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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1955

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly at its 530th plenary meeting, held on 30 September 1955 regarding the allocation of agenda items, the Fifth Committee at its 527th meeting considered the item "Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1955".
2. The Committee agreed that the original 1955 budget appropriations of \$46,963,800 which the General Assembly had approved on 17 December 1954 by resolution 890 (IX), should be increased by a supplementary appropriation of \$3,264,200, as requested by the Secretary-General.
3. The additional appropriation comprises:
  - (a) \$1,400,000 for 1955 expenditures arising from the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, held in Geneva in August 1955 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 810 (IX) of 4 December 1954;
  - (b) \$1,630,000 to cover the reimbursement of national income taxes levied in respect of salaries and other emoluments paid by the United Nations to its staff members in 1955;
  - (c) \$370,000, approximately, to cover sundry other expenditures incurred by the Secretary-General under resolution 891 (IX) relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, less a saving of approximately \$135,800 on the original appropriation, as indicated in the relevant reports (A/C.5/629,650) of the Secretary-General.

4. At its 512th meeting the Fifth Committee had previously undertaken a review of the estimates in connexion with item 3 (a) above on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/638) and the comments (A/3029), thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. As a result of this review, the Fifth Committee had decided, without objection, to approve the recommendations of the Advisory Committee for appropriations of (1) \$1,400,000 in a separate new section of the 1955 budget; and (2) \$961,000 in a separate new section of the 1956 budget to meet the expenditures connected with the Conference. These combined appropriations were \$100,000 below the estimates presented by the Secretary-General. In this connexion, the Committee approved the suggestions of the Advisory Committee that to the extent that it was needed, an amount of \$50,000 in respect of translation and printing of the records of the Conference should be met out of the normal 1956 appropriations for publications and that proposed expenditures for public information activities in connexion with the Conference and its proceedings should be met to the extent of \$50,000 out of the over-all allocation of funds for the department concerned in the 1956 budget estimates.

5. A number of delegations commented upon the success achieved by the Conference and on the effective arrangements which the Secretary-General had made for it. The hope was expressed that the experience thus gained would enable the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee and Governments to obtain even better results in the future while keeping expenditure to the minimum, and the view was held that it would be desirable, in future undertakings of a similar nature, for the Advisory Committee and the General Assembly to give, to the fullest extent possible, prior close study to the level of the relevant budget estimates.

6. In connexion with item 3 (b) above, the Fifth Committee, at its 521st meeting, following consideration of item 48 of the agenda, "Use of income derived from the Staff Assessment Plan", had decided to recommend the inclusion in the supplementary estimates for 1955, of the sum of \$1,630,000 to cover the reimbursement of national income taxes levied in respect of salaries and other emoluments paid by the United Nations to staff members in 1955.

7. In recommending approval of the supplementary appropriations requested by the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in its thirtieth report (A/3068) to the tenth session suggested (paragraph 5) that the annual budget submission should in future include information, in as precise a form as possible, on the anticipated amounts of supplementary requests for the current year, so that Member States might be enabled to make a preliminary estimate of the probable total amount to be assessed in respect of the year to which the budget submission related. For the same reason, advance information might also be given concerning supplementary items for that year which could be foreseen though with insufficient precision for inclusion in the budget. The Committee recognized that at the date of preparation of the annual estimates such information would necessarily be of a tentative character.

8. As a result of its discussion, the Fifth Committee, by 34 votes to 4, decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1955

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1955:

1. The amount of \$46,963,800 appropriated by resolution 890 (IX), adopted on 17 December 1954, is increased by \$3,264,200 as follows:

