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REPORT ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON
RETROACTIVE PAYMENT OF TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES
FOR ALTERNATES ON UNITED NATIONS COMMISSIONS IN
GREECE, INDONESIA, AND INDIA-PAKISTAN (S/1338)Note by the Secretary-General

The permanent representatives of the delegations of Australia, Belgium, Colombia and France, acting on behalf of their Governments, have requested consideration by the Security Council of a draft resolution which would provide for retroactive payment of travel and subsistence allowances for alternates of representatives to the United Nations Commissions in Greece, Indonesia and India-Pakistan.

General Assembly resolution 231 (III) adopted on 8 October 1948 states, inter alia:

"2. Decides that travelling and subsistence expenses shall be payable out of United Nations funds to one representative of any Member participating in a commission of inquiry or conciliation instituted by the General Assembly or by the Security Council, subject to the proviso that an exception to this rule may be permitted on the decision of the organ concerned that an alternate for each member is necessary;

"3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to reimburse retroactively, on the basis of paragraph 2 above, travelling and subsistence expenses incurred by Members participating in existing commissions of inquiry or conciliation instituted by the General Assembly or the Security Council."

The resolution proposed by the four delegations raises a question with respect to the first Balkan Commission in that it requests retroactive payment for expenses of alternates on the Commission of Investigation Concerning Greek Frontier Incidents, which was established by the Security Council on 19 December 1946. Travel and subsistence payments were authorized for neither representatives nor alternates. This Commission expired and was succeeded by the UNSCOB, established by General Assembly resolution 109 (II), 21 October 1947. Paragraph 3 of resolution 231 (III), allows for retroactive payment only to members of existing commissions, which would exclude the Commission of Investigation Concerning Greek Frontier Incidents.

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Further, the Security Council in establishing the Committee of Good Offices for Indonesia in October 1947 and the Mediation Commission on the India-Pakistan question in April 1948, did not determine the necessity for alternates. In light of this fact no funds for such retroactive payments to alternates for representatives to these commissions were provided by the General Assembly. If, however, the Security Council should approve such retroactive payment to alternates to these commissions, the Secretary-General would be obliged to submit estimates covering the cost to the forthcoming session of the General Assembly for its decision. Payment to alternates in the future is also proposed in the resolution. Should the Security Council decide that such payments should be made, the Secretary-General will re-examine the budgetary situation and seek the best method by which the necessary funds can be provided.

Should the retroactive payment to alternates be authorized by the General Assembly for the three commissions, the cost to the United Nations is estimated in the attached table for the whole period of the Commission of Investigation Concerning Greek Frontier Incidents, and for the period from their institution to 1 July 1949 for the Commissions on Indonesia and India-Pakistan.

A. ESTIMATED COST OF RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS

| <u>Mission</u> | <u>Duration</u> | <u>No. of Members</u> | <u>Cost of transportation Rep.* Alternates</u> | <u>Subsistence Rep.* Alternates</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|------------------|
| Comm. of Investigation | 30 Jan. '47-15 Sept. '47 | 11 | \$10,900 | \$50,600 \$33,030 | \$105,400 |
| UNCIP | 1 Apr. '48-30 June '49 | 5 | 27,650 | 38,100 | 65,750 |
| Indonesia | 8 Oct. '47-31 Dec. '48** | 3 | 2,600 | 27,000 | 29,600 |
| | | | | | <u>\$200,750</u> |

B. ESTIMATED COST OF PAYMENTS TO ALTERNATES FOR BALANCE OF 1949

| <u>Mission</u> | <u>Duration</u> | <u>No. of Members</u> | <u>Cost of transportation Rep.* Alternates</u> | <u>Subsistence Rep.* Alternates</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--|---|------------------|
| UNCIP | 1 July-31 Dec. '49 | 5 | | 18,000 | 18,000 |
| | | | | <u>Total</u> | <u>\$218,750</u> |

* No authority was given for payment for representatives.

** Payment to alternates was authorized for 1949.