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PROTOCOL

**Ordinary Expenses of the Union for the period 1954 to 1958**

1. The Administrative Council is authorized to draw up the annual budget of the Union in such a way that the ordinary expenses of the Union, excluding the interest paid on debts to the Swiss Confederation, do not exceed the following amounts for the years 1954 to 1958 :

5,890,000 Swiss francs for the year 1954

5,995,000 Swiss francs for the year 1955

5,965,000 Swiss francs for the year 1956

6,085,000 Swiss francs for the years 1957 and 1958.

2. In very exceptional cases, however, the Administrative Council is authorized to use credits not exceeding by a maximum of 3% the limits established in paragraph 1. In such cases it shall adopt a special resolution indicating the specific reasons for such a step.

3. Further, in addition to the cases in which the limits on expenditure may be exceeded, as set forth in paragraph 2, the Council may post to :

a) each of the budgets from 1955 to 1958, an additional amount up to a maximum of 60,000 Swiss francs to cover a possible increase in the rent of the premises of the Union under the circumstances envisaged in Resolution No. 8 ;

b) each of the budgets from 1954 to 1958 an additional amount up to a maximum of 200,000 Swiss francs to cover the possible grant to the staff of a cost-of-living allowance, as envisaged in Resolution No. 20.

4. The Administrative Council shall be entrusted with the task of effecting every possible economy with the object of reducing expenses to the lowest possible level.

5. Apart from the cases envisaged in paragraphs 2 and 3, the Administrative Council is authorized to adopt decisions which might result, either directly or indirectly, in the limit for each year, as set forth in paragraph 1 above, being exceeded, only by applying strictly the provisions of paragraph 6.