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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1959

Revised estimates for sections 1, 6, 7, 8, 12, 16 and 17 resulting  
from decisions of the Economic and Social Council

(Report of the Secretary-General)

1. The present report deals with action taken by the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions that necessitates revisions in the Secretary-General's budget estimates for 1959.<sup>1/</sup> The additional requirements are estimated for 1959 at a total of \$523,600. As regards the decision (taken at the twenty-fifth session) to establish an Economic Commission for Africa, the related estimate of \$500,000 for 1959 is included in the initial budget estimates for that year.
2. Apart from the annexed explanatory comment, reference may be made to the detailed statement of financial implications which the Secretary-General communicated to the Council (E/3172 and E/3172/Corr.1),<sup>2/</sup> as well as to Chapter X of the Council's report to the General Assembly (A/3848)<sup>3/</sup> in which reference is made to these financial implications and to the amendment in them arising from decisions taken at the final meeting of the Council's session.
3. The costs of translation associated with proposals for contractual printing are not taken into account at this time.

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 5.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 21.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 3.

ANNEX

A. Financial Implications of Decisions of the Council

Calendar of conferences for 1959 (sections 6 and 8)

1. The calendar of conferences for 1959 which the Council established at its 1,044th meeting provides that the Population Commission shall be the additional functional commission to hold its session in Geneva. This has the effect of reducing by \$8,300 the expenditure foreseen, under sections 6 and 8 of the Secretary-General's initial 1959 estimates, for sessions of the functional commissions of the Council. The reduction on temporary assistance (section 6) amounts to \$6,000, and that on travel of staff to meetings (section 8) to \$2,300.

Economic development of under-developed countries: industrialization (sections 6 and 7)

2. In resolution 674 (XXV), the Council noted the progress of the programme of work on industrialization and productivity as set forth in the report of the Secretary-General (E/3078),<sup>1/</sup> and laid stress on the need to accelerate the work. The Council referred in particular to the desirability of strengthening the substantive servicing of technical assistance operations in this field and endorsed the proposed expansion of the staff engaged on the related work programme. In addition, the Council invited the Secretary-General to establish an advisory committee of not more than ten persons for the purpose of reviewing the programme and making recommendations to him on its further development.

3. An increase in the staff resources of the Industry Section becomes necessary in order to provide (a) for a closer association with the development of the technical assistance projects in question, and (b) for the fuller co-operation with the regional economic commissions which the Council has requested. The additional budgetary provision in respect of 1959 is estimated at \$55,000, covering the salary and common staff costs of three Professional officers (one at P-5, two at P-4 level) and two General Service staff members.

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fifth Session Annexes, agenda item 5.

4. As regards the committee of experts, the Secretary-General considers that the number of members could be limited to seven. The cost of a meeting of about two weeks' duration to be held early in 1959 is on that basis estimated at \$9,000.

Economic development of under-developed countries: water resources  
(sections 6, 7 and 8)

5. In resolution 675 (XXV) the Council requested the Secretary-General "to take appropriate measures for the establishment, within the Secretariat, of a centre to promote co-ordinated efforts for the development of water resources and, for that purpose, to facilitate co-ordination in the collection of information on such resources and their uses". The resolution also contains a recommendation that the United Nations and the specialized agencies should pay special attention to stimulating and facilitating the international flow of information concerning water resources, and develop a programme of studies on problems connected therewith, and in particular on problems of integrated river basin and multi-purpose developments.

6. Apart from a small increase in the Headquarters establishment of the Department and in the related provision for official travel, it will be necessary, in accordance with the Council's decisions, to provide, on a short-term basis, for the services of consultant specialists and/or additional panels of experts.

7. These additional budgetary requirements are estimated for 1959 at \$57,800, distributed as follows:

(a) Staff and related costs:

	\$	\$
2 Professional officers at P-4 level . . . . .	28,500	
2 General Service staff . . . . .	<u>9,300</u>	37,800
(b) Expert services (short-term consultants and/or additional panels of experts) . . . . .		17,000
(c) Travel on official business . . . . .		<u>3,000</u>
	Total	<u>57,800</u>

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Co-ordination of economic and social activities  
General review (section 1)

8. The Council decided in resolution 694 D (XXVI) to establish a committee to assist in the five-year appraisal of the scope, trend and cost of programmes called for under Council resolution 665 C (XXIV). The Committee will be composed of five "individuals fully conversant with the programmes and activities of the United Nations in the economic, social, human rights and related fields and of the specialized agencies concerned, as well as the process of co-ordination developed among those organizations". For 1959, two New York sessions of three to four days each are foreseen, and the total cost is estimated at \$4,600, representing the travel and subsistence expenses of five members.

