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## BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1952

Ad Hoc Committee on Forced LabourEleventh report of 1952 of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has examined a report by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/485) on the 1952 plan of work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Forced Labour, and on the **financial implications of the plan.**
2. The Secretary-General has divided his estimates into two parts: the first, covering expenses related to the Ad Hoc Committee's activities as at present established and for which funds are required immediately; the second, covering that part of the Ad Hoc Committee's work which may be undertaken should that Committee decide to amplify its investigations in the course of the year.
3. In his report (A/C.5/485), the Secretary-General proposed a total provision of \$98,400 under section 3 of the 1952 budget for the first part of the Ad Hoc Committee's programme. In view, however, of arrangements concluded since the date of the report with the International Labour Organization (which will bear 50 per cent of the cost of the Ad Hoc Committee), the Secretary-General has submitted to the Advisory Committee a revised proposal limiting the provision to the amount already appropriated in the 1952 budget (\$64,200). For the purpose of consolidating all expenditures for the Ad Hoc Committee, the Secretary-General further proposed (A/C.5/485, paragraph 10) the transfer of \$9,500 from section 11 (Department of Social Affairs - Temporary assistance) to section 3, chapter XV, Ad Hoc Committee on Forced Labour.
4. As regards the second part of the Ad Hoc Committee's programme, the Secretary-General proposed (A/C.5/485, paragraph 11) that, in view of the tentative nature of the estimates, which amount to a total of \$72,530, he should be authorized to withdraw, if necessary, from the Working Capital Fund amounts not exceeding a total of \$72,000, for the purpose of financing reasonable additional expenses  
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relating to this part of the programme of the Ad Hoc Committee.

5. The Advisory Committee offers the following observations on the estimates submitted by the Secretary-General:

(i) Proposed travel of staff between Headquarters and Geneva should be carefully reviewed. Apart from the travel of the Committee Secretary and the Technical Adviser, it should prove possible to dispense with other trips by making use of staff available locally both in New York (United Nations staff) and in Geneva (United Nations and ILO staff). Travel of staff accompanying Committee members during possible on-the-spot inquiries should, if possible, be limited to one or two senior officers;

(ii) Additional language staff for the translation of the Ad Hoc Committee's documentation should be recruited only in exceptional circumstances, and with strict regard to actual needs. It appears doubtful, in any event, that financial provision for such staff for a full year is warranted.

6. Subject to the above observations, the Advisory Committee (a) concurs in the transfer of \$9,500 from section 11 (Department of Social Affairs - Temporary assistance) to section 3, chapter XV, Ad Hoc Committee on Forced Labour, and (b) recommends for approval the amendment of General Assembly resolution A/L.22 of 21 December 1951 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenditure by the insertion of an additional sub-paragraph (d) to read as follows:

"(d) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$72,000 which may be necessary to provide for reasonable additional expenses to implement the programme of the Ad Hoc Committee on Forced Labour."

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