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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1959

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The Fifth Committee examined, at its 708th and 709th meetings, the supplementary estimates for 1959, on the basis of reports of the Secretary-General (A/4198) and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/4221). As recommended by the Advisory Committee, the Fifth Committee decided to recommend the following amounts: revised appropriations for 1959, \$61,672,720; revised income other than staff assessment, \$5,525,000; income from staff assessment, \$6,123,000.
2. The Committee examined subsequently proposals contained in other reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee which affect the level of the 1959 supplementary estimates. Specifically, as noted below, it approved at its 742nd meeting a new total for Section 10, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. It was also understood, since additional unforeseen expenditure was to be incurred, that before the Committee took a final decision on the matter it would need to make a further review of the over-all 1959 situation.
3. The Secretary-General presents herewith a second set of supplementary estimates: additional requirements totalling \$254,700 are more than offset by reductions totalling \$270,320. The 1959 estimates are thus submitted in a total amount of \$61,657,100, a level which is slightly lower than that approved by the Fifth Committee at its 709th meeting. The estimate for income other than staff assessment is increased by \$25,000 to a total of \$5,550,000, the estimate for income from staff assessment is increased from \$6,123,000 to \$6,149,000.

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4. The table given immediately below summarizes the changes which it is proposed should be made in particular sections of the 1959 budget. Reasons for these changes are given in the text below.

Summary of changes in the level of the 1959 estimates as approved
 by the Fifth Committee at its 709th and 742nd meetings

<u>Section</u>	<u>Approved estimate</u> \$	<u>Increase or (Decrease)</u> \$	<u>Revised estimate</u> \$
1. Travel of representatives, members of commissions and committees	828,200	(8,200)	820,000
4. Special missions and related activities	2,469,000	64,700	2,533,700
6. Salaries and wages	30,662,000	107,500	30,769,500
6a. Economic Commission for Africa	500,000	(25,000)	475,000
7. Common staff costs	6,752,700	14,000	6,766,700
10. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	1,500,000	45,200 ^{1/}	1,545,200 ^{1/}
13. Permanent equipment	613,220	(100,220)	513,000
16. Human rights activities	100,000	(13,600)	86,400
17. Public Administration			
Chapter I	300,000	-	300,000
Chapter II	200,000	(100,000)	100,000
All other sections	17,747,600	-	17,747,600
	<u>61,672,720</u>	<u>(15,620)</u>	<u>61,657,100</u>
Income other than staff assessment	5,525,000	25,000	5,550,000
Income from staff assessment	6,123,000	26,000	6,149,000

^{1/} The 1959 supplementary estimate for Section 10 was approved at the 742nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Section 4 - Special missions and related activities

5. The General Assembly by resolution 1352 (XIV) of 16 October 1959 decided that arrangements for the plebiscite in the southern part of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, originally scheduled to begin in

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December 1959, should begin on 30 September 1960. The Fifth Committee had previously informed the General Assembly (A/4243) of the financial implications of this change, which inter alia envisaged a reduction of \$23,300 under Section 4, Chapter VI of the 1959 estimates.

6. The Security Council by resolution of 7 September 1959 (S/4216) decided to appoint a sub-committee of Argentina, Italy, Japan and Tunisia, and instructed the sub-committee to examine the statements made before the Security Council concerning Laos, to receive further statements and documents and to conduct such inquiries as it may determine necessary and to report to the Security Council as soon as possible. The Secretary-General decided that expenses incurred in connexion with the Security Council sub-committee should be considered as expenses relating to the maintenance of peace and security under the terms of paragraph 1(a) of General Assembly resolution 1339 (XIII).

7. The sub-committee held meetings at Headquarters from 8 to 12 September 1959 when it left for Laos, remaining there until 13 October, two alternative representatives staying on until 14 November.

8. Expenditures incurred during the period 8 September to 14 November, attributable to the activities of the sub-committee, are estimated as follows:

Travel and subsistence of staff	\$ 39,000
Travel and subsistence of members	30,500
Supplies and services	9,000
Communications	7,000
Freight	1,500
Hospitality	1,000
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9. The amounts for travel and subsistence provided for the members of the sub-committee including alternates, who travelled variously from their home countries to Laos and return, directly or via Headquarters, and for a secretariat of twelve. Office supplies, living accommodations, communications and local transportation were made available by the Government of Laos, which, to date, has submitted only a partial billing for these services. The main element of the amounts for supplies and services is the rental of seven vehicles at an estimated

cost of \$6,800. Freight charges were incurred for shipping communications equipment by air from the Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine.

