committee of government representatives, travel and subsistence expenditures for its members would not be paid by the United Nations. The Committee would, however, require the normal services of the Secretariat for both substantive and technical purposes. The two reports required, it is believed, would 57-31301

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together not exceed fifty printed pages; the estimated cost of their production in five languages is \$3,400.

5. Since the whole question of determining an over-all conference pattern and programme for Headquarters and the European Office as well as the question of documentation are currently under consideration, the Secretary-General believes that it would be premature to submit estimates in regard to any additional meetings or services costs for 1958.