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PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY

EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

Financial implications of the draft resolutions proposed by the  
First Committee (A/3008 and A/3022 and Corr.1)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. In accordance with the provisions of rule 15<sup>4</sup> of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee, at its 519th meeting held on 1 December 1955, considered the financial implications of the draft resolutions proposed by the First Committee in its reports on item 18 of the agenda of the tenth session (Peaceful uses of atomic energy (A/3008)), and item 59 (Effects of atomic radiation (A/3022 and Corr.1)).
2. For its consideration of these questions, the Fifth Committee had before it a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/649). The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally to the Fifth Committee by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee.
3. With reference to the estimates as summarized in paragraph 9 of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concurred with the Secretary-General's estimates of \$19,000 under section 1 for meetings of the Advisory Committee referred to in document A/3008 and \$13,000 under section 13 of the budget estimates for

consultants; it also concurred with the Secretary-General's proposal that such additional costs as might arise and which could not at present be estimated should be dealt with under the provisions of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

4. For the reasons given in paragraph 5 of his report, the Secretary-General had included in his estimates an amount of \$43,000 under section 1 for the payment of travel and subsistence of the fifteen members of the scientific Committee on atomic radiation referred to in document A/3022. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions drew attention to the provision in the draft resolution establishing the scientific Committee specifying that the States named were requested each to designate one scientist, with alternates and consultants as appropriate, "to be its representative on this Committee". The Advisory Committee was inclined, on balance, to consider that the travel and subsistence payments of the members of the scientific Committee, as representatives of Governments, should be borne (in accordance with the accepted United Nations principle) by the Governments concerned. In the event, however, that that view was not shared by the General Assembly, the estimate of \$43,000 as the cost involved in two sessions of the scientific Committee was, in the opinion of the Advisory Committee, reasonable.

5. In view of the importance attached by the Secretary-General to these matters, the Advisory Committee was prepared to concur in a budgetary provision to provide for a post of secretary to the scientific Committee. It considered, however, that any additional staffing needs might reasonably be found, as and when required, by transfer from other departments of the Secretariat and was accordingly of the opinion that the total budgetary provision in 1956 under section 6a might be held to an amount of \$14,000, rather than the sum of \$26,100 estimated by the Secretary-General.

6. In the course of the discussion in the Fifth Committee, divergent views were expressed on the questions noted in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

7. On a proposal by the representative of Denmark, the Committee decided, by 29 votes to 13, with 4 abstentions, that an estimate of \$62,000 should be reported to the General Assembly as the additional budgetary provision for 1956 required

under section 1, which would include provision (in the amount of \$43,000) for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances for members of the scientific Committee.

8. On a proposal by the representative of Cuba, the Committee decided, by 31 votes to 10, with 2 abstentions, that the estimates for the additional requirements submitted by the Secretary-General in the amount of \$39,100 should be similarly reported to the General Assembly, on the understanding that any further costs which could not at present be estimated should be dealt with under the provisions of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

#### Conclusions

9. Accordingly, the Fifth Committee informs the General Assembly that, in the event of the adoption of the draft resolutions proposed by the First Committee, the additional budgetary provision required for 1956 is estimated in the amounts of \$62,000 under section 1 of the budget estimates for meetings of the Advisory Committee and the Scientific Committee on atomic radiation; \$26,100 under section 6a for established posts; and \$13,000 under section 13 for consultants; and that such additional costs as may arise which cannot now be foreseen would be met under the provisions of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

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