Economic Commission for Europe: Housing and Building Statistics Bulletin  
(section 12)

9. By resolution 679 A (XXVI) the Council endorsed the programme of work and priorities contained in ECE's annual report. This programme includes the printing on an annual basis of the Housing and Building Statistics Bulletin at a cost of \$2,000 per annum for a bilingual edition (E/3092, para. 64).<sup>2/</sup>

Survey of world economic situation  
(sections 6, 7 and 12)

10. By resolution 690 C (XXVI) the Council requested the Secretary-General, with assistance, if necessary, of specialized consultants from outside the Secretariat, to prepare and publish, at as frequent intervals as practicable, appraisals of the world economic situation including the short-term outlook. The Secretary-General was also requested periodically to review the information available for that purpose.

11. The additional budgetary requirements are estimated for 1959 at \$111,000, this sum comprising the following items:

(a) Staff and related costs:	\$
5 Professional posts (3 at P-3; 2 at P-2) and	
5 Secretarial and statistical clerks . . . . .	79,000
(b) Consultant services . . . . .	20,000
(c) Publication costs . . . . .	12,000

<sup>2/</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session,  
Supplement No. 3.

International commodity problems  
(section 1)

12. In resolution 691 B (XXVI) the Council decided to invite to the 1959 session of the reconstituted Commission on International Commodity Trade certain specified parties, including the Interim-Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements. On the supposition that one of the two ICCICA sessions for which provision exists in the 1959 budget estimates can be scheduled in conjunction with the session of the Commission, the additional budgetary provision is estimated at \$1,200, comprising the following expenditure for subsistence:

- Chairman and one member of ICCICA . . . . . 14 days extra
- Two other members of ICCICA ... . . . . 10 days extra

Report of the Statistical Commission

13. In resolution 676 (XXVI) the Council endorsed the programme of work and priorities contained in the report of the Statistical Commission (E/3126).<sup>3/</sup>

14. The Council had before it, in a separate report (E/3134, para. 14)<sup>4/</sup> the following observations of the Secretary-General: "...the work programme recommended by the Commission for adoption by the Council constitutes a satisfactory utilization of the resources now available for work in the statistical field.... As the work develops, the situation undoubtedly will have to be re-examined, but, for the present, the reallocation of priorities, coupled with the rigorous editorial policy followed with respect to the increasing volume of publishable statistics, should make it possible to carry out the proposed programme without an increase in the resources envisaged for expenditure in 1959".

15. Accordingly, no additional funds are requested for 1959 in respect of Council Resolution 676 (XXVI).

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<sup>3/</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session Supplement No. 6.

<sup>4/</sup> Ibid., Annexes, agenda item 3.

Social activities

16. In resolution 693 B (XXVI) the Council noted with interest the recent developments concerning a closer co-operation in regard to social activities between UNICEF and the regular and technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

17. Summarizing a part of these developments, the Secretary-General informed the Council in June 1958 (E/3134, paras. 20-21)<sup>5/</sup> that the Executive Board of UNICEF had asked for the specific co-operation of the Bureau of Social Affairs in the planning and implementation of UNICEF projects in the social field, and particularly those dealing with maternal and child welfare. He pointed out that as in the case of the integration of research programmes with technical assistance operations, closer co-operation with UNICEF in the field offered new possibilities for giving practical assistance to the under-developed countries.

18. The Council likewise took note in resolution 693 B (XXVI) of the Secretary-General's intention to provide for a strengthening of the field staff in the regional social affairs unit. The expenditure foreseen for this purpose in a full year amounts to \$52,000 (three First officers, \$43,500; secretarial staff, \$5,000; travel of staff, \$3,500). The Council was, however, informed that the Secretary-General intended, as in the past, to meet such requirements within the total continuing establishment, without increase of funds. Consequently, no additional provision is requested for 1959 on this account.

Advisory services in the field of human rights  
(section 16)

19. In resolution 684 (XXVI) the Council expressed the view that "the organization of additional seminars, on a judicious scale, will contribute to the objectives of the programme (of advisory services in the field of human rights)...." The Council also approved the plan for the holding of seminars which the Secretary-General presented (E/3074/Add.1)<sup>6/</sup> in accordance with a resolution of the Commission on Human Rights (Resolution 8 (XIV) - E/3088, para. 179)<sup>7/</sup>

<sup>5/</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3.

<sup>6/</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 12.

<sup>7/</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 8

recommending an expansion in the advisory services. The additional requirements under Council resolution 684 (XXVI) are estimated at \$45,000 and would call for an increase in the appropriation for section 16 from the present level of \$55,000 to \$100,000.

