



Thirteenth session
Agenda item 25

EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

Financial implications of the draft resolution
recommended by the First Committee (A/4037)

Fortieth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary
Questions to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the financial implications (A/3864/Add.1) of the draft resolution (A/4037) approved by the First Committee at its 1014th meeting, which would continue the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation and indicate the scope of its further activities.
2. The Secretary-General estimates an additional expenditure of \$213,000 for this purpose, consisting of \$93,000 under section 1, \$100,200 under section 6, \$18,800 under section 7 and \$1,000 under section 12.
3. These provisions are based on estimated requirements for two meetings of the Scientific Committee with a total duration of five weeks, for a Committee Secretary with three administrative and clerical assistants, for the employment of some five scientific experts on a year-round basis, for the purchase of a certain amount of books and periodicals to assist the Committee in its work as well as a lump-sum provision of \$50,000 to assist the Committee in the development of its further activities.
4. In considering the level of the estimates presented, the Advisory Committee has paid particular attention to the terms of operative paragraph 5 of the first Committee's draft resolution in terms of which the Scientific Committee would be requested to consult with other agencies and organizations concerned.

with projects within its sphere of activities, so as to avoid duplication of work and to ensure effective co-ordination. The Advisory Committee suggests therefore that, as a result of the continued emphasis on co-operation with other expert bodies, the lump-sum provision of \$50,000 referred to above might prove to have been excessive.

5. The Advisory Committee is of the view that some allowance might also be made for a probable time-lag in the recruitment of experts to assist the Scientific Committee in its work.

6. The Advisory Committee recommends, accordingly, that the General Assembly be informed that the draft resolution approved by the First Committee is expected to give rise to a total expenditure in 1959 in the amount of \$175,000.
