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Financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/L.947

Thirty-seventh report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/905) containing a statement of the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.3/L.947 adopted by the Third Committee on 5 December 1961. This draft resolution calls for an increase under section 15 of the 1962 budget in the resources for the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights in order "to permit the provision of a number of human rights fellowships each year, in addition to the seminars".
2. It may be recalled that an appropriation of \$100,000 was approved by the Fifth Committee in first reading under section 15 of the 1962 budget for advisory services in the field of human rights. This appropriation allowed for the granting of one or two fellowships in addition to the holding of three seminars. The Secretary-General has therefore indicated that an increase in the number of fellowships would involve additional expenditure under section 15.
3. The additional credits that would be required in 1962 and subsequent years would, of course, depend on the number of fellowships to be provided annually. For 1962, it is calculated that the average cost of a fellowship, based on past experience, would be about \$4,500.^{1/} The actual figure in each case would,

^{1/} Stipend, \$2,700; book allowance, \$100; travel, \$900; and tuition and related costs, \$800.

however, vary according to the cost of external travel, the stipend rate for the country of placement, and the duration of the fellowship.

4. The Advisory Committee understand that no formal proposal has been made as regards the number of fellowships to be awarded in 1962 and that the total additional provision to be made under section 15 would depend on the decision to be taken by the General Assembly in this regard. The Advisory Committee has been informed that, in the opinion of the Secretary-General, up to ten or twelve fellowships could be organized and serviced effectively and without any increase in administrative expenses.

5. In the normal course, such fellowships could not be expected to start before the latter half of 1962; nevertheless, the full cost of each fellowship would need to be obligated in 1962 even though actual disbursements may take place after the close of the financial year.

6. The Advisory Committee would recommend that the General Assembly be informed that approval of the draft resolution A/C.3/L.947 would require an additional appropriation, under section 15, of approximately \$4,500 per fellowship to be awarded in 1962, the number of such fellowships to be fixed at the discretion of the General Assembly.
