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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1959

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1958

Revised Estimates for Chapter V of Section 4: United Nations
Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine

Revised Estimates for Section 5: United Nations Field Service

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In consultation with the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, the Secretary-General has reviewed the needs for Military Observers for UNTSO and has approved an increase in the observer strength and related facilities for the mission. These arrangements entail a revision of the estimates for 1959 and some adjustment in the level of the 1958 budgetary provision which are set out below.

2. 1959 Estimates

Estimates in the total amount of \$1,201,000 were tentatively included under Chapter V of Section 4 of the original 1959 budget estimates.^{1/} The estimates were necessarily provisional and subject to revision in the light of developments, since they were based upon the size of the Organization and the pattern of expenditures prevailing in the first quarter of 1958. At its 661st meeting the Fifth Committee approved in first reading the amount indicated above.

^{1/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 5, document A/3825.

3. The revised estimates, now submitted, total \$1,487,000 representing an increase of \$286,000 over the original estimates of \$1,201,000. The increase of \$286,000 is distributed by items as follows:

	Original estimates (A/3825) \$	Revised estimates now submitted \$
(i) Salaries and wages	102,000	127,000
(ii) Travel and subsistence of military observers	339,000	534,000
(iii) Travel and subsistence of staff	336,000	351,000
(iv) Miscellaneous supplies and services	278,000	329,000
(v) Permanent equipment	146,000	146,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,201,000</u>	<u>1,487,000</u>

4. Under "Salaries and wages", provision is required for the salaries of five internationally recruited staff (\$72,000 gross) and forty-five locally recruited staff (\$55,000). The original estimate was based on three internationally recruited senior staff (\$57,000 gross) and thirty-eight locally recruited staff (\$45,000). The mission requires the service of an additional legal adviser. The Finance Officer formerly detailed from Headquarters has been replaced by an existing international recruit.

5. The original estimate for "Travel and subsistence of military observers" was based on a complement of seventy-seven military observers, while the revised estimate provides for 118 observers. Of the total of 118 military observers, it is estimated that eighty-five will need to be replaced during 1959 at a cost, for travel, of \$103,000. The balance on this account (\$431,000) is required for the payment of subsistence allowances.

6. Under "Travel and subsistence of staff", the original estimate was based on a complement of 149 staff members. The revised estimate, which includes \$34,000 for travel and \$317,000 for subsistence allowances, provides additionally for a legal adviser and ten Field Service staff.

7. The increased provision required under "Miscellaneous supplies and services" is based on the 1958 average monthly expenditure and on the increase of the fleet of motor vehicles from 147 to 187 as a consequence of the increased number of military observers.

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8. Supplementary Estimates for 1958

The report on supplementary estimates for the financial year 1958 (A/3922) included a provision of \$1,200,000 for the 1958 activities of UNTSO. It now appears that, consequent upon the changes noted above, an additional amount of \$40,000 should be provided in 1958, in respect of the following items:

	Estimates reflected in <u>A/3922</u>	Revised estimates
	\$	\$
(i) Salaries and wages	131,000	136,000
(ii) Travel and subsistence of military observers	348,000	378,000
(iii) Operation and maintenance of transportation equipment	88,000	91,000
(iv) General supplies and services	18,000	20,000
(v) Other accounts	615,000	615,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>1,240,000</u>

9. 1959 Estimates - Section 5. United Nations Field Service

Requirements under Section 5 - United Nations Field Service, based on an establishment of 176 posts, were tentatively estimated at \$1,096,800 in the original 1959 budget estimates. As recommended by the Advisory Committee, the Fifth Committee at its 661st meeting approved in first reading a 1959 estimate of this amount.

10. In the light of developments which have occurred, the Secretary-General believes that some additional provision for the Field Service should be made for 1959, and submits herewith a revised estimate to allow an increase to the Field Service strength from 176 to 186 posts. The specific need is to increase the assignment of such staff to UNTSO and the revised estimates provide for eight additional radio operators and technicians and two vehicle mechanics.

11. The additional requirement is estimated at \$57,000, to cover the salaries of ten additional Field Service staff (\$41,000) and resulting increases in common staff costs (\$14,000) and general expenses (\$2,000). Revenue to be derived from staff assessment is estimated at \$6,300.

12. The Secretary-General requests that, in order to cover the activities of the United Nations Field Service in 1959, a credit in the amount of \$1,153,800 be approved.