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Agenda item 41

Dual Distribution

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1952

Supplementary estimates for section 11 - Department of Social Affairs

Sixteenth report of 1951 of the Advisory
Committee on Administrative and Budgetary
Questions

1. In accordance with a decision taken by the Fifth Committee at its 293rd meeting on 20 November 1951, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has examined the supplementary estimates for the financial year 1952 submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/C.5/471.
2. The estimates, which relate to section 11 - Department of Social Affairs, are set out below:

<u>Resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its thirteenth session:</u>	<u>Subject matter</u>	<u>Supplementary estimates Dollars (US)</u>
Resolution 390 D (XIII)	Community welfare centres	26,300
Resolution 390 A (XIII) (Report of the Social Commission (seventh session))	Maternal and child welfare Appraisal of first five years of advisory social welfare services	15,000 9,400
Resolution 389 C (XIII)	Proposal relating to the calling of a world conference on population	2,500
Resolution 388 (XIII), Resolution 414 B. II and B. III (XIII)	Elimination of slavery, prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities, freedom of information and of the Press	15,000
Total additional requirements		<u>\$68,200</u>

The salaries and fees included in the above figure of \$68,200 are gross, and the offsetting revenue in respect of contributions under the Staff Assessment Plan is estimated at \$12,200.

- x 3. The Advisory Committee has emphasized, in connexion with other estimates arising out of resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its thirteenth session that its recommendations are subject to whatever decisions of principle the General Assembly, as the organ responsible for the final approval of programmes, may take. A similar consideration applies to the present estimates.
4. The Advisory Committee finds no reflection in these supplementary estimates of the decisions taken by the Council concerning the 1952 sessions of certain of its functional commissions and sub-commissions. Neither the Population Commission nor the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities will meet during 1952, and the Committee believes that the substantive officers concerned will therefore be in a position to undertake additional tasks.
5. As regards the appraisal of the first five years of advisory social welfare Services, the Advisory Committee suggests that this project, as forming an integral part of the services, might properly be charged either against section 27 of the 1952 budget or against the Special Account for the expanded Programme of technical assistance. Although the survey is not itself operational in character, it is an essential part of the intelligence needed in reviewing the effectiveness of the various programmes and in modifying them to meet changing social needs. It is as closely linked to the technical and operational programmes as many of the functions of the Technical Assistance Administration which are at present charged against section 27 of the Budget or against the Special Account.
6. The Advisory Committee is also of the opinion that a number of items included in the supplementary estimates could be easily absorbed within the appropriation recommended in the first reading of the budget estimates by the Fifth Committee, for example, the proposed provision of \$2,500 for temporary assistance in connexion with population projects and travel expenses relating to the studies on maternal and child welfare.
7. On the basis of the above observations, the Advisory Committee recommends the approval of a global supplementary estimate of \$55,000 for section 11 of the 1952 budget, representing a reduction of \$13,200 in the figure submitted. It further recommends that discretion be granted to the Secretary-General as regards the distribution of the proposed provision among the various projects.
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