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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1956

Revised estimates for sections 5 and 5a (Special missions and related activities; United Nations Field Service)

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

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the revised estimates for 1956 submitted by the Secretary-General in documents A/C.5/644 and 648 in respect of section 5 - Special missions and related activities, and section 5a - United Nations Field Service.

2. The amounts provisionally included in the original budget estimates for 1956 (A/2904, pages 32 to 34) were respectively $1,650,000 for section 5 and $546,000 for section 5a.

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 5.
3. The Advisory Committee concurs in the revised provision now proposed by the Secretary-General, as follows:

Section 5

(i) United Nations Advisory Council for Somaliland under Italian Administration ........................................... 145,000
(ii) Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan ........ 436,600
(iii) United Nations Representative in India and Pakistan .. 29,250
(iv) United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine .. 117,000
(v) United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine ................................................................. 747,500
(vi) Repatriation of Greek children ...................................... 5,000
(vii) Korean service medals .............................................. 249,000
(viii) United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea ........................................... 126,900

Total .... 1,856,450

Section 5a
United Nations Field Service 584,600

4. The Advisory Committee accordingly recommends that amounts of $1,856,450 and $584,600 should be appropriated for 1956 respectively under section 5 - Special missions and related activities, and section 5a - United Nations Field Service. The Advisory Committee wishes, however, to add the recommendation that arrangements should be made whereby each of the various special missions under section 5 should be regularly inspected by a high-ranking official of the Secretariat, at intervals of not more than two years. The proposed inspection should be directed not merely to the administrative and financial procedures in the mission (including such matters as the rate of subsistence allowance, use of locally recruited temporary assistance, operation and maintenance of motor vehicles) but also more generally to the activities undertaken, with a view to the submission, where appropriate, of proposals for their possible curtailment.