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THE CONCILIATION COMMISSION FOR PALESTINE AND ITS WORK  
IN THE LIGHT OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. In accordance with rule 152 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and with the letter dated 11 December 1952 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, consideration was given at the 373rd meeting of the Fifth Committee to the financial implications of the resolution proposed by the Ad Hoc Political Committee concerning the Conciliation Commission for Palestine and its work in the light of the resolutions of the United Nations (A/2310).
2. The Fifth Committee had before it a statement of financial implications prepared by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/536) and a report thereon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/2308).
3. The view was expressed by the Secretary-General that, on the basis of the resolution proposed by the Ad Hoc Political Committee and on the assumption that the seat of the Conciliation Commission will be at Headquarters in New York, the only anticipated expenditure in connexion with the activities of the Commission would be for salaries of the necessary supporting staff, estimated at \$49,000. Such staff would be engaged mainly in the identification and assessment of property holdings to which reference is made in the report submitted by the Commission to the General Assembly (A/2216, paragraphs 13 - 15). In the event of meetings having to be held away from Headquarters, the Secretary-General proposed that the additional expenses should be financed from the Working Capital Fund under the provisions relating to the maintenance of peace and security.

4. The Advisory Committee recommended, in its report, that in view of the delay likely to arise in the recruitment of supporting personnel, the estimate submitted by the Secretary-General should be reduced by \$4,000.
5. The Fifth Committee therefore decided, by 26 votes to 5, with no abstentions, to inform the General Assembly that adoption of the resolution proposed by the Ad Hoc Political Committee will involve supplementary provision under section 5 of the 1953 budget in a total amount of \$45,000.

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