12(l). Appointment of Temporary Staff

Recognizing the ability and faithful service of the temporary staff under the Executive Secretary and the need for the staff members to be informed soon of their status in the Secretariat; and recognizing also the desirability of leaving to the Secretary-General full freedom to select the permanent staff which will assist him to carry out his responsibilities:

the General Assembly authorizes the Secretary-General to continue, pursuant to rule M of its provisional rules of procedure, the employment of the members of the staff of the Executive Secretary under the present terms and regulations until 1 April 1946; or until such prior date as the Secretary-General may enter into employment arrangements with such members in accordance with the provisional staff regulations and other conditions of employment in the Secretariat established by the General Assembly.

Twenty-first plenary meeting, 1 February 1946.

13(l). Organization of the Secretariat

I. Administrative Organization of the Secretariat

The administrative organization of the Secretariat should be so designed as to enable the work of the Secretariat to be conducted with the greatest possible efficiency.

Therefore, the General Assembly resolves that:

1. The Secretary-General shall take immediate steps to establish an administrative organization which will permit of the effective discharge of his administrative and general responsibilities under the Charter and the efficient performance of those functions and services required to meet the needs of the several organs of the United Nations.

2. The principal units of the Secretariat should be:

(a) Department of Security Council Affairs.
(b) Department of Economic Affairs.
(c) Department of Social Affairs.
(d) Department for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.
(e) Department of Public Information.
(f) Legal Department.
(g) Conference and General Services.
(h) Administrative and Financial Services.

3. The Secretary-General is authorized to appoint Assistant Secretaries-General and such other officials and employees as are required and to prescribe their responsibilities and duties. Assistant Secretaries-General shall have responsibility for and supervision of Departments and Services. There shall always be one Assistant Secretary-General designated by the Secretary-General to deputize for him when he is absent or unable to perform his functions. The Secretary-General shall take whatever steps may be required to ensure the necessary co-ordination between the Departments of Economic Affairs and of Social Affairs, and the maintenance of appropriate administrative relationships between those Departments and the Economic and Social Council, on the one hand, and