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## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1963

## THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM

Twenty-fourth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/986) concerning the expenses resulting from the General Assembly's decision of 8 October 1963<sup>1/</sup> to authorize the President of the General Assembly to act on the basis of a letter, dated 4 October 1963, from the head of the special mission of the Republic of Viet-Nam, in which representatives of Member States were invited by his Government to visit Viet-Nam.
2. The Advisory Committee noted that at a subsequent plenary meeting on 11 October 1963,<sup>2/</sup> the President informed the General Assembly of the composition of the mission appointed by him, and of the Secretary-General's estimated cost of the mission (approximately \$33,600).
3. The Advisory Committee notes that the General Assembly did not have recourse, in this instance, to the procedure set forth in the second sentence of rule 154 of its rules of procedure.<sup>3/</sup>

<sup>1/</sup> 1234th plenary meeting.

<sup>2/</sup> 1239th plenary meeting.

<sup>3/</sup> Rule 154 provides that:

"No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations."

4. In paragraph 2 of his report (A/C.5/986) the Secretary-General lists the actual expenses incurred by the mission, totalling \$30,500.
5. In paragraph 3, he states that as a result of a further and more recent review of expenditures in 1963, he now anticipates that the costs for the printing of the proceedings of the International Conference of Plenipotentiaries on Consular Relations will amount to some \$31,000 less than provided for in his report on the supplementary estimates for the financial year 1963 (A/5525). These expenses are provided for under chapter II of section 2 (Special meetings and conferences). As a consequence he requests a transfer of funds from section 2 in the amount of \$31,000 to section 18 (Special missions) to cover the above expenses resulting from the decision of the General Assembly to send a mission to South Viet-Nam in 1963.
6. The Advisory Committee recommends that \$30,500, the actual cost of the mission, be transferred from section 2 to section 18 of the 1963 budget.

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