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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1958

Draft resolution proposed by Australia, Canada, Ceylon,
Denmark, France, India, Israel, Netherlands, Norway,
Sweden, United Kingdom, United States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its approval on 13 February 1946 of the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee on information concerning the policies, functions and organization of the Department of Public Information,

Recalling resolution 595 (VI) approving the principles governing the dissemination of information recommended by Sub-Committee 8 of the Fifth Committee,

Recalling resolution 1086 (XI) recommending the setting aside of funds for the progressive establishment of Information Centres in new Member States, through savings elsewhere in the budget and by other administrative means,

Recalling the recommendation approved by the Fifth Committee and embodied in its report to the eleventh session of the Assembly (A/C.5/L.450), that the overall expenditure for the public information activities of the United Nations (excluding the Visitors' Service and the Sales and Circulation Service) should be limited within a period of three years to a maximum annual figure of \$4,500,000,

Bearing in mind the difficulties which the Secretary-General has represented in moving towards the approved maximum annual expenditure of \$4,500,000,

Requests the Secretary-General to appoint an expert committee of five individuals with practical, administrative and financial experience in the various fields of information, e.g. press, broadcasting, etc., to be nominated by the governments of names of governments to be suggested by the Chairman of the

Fifth Committee⁷ and with instructions to undertake in the light of the opinions expressed by delegations during the course of the twelfth session, a review and appraisal of the work, methods used, and effectiveness of the results achieved by the public information services of the United Nations (including the Information Centres) and to report before the date of opening of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,

Invites the Secretary-General to present to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly the report of the Committee of Experts together with his comments and recommendations thereon.
