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CHANGES IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SECRETARIAT

Note by the Director-General

1. When I addressed the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration during its last regular session in October I indicated, in connexion with the future work programme of the secretariat, that it might be necessary to make some minor reorganizational changes in the composition of the secretariat. These would, however, have only slight budgetary implications and not affect the total amount of the expenditure budget.
2. These modifications in the organizational structure of the secretariat have now taken place. One change involves the strengthening of the Office of the Director-General by transferring a senior staff member to this Office to advise on economic matters. As a consequence of this transfer and in order to replace this officer at the direction of the Trade Intelligence and Special Projects Division, it is necessary to regrade one post from Counsellor P.5 to Director of Division D.1. The extra cost resulting from this arrangement amounts to approximately \$80 in 1967 and \$540 in 1968.
3. One other change in the organizational structure of the secretariat involves the transfer of a P.3 post, at present vacant, from the Agricultural Division to the Development Division in the Trade and Development Department. Since the minimum qualifications required for the post in the Development Division are of the P.4 grade, it is necessary to regrade the post from P.3 to P.4. The extra cost involved amounts to approximately \$1,430 in 1968.
4. It is proposed to absorb the additional expenditure mentioned above within the appropriations under PART II Secretariat of the 1967 and 1968 budgets.
5. There remain a very limited number of additional grading adjustments which may be desirable consequential upon the changes in the secretariat structure. The Director-General would like to have authority to make these adjustments provided their financial implications are minimal and subject also to his reporting to the Council when such action is taken.

Points for decision

Paragraph 4.

Paragraph 5.

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