Section 6 - Salaries and wages

Section 7 - Common staff costs

10. At its 709th meeting, the Fifth Committee voted an amount of \$30,662,000 for Section 6 and \$6,752,700 for Section 7, or a total of \$37,414,700 for the two sections. This represented a reduction, as recommended by the Advisory Committee, of \$50,000 in Section 7, of the Secretary-General's estimates.

11. Assuming the adjournment of the General Assembly session at an early date in December as anticipated, the Secretary-General would consider that it will be possible to adhere to the reduced total of \$37,414,700 for the two sections, but that depending upon developments he might require the approval of the Advisory Committee for some transfer of credits between the two sections later in the year.

12. However, based upon a careful review of expenditures under the two sections to 31 October 1959, and anticipated minimum expenditures for the remaining two months of the year, no surplus for the two sections can at this time be anticipated within the previously approved reduced total of \$37,414,700. It is accordingly necessary to request the appropriation of \$121,500 representing the additional estimated cost for 1959 of the 5 per cent increase in salaries for Headquarters general service staff. The \$121,500 additional cost may be divided as follows: \$107,500 to Section 6, and \$14,000 to Section 7 covering primarily increased contributions to the Joint Staff Pension Fund. The Fifth Committee examined the relevant reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/794) and of the Advisory Committee (A/4260) at its 742nd meeting.

Possible reductions

13. The above noted additional requirements can be offset by anticipated reductions in other sections of the 1959 budget:

(a) A review of expenditure and obligation figures as at 31 October 1959 indicates that a lower provision should suffice, by the amounts specified for Section 1, Travel of representatives, members of commissions and committees - \$8,200, Section 6a, Economic Commission for Africa - \$25,000 and section 16, Human rights activities - \$13,600;

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(b) A reduction of \$100,220 is proposed under Section 13, Permanent equipment. Specifically, the proposals of the Secretary-General on (a) The interim arrangements for the Library (A/C.5/796) and (b) The Construction of the United Nations Building in Santiago, Chile (A/4259) envisaged savings of \$60,000 and \$30,000 respectively in amounts previously authorized. On the recommendations of the Advisory Committee (A/4259 and A/4277) the Fifth Committee approved the former proposal at its 732nd meeting and the latter at its 747th meeting;

(c) When the Fifth Committee, at its 745th and 747th meetings examined estimates in respect of the programme for the provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel, it was noted that a saving of \$100,000 would be made under Chapter II of Section 17, Public administration, of the 1959 budget (A/4212, A/4212/Add.1 and A/4281).

Special meetings and conferences

14. The Secretary-General, in submitting his supplementary estimates for 1959 (A/4198), indicated that, should costs arise in 1960 for the production of the proceedings of the Second Atomic Conference, he proposed to report the details to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. At that time it was expected that any requirements for 1960 would be offset by savings in the 1959 provision. However, while no solid basis exists for revising the estimate, developments have been such that it is not now certain that the total expenditures for the conference can be limited to the amount of the existing appropriation.

The Joint Staff Pension Board and the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

15. The total estimates submitted provide for the requirements of the Joint Staff Pension Board and the United Nations Staff Pension Committee at a level of \$168,500. This represents an increase of \$13,300 over the level of appropriation for these activities approved in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 1338 (XIII) of 13 December 1958. In the main, the additional costs arise from unbudgetted common staff costs, including home leave requirements, due to changes which have occurred in the composition of the Board's secretariat. Approximately two-thirds (\$9,000) of the additional provision is offset by an increase in the income estimates in accordance with the practice whereby the

costs of the activity are shared between the United Nations budget and the Joint Staff Pension Fund.

Income Estimates

16. A review of the total income estimate indicates that for purposes other than those specified below, the initially approved amount of \$5,525,000 should be maintained. As noted by the Fifth Committee at its 742nd meeting, the estimate for income other than staff assessment will be increased by a further contribution from the United Nations Refugee Fund of \$25,000 (A/C.5/797, A/4264). The increased income of \$9,000 from the Joint Staff Pension Fund noted in paragraph 15 above will be offset by a corresponding decrease in net revenue from the revenue-producing activities consequent upon the local salary increases (A/C.5/794, A/4260). The total estimate is accordingly proposed at a level of \$5,550,000.

