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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1959

Revised estimates for sections 8 and 11 resulting from
decisions of the Economic and Social Council

Twenty-first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary
Questions to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly

1. Following the decision of the Economic and Social Council, on 23 October 1958, to accept the invitation of the Government of Mexico to hold the twenty-seventh session of the Council in Mexico City, the Secretary-General has submitted an estimate (A/C.5/758) of the additional costs involved. The invitation from the Government of Mexico and its acceptance by the Council are both in terms of paragraph (e) of General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957. Accordingly, the Mexican Government will defray the additional expenses, estimated by the Secretary-General at some \$55,000.
2. A very great part of the estimated additional expenses is related to travel and subsistence of staff. The Advisory Committee understands that the number of staff to be assigned to the session from Headquarters (20 substantive, 37 technical and 16 secretarial staff) is based on the experience of a previous Council session (1951) at Santiago, with due allowance for the fact that the possibilities of obtaining substantive help from the small ECLA office in Mexico are relatively insignificant, especially since ECLA itself will be meeting shortly after the Council session.

3. The Advisory Committee would nevertheless urge that every effort should be made to limit the additional expenditure and to be as strict with expenses that may ultimately be financed by the Mexican Government as with the Organization's own funds. The Advisory Committee accordingly recommends that additional provision, to be matched by income, should be made in the 1959 budget as follows:

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Section 8, chapter I	45,000
Section 11, chapters III and IV . .	5,000
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	\$50,000
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The estimate of miscellaneous income for 1959 would also be increased by \$50,000.