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Financial implications of the resolution proposed
by the Third Committee (A/2604)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. In accordance with rule 152 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly the Fifth Committee, at its 424th meeting on 5 December 1953, considered, on the basis of a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/575) the financial implications of the draft resolution approved by the Third Committee (A/2604), under which the Ad Hoc Commission on Prisoners of War is requested to continue its efforts to assist in the solution of the problem of prisoners of war under the terms of reference contained in General Assembly resolution 427 (V) of 14 December 1950.

2. The Secretary-General's estimates were presented on the alternative assumptions of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Commission being held either at Headquarters or at Geneva, for a period of three weeks, and that the workload would be at the same level as during the fourth session of the Commission. In either event, it was estimated that additional provision in an amount of approximately \$6,600 would need to be provided under section 1 of the 1954 budget estimate. Should the Commission, in addition, find it necessary to meet outside New York or Geneva, additional expenses might be incurred for travel and subsistence of members and staff. Such expenses, however, could not be determined accurately at this stage. Accordingly, the Secretary-General proposed the inclusion in the draft resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses of an additional sub-paragraph authorizing him, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to enter

into such additional commitments as are required for the Ad Hoc Commission on Prisoners of War. The Fifth Committee noted that expenses for the Commission totalled \$11,131 for 1952 and are estimated at \$5,800 for 1953.

3. A proposal by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that no provision should be made in the 1954 budget estimate for the Ad Hoc Commission on Prisoners of War having been rejected by 29 votes to 5, with 2 abstentions, the Committee approved, by 31 votes to 5 with one abstention, the estimates as submitted by the Secretary-General.

4. The Fifth Committee therefore informs the General Assembly that adoption of the resolution proposed by the Third Committee will require budgetary provision in 1954 under section 1 in the amount of \$6,600 and that, should the Ad Hoc Commission find it necessary to meet outside New York or Geneva, additional expenses will be incurred for which provision will need to be made in the draft resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.