<u>Section</u>	Amount appropriated as adjusted under reso- lution 890(IX)	Supplementary appropriation increase or (decrease)	Revised amounts of appropriation
	(In US dollars)		
A. UNITED NATIONS.			
Part I. <u>Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees</u>			
1. The General Assembly, Commissions and Committees	502,700	87,300	590,000
2. The Security Council, Commissions and Committees	-	89,000	89,000
3. The Economic and Social Council, Commissions and Committees	150,600	(600)	150,000
3a. Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	27,200	-	27,200
3b. Regional Economic Commissions	101,700	2,500	104,200
4. The Trusteeship Council, Commissions and Committees	100,000	(9,000)	91,000
	<u>882,200</u>	<u>169,200</u>	<u>1,051,400</u>
Part II. <u>Special missions and related activities</u>			
5. Special missions and related activities	1,776,100	(40,100)	1,736,000
5a. United Nations Field Service	484,000	39,000	523,000
	<u>2,260,100</u>	<u>(1,100)</u>	<u>2,259,000</u>

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<u>Part III. Headquarters, New York</u>			
6. Offices of the Secretary-General	2,116,750	8,250	2,125,000
6a. Office of Under-Secretaries without Department	76,650	13,350	90,000
7. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs	657,300	(32,300)	625,000
7a. Secretariat of the Military Staff Committee	109,200	4,800	114,000
8. Department of Economic and Social Affairs	3,679,500	(169,500)	3,510,000
9. Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories	859,200	(24,200)	835,000
10. Department of Public Information	2,534,000	-	2,534,000
10a. Visitor's Service	290,000	(70,000)	220,000
11. Department of Conference Services	6,224,600	-	6,224,600
11a. Library	489,000	(7,000)	482,000
12. Office of General Services	2,975,950	155,050	3,131,000
13. Temporary assistance and consultants	510,000	(20,000)	490,000
14. Travel of staff	987,500	44,500	1,032,000
15. Common staff costs	3,437,400	1,518,000	4,955,400
16. Common services	3,625,000	101,000	3,726,000
17. Permanent equipment	183,600	(11,600)	172,000
	<u>28,755,650</u>	<u>1,510,350</u>	<u>30,266,000</u>
<u>Part IV. European Office of the United Nations</u>			
18. European Office	4,731,000	314,000	5,045,000
19. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	685,000	(31,000)	654,000
	<u>5,416,000</u>	<u>283,000</u>	<u>5,699,000</u>

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<u>Part V. Information centres</u>			
20. Information centres (other than the information service of the European Office)	895,100	(9,100)	886,000
<u>Part VI. Secretariats of the Regional Economic Commissions (other than the Economic Commission for Europe)</u>			
21. Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East	1,152,800	(32,800)	1,120,000
22. Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America	968,800	(2,800)	966,000
	2,121,600	(35,600)	2,086,000
<u>Part VII. Hospitality</u>			
23. Hospitality	20,000	-	20,000
23a. Special payments under annex I, paragraph 2 of the staff regulations	50,000	-	50,000
	70,000	-	70,000
<u>Part VIII. Contractual printing</u>			
24. Official Records	716,100	(50,100)	666,000
25. Publications	700,000	5,000	705,000
	1,416,100	(45,100)	1,371,000
<u>Part IX. Technical programmes</u>			
26. Technical Assistance Administration	386,700	-	386,700
27. Economic development	479,400	-	479,400
28. Social activities	768,500	-	768,500
29. Public administration	145,000	-	145,000
	1,779,600	-	1,779,600

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<u>Part X. Special expenses</u>			
30. Transfer of the assets of the League of Nations to the United Nations	649,500	-	649,500
31. Amortization of the Headquarters construction loan	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
	<u>2,649,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,649,500</u>
<u>Part XI. Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee</u>			
32. Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee	117,600	(3,600)	114,000
<u>Part XII. The International Court of Justice</u>			
33. The International Court of Justice	600,350	(3,850)	596,500
<u>Part XIII (new). International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy</u>			
34. <sup>a/</sup> International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy	-	1,400,000	1,400,000
GRAND TOTALS . . .	<u>46,963,800</u>	<u>3,264,200</u>	<u>50,228,000</u>

<sup>a/</sup> The global reduction of \$3,000 authorized by resolution 390 (IX) in section 34, having been distributed over other sections of the budget, it is proposed that this section be utilized for the above noted purpose.

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