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Agenda item 93

AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE CONDITIONS
AND CIRCUMSTANCES RESULTING IN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
MR. DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD AND MEMBERS OF THE PARTY
ACCOMPANYING HIM

Financial implications of the draft resolution
contained in document A/L.356

1. The financial implications of the draft resolution (A/L.356 and Add.1 and 2) to appoint a Commission of five eminent persons to conduct an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of the Secretary-General and members of his party are submitted in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
2. Current experience with missions of comparable scope indicates that the travel, subsistence and incidental expenses for the members and supporting Secretariat staff might be expected to be of the order of \$40,000. The estimate, in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 1075 (XI), provides for the payment of travel and subsistence expenses to the members of this commission of inquiry, but does not provide for remuneration in excess of these expenses.
3. However, the investigation of the air disaster may require the services of technical experts not employed by the otherwise comparable missions on which the estimate in the paragraph "1." was based. Therefore, additional provision is made for the engagement of four expert consultants in the field of aviation for a period of three months (\$15,000), their travel to the field (\$8,000) and their subsistence (\$5,000), and for similar expenses for two internationally recruited secretaries (\$8,500). Local transportation, interpreters, etc., are estimated to be \$1,500 or a total cost of \$38,000 in respect of the experts.

4. Accordingly, the total financial implications are estimated to be of the order of \$78,000. It is proposed that this requirement, as determined in the light of experience, be provided for as revised supplementary estimates to be submitted for the financial year 1961.

5. Under operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, the Assembly decides to consider, in the appropriate Committee, the question of offering suitable remuneration to the families of the deceased. It is the Secretariat's intention to report separately to the appropriate Committee of the General Assembly on this matter during the current session.