Second conference of non-governmental organizations interested in the eradication of prejudice and discrimination

20. By resolution 683 E (XXVI) the Council decided, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 497 (V) to authorize the Secretary-General to call a second conference on non-governmental organizations interested in the eradication of prejudice and discrimination, to be held in Geneva for a one-week period in 1959. No additional provision is requested as the Secretary-General intends to meet the servicing costs of the conference within the 1959 appropriations.

International control of narcotic drugs  
Middle East Narcotics Survey Mission  
(sections 1)

21. In resolution 689 I (XXVI) the Council requested the Secretary-General to appoint a mission of inquiry and advice on the problem of the illicit narcotics traffic in the Middle East. The Mission is to be composed of not more than five members, who will serve as individual experts. Among other functions, the mission is requested "to inform itself of the situation, by information transmitted by Governments and by the Secretariat, by discussion with representatives of the Governments concerned, and by visits to countries in the region where major problems exist in this field."

22. The Secretary-General is requested to provide the Secretariat for the mission and to make administrative arrangements for its work.

23. For 1959 the additional budgetary requirements are estimated at \$24,900 distributed as follows:

Travel and subsistence of members . . . . .	\$12,100
Travel and subsistence of staff . . . . .	6,950
Temporary assistance for local staff . . . . .	1,850
Other expenses (communications, freight, cartage and express, and miscellaneous supplies and services) . . . . .	4,000

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24. It is proposed to provide for these costs under section 1, Chapter III, on the same budgetary basis as visiting missions established by other Councils.

Establishment of an international administrative service  
(section 17)

25. By resolution 681 (XXVI) the Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Secretary-General should be authorized "on a limited and experimental basis, and as a supplement to the existing United Nations programme of technical assistance, but without increase in administrative costs:

"(a) To aid governments, on request, to obtain the temporary services of competent specialists....to perform duties on an operational or executive character as may be defined by the requesting governments and as servants of such governments, it being understood that such duties shall normally include the training of national personnel to take over the responsibilities temporarily assigned to the internationally recruited specialists;

"(b) To assist the governments concerned to meet the cost of the employment of such experts...."

26. The Secretary-General proposes that should the General Assembly approve the establishment of an international administrative service, \$250,000 should be appropriated as an addition to section 17, public Administration, of the 1959 estimates. This sum would make it possible to meet requests for twenty to thirty specialists in that year. The appropriation would be used exclusively for the salary and related costs of the specialists. Recruitment and servicing would be handled by the existing machinery without additional provision.

27. The resolution contains the further recommendation that the Secretary-General should be requested to report in detail to the Council at its twenty-eighth session (July 1959) on the progress of this experimental programme. The report in question would include reference to its future financing as well as to its relationship to other technical assistance programmes of the United Nations.

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B. Recapitulation

(i) Additional requirements for 1959

<u>Reference (paras.) of Annex</u>	<u>Subject-matter</u>	<u>Appro- priation Section</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Provision Proposed</u>
1	Calendar of conferences	6	Temporary assistance	(-6,000)
		8	Travel of staff to meetings	(-2,300)
2 - 4	Industrialization	6	Established posts	46,000
		7	Common staff costs	9,000
		6	Temporary assistance ( <u>ad hoc</u> meeting of experts)	9,000
5 - 7	Water resources	6	Established posts	31,000
		7	Common staff costs	6,800
		6	Temporary assistance	17,000
		8	Travel on official business	3,000
8	Co-ordination of economic and social activity	1	Travel and subsistence of members	4,600
9	Report of ECE: Housing and Statistics Bulletin	12	Contractual printing	2,000
10 - 11	World economic situation	6	Established posts	66,000
		6	Temporary assistance (consultant services)	20,000
		7	Common staff costs	13,000
		12	Contractual printing	12,000
12	International commodity problems (ICCICA)	1	Travel and subsistence of members	1,200
19	Programme of advisory services	16	Human Rights activities	45,000
21 - 24	Narcotics Survey Mission	1	Mission of advice and inquiry	24,900
25 - 27	International administra- tive service	17	Public administration	<u>250,000</u>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>552,200</b>
			<u>Deduction for deferred recruitment</u>	
			- Established posts	\$25,800
			- Common staff costs	4,800
				<u>(28,600)</u>
				<u><u>523,600</u></u>
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(ii) Summary of additional requirements distributed by appropriation sections

		\$
Section 1	Travel of representatives, members of commissions and committees	30,700
6	Salaries and wages	159,200
7	Common staff costs	24,000
8	Travel of staff and members of administrative bodies	700
12	Printing, stationery and library supplies	14,000
16	Human Rights activities	45,000
17	Public administration	<u>250,000</u>
	Total	523,600

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