17. The payment of general service salaries at a higher rate as from 1 October 1959 allows the estimate of income from staff assessment to be increased from \$6,123,000 to \$6,149,000 (A/C.5/794, A/4260).

18. The Secretary-General submits a draft resolution on the supplementary estimates for 1959 consolidating the decisions previously reached by the Fifth Committee and the proposals contained in the present report.

ANNEX

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1959

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1959 the amount of \$US60,802,120 appropriated by its resolution 1338 (XIII) of 13 December 1958 is increased by \$US854,980 as follows:

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	Amount appropriated by resolution 1338 (XIII)	Supplementary appropriation	Revised amount of appropriation
		(US dollars)	
A. UNITED NATIONS			
<u>Section</u>			
<u>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</u>			
1.	Travel of representatives, members of commissions and committees	882,500	(62,500)
			820,000
2.	Special meetings and conferences	1,543,500	348,000
			1,891,500
3.	Board of Auditors	51,000	-
			51,000
	TOTAL, PART I	<u>2,477,000</u>	<u>285,500</u>
			<u>2,762,500</u>
<u>Part II. Special missions and related activities</u>			
4.	Special missions and related activities	2,374,600	159,100
			2,533,700
4a.	Expenses arising from General Assembly resolution 1237 (ES-III) and residual expenses of the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon	500,000	(164,000)
			336,000
5.	United Nations Field Service	1,153,800	(34,800)
			1,119,000
	TOTAL, PART II	<u>4,028,400</u>	<u>(39,700)</u>
			<u>3,988,700</u>

Section	Amount appropriated by resolution 1338 (XIII)	Supplementary appropriation	Revised amount of appropriation
	(US dollars)		
<u>Part III. The Secretariat</u>			
6. Salaries and wages. . . .	30,802,700	(33,200)	30,769,500
6a. Economic Commission for Africa	500,000	(25,000)	475,000
7. Common staff costs. . . .	6,431,500	335,200	6,766,700
8. Travel of staff and members of administrative bodies	1,530,100	165,500	1,695,600
9. Hospitality	25,000	-	25,000
9a. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations .	<u>70,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,000</u>
TOTAL, PART III	<u>39,359,300</u>	<u>442,500</u>	<u>39,801,800</u>
 <u>Part IV. Special offices</u>			
10. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	1,398,000	147,200	1,545,200
10a. World Refugee Year	<u>50,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
TOTAL, PART IV	<u>1,448,000</u>	<u>157,200</u>	<u>1,605,200</u>
 <u>Part V. Common services and equipment</u>			
11. General expenses.	5,330,000	243,700	5,573,700
12. Printing, stationery and library supplies.	2,127,200	-	2,127,200
13. Permanent equipment	<u>697,220</u>	<u>(184,220)</u>	<u>513,000</u>
TOTAL, PART V	<u>8,154,420</u>	<u>59,480</u>	<u>8,213,900</u>

<u>Section</u>	Amount appropriated by resolution 1338 (XIII)	Supplementary appropriation	Revised amount of appropriation
		(US dollars)	
<u>Part VI. Technical programmes</u>			
14. Economic development . . .	480,000	-	480,000
15. Social activities	925,000	-	925,000
16. Human rights activities .	100,000	(13,600)	86,400
17. Public administration . .	<u>500,000</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>400,000</u>
TOTAL, PART VI	<u>2,005,000</u>	<u>(113,600)</u>	<u>1,891,400</u>
<u>Part VII. Special expenses</u>			
18. Special expenses	<u>2,649,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,649,500</u>
TOTAL, PART VII	<u>2,649,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,649,500</u>
B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE			
<u>Part VIII. International Court of Justice</u>			
19. International Court of Justice	<u>680,500</u>	<u>63,600</u>	<u>744,100</u>
TOTAL, PART VIII	<u>680,500</u>	<u>63,600</u>	<u>744,100</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>60,802,120</u>	<u>854,980</u>	<u>61,657,100</u>
