



Tenth session  
Agenda item 21

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Statement of financial implications (see resolution adopted by  
the General Assembly on 8 December 1955, A/RES/357)

Thirty-sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and  
Budgetary Questions to the tenth session of the General Assembly

1. The Secretary-General has submitted in document A/C.5/656 a statement of the financial implications in connexion with the resolution (A/RES/357) which the General Assembly adopted on 8 December 1955 concerning the admission of new Members to the United Nations.

2. Operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of the resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"2. Requests the Security Council to consider, in the light of the general opinion in favour of the widest possible membership of the United Nations, the pending applications for membership of all those eighteen countries about which no problem of unification arises;

"3. Requests further that the Security Council make its report on these applications to the General Assembly during the present session."

3. The financial implications of the resolution are therefore conditional upon action still to be taken both by the Security Council and by the Assembly itself. Subject thereto, the Secretary-General estimates the budgetary implications for the year 1956 at \$173,000, made up as follows:

(a) Section 1, chapter I (i) (Travel of representatives): \$90,000, for the travel of representatives to the eleventh session of the General Assembly;

(b) Section 17, (Permanent equipment): \$83,000, for the enlargement of the seating capacity in the Assembly Hall and Main Committee rooms, for additional telecommunication installations, and for the purchase of miscellaneous equipment.

4. The Secretary-General suggests, as an alternative, that provision for the above items might be made under the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.
5. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions considers that, in so far as the travel of representatives is concerned, the item has been reasonably estimated by the Secretary-General at \$90,000. The Committee accordingly recommends that, in the event of the admission of the eighteen countries to membership of the United Nations, an amount of \$90,000 should be appropriated under section 1, chapter I, of the 1956 budget estimates.
6. But as regards the items of permanent equipment, the Advisory Committee while satisfied that the cost is estimated as accurately as is at present possible, considers that - subject to the condition stated in the preceding paragraph - there is justification for charging the cost (\$83,000) to the Headquarters construction account, as items of high priority among the projects still outstanding under that account. In the event, however, that the balance on the Headquarters construction account should prove insufficient, the Advisory Committee would be prepared to consider alternative means of financing the necessary costs.
7. Evidence offered to the Advisory Committee is to the effect that the enlargement of the seating capacity to accommodate eighteen new Members in the Assembly Hall and the Main Committee rooms would not entail any problem of major reconstruction, but that further admissions beyond that number would give rise to such a problem. In view therefore of the probability that more Members will be admitted in the coming years, the Committee suggests that the Secretary-General may wish to study, and report to the General Assembly on, the various aspects of this general question, including the seating arrangements in the Assembly Hall and in the committee rooms.
8. Meanwhile, the Advisory Committee suggests that any work of basic installation that may be undertaken during 1956 should, to the extent possible, include provision for future additional requirements and, specifically, in the matter of telecommunication installations.
9. On the question of contributions the Advisory Committee notes that, as regards the year 1955, the provisions of General Assembly resolution 69 (I) of 14 December 1946 apply. As regards the year 1956, the Committee recommends for adoption the procedure suggested by the Secretary-General namely, that decisions

concerning the contributions to be assessed might most appropriately be taken by the General Assembly at its next session (A/C.5/656, paragraph 4).

10. Finally, the Advisory Committee takes note of the consequential reduction of \$120,000 in the estimates for miscellaneous income, to which reference is made in paragraph 5 of the Secretary-General's note.

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