

783 (VIII). Question of a change in the opening date of regular sessions of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Noting the report²⁵ of the Secretary-General concerning the question of a change in the opening date of regular sessions of the General Assembly,

Noting also the observations²⁶ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in its twentieth report to the eighth session of the General Assembly,

Concurs in the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that the existing provision in the rules of procedure concerning the opening date of regular sessions of the General Assembly should be maintained.

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784 (VIII). Organization of the Secretariat

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the proposals of the Secretary-General in his report²⁷ on organization of the Secretariat and of his statement to the Fifth Committee at its 427th meeting;

2. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General should, to the extent possible, proceed along the lines he has proposed and prepare his 1955 budget estimates within the broad framework of these proposals, taking account of the observations and suggestions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its thirty-sixth report²⁸ to the eighth session of the General Assembly and of the views

²⁵ See document A/2436.

²⁶ See document A/2553.

²⁷ See document A/2554.

²⁸ See document A/2606.

expressed in the Fifth Committee at its 427th and 428th meetings held on 8 December 1953.

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785 (VIII). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1953

A

The General Assembly,

Considering the request for a supplementary appropriation of \$179,420, made by the Secretary-General in his report²⁹ for the purpose of covering the awards made by the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in eleven cases numbered 26, and 37 to 46 inclusive,

Considering the concurrence in that appropriation by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its twenty-fourth report³⁰ to the eighth session of the General Assembly,

Considering, nevertheless, that important legal questions have been raised in the course of debate in the Fifth Committee with respect to that appropriation,

Decides

To submit the following legal questions to the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion:

“(1) Having regard to the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal and to any other relevant instruments and to the relevant records, has the General Assembly the right on any grounds to refuse to give effect to an award of compensation made by that Tribunal in favour of a staff member of the United Nations whose contract of service has been terminated without his assent?”

“(2) If the answer given by the Court to question (1) is in the affirmative, what are the principal grounds upon which the General Assembly could lawfully exercise such a right?”

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²⁹ See document A/2534.

³⁰ See document A/2580.

B

The General Assembly

Resolves that the amount of \$48,327,700 appropriated for the financial year 1953 by resolution 674 (VII), adopted on 21 December 1952, is increased by \$1,541,750 as follows:

	<i>Amount appro- priated under resolution 674 (VII) as adjusted</i>	<i>Supplementary appropriation, increase or decrease</i>	<i>Revised amounts of appropriation</i>
<i>In dollars (US)</i>			
A. UNITED NATIONS			
<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees</i>			
<i>Section</i>			
1. The General Assembly, Commissions and Committees	603,400	120,000	723,400
2. The Security Council, Commissions and Committees	—	—	—
3. The Economic and Social Council, Commissions and Committees	263,200	—(17,000)	246,200
(a) Permanent Central Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body	20,000	4,000	24,000
(b) Regional Economic Commissions	96,000	—	96,000
4. The Trusteeship Council, Commissions and Committees	59,900	—	59,900
TOTAL, PART I	<u>1,042,500</u>	<u>107,000</u>	<u>1,149,500</u>
<i>Part II. Investigations and inquiries</i>			
5. Investigations and inquiries	2,140,700	—(25,000)	2,115,700
(a) United Nations Field Service	546,200	—	546,200
TOTAL, PART II	<u>2,686,900</u>	<u>—(25,000)</u>	<u>2,661,900</u>
<i>Part III. Headquarters, New York</i>			
6. Executive Office of the Secretary-General	375,100	15,900	391,000
(a) Library	471,000	—(10,000)	461,000
7. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs..	753,200	—(20,000)	733,200
8. Military Staff Committee secretariat	136,900	—(15,000)	121,900
9. Technical Assistance Administration	386,700	—	386,700
10. Department of Economic Affairs	2,269,100	—(140,000)	2,129,100
11. Department of Social Affairs	1,685,900	—(20,000)	1,665,900
12. Department for Trusteeship and Information from Non- Self-Governing Territories	936,000	—(36,000)	900,000
13. Department of Public Information	2,734,900	—(50,000)	2,684,900
14. Department of Legal Affairs	451,400	—(6,000)	445,400
15. Conference and General Services	9,614,350	—(140,000)	9,474,350
16. Administrative and Financial Services	1,564,200	29,000	1,593,200
17. Common staff costs	4,479,500	1,885,850	6,365,350
18. Common services	3,854,800	—(76,200)	3,778,600
19. Permanent equipment	252,050	—	252,050
TOTAL, PART III	<u>29,965,100</u>	<u>1,417,550</u>	<u>31,382,650</u>
<i>Part IV. United Nations Office at Geneva</i>			
20. United Nations Office at Geneva (excluding direct costs, chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body) ..	4,407,800	69,200	4,477,000
Chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body ..	47,100	—	47,100
(a) Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	650,000	—	650,000
TOTAL, PART IV	<u>5,104,900</u>	<u>69,200</u>	<u>5,174,100</u>

	<i>Amount appro- priated under resolution 674 (VII) as adjusted</i>	<i>Supplementary appropriation, increase or decrease</i>	<i>Revised amounts of appropriation</i>
<i>In dollars (US)</i>			
<i>Part V. Information centres</i>			
<i>Section</i>			
21. Information centres (other than information services, United Nations Office at Geneva)	862,300	—	862,300
TOTAL, PART V	<u>862,300</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>862,300</u>
<i>Part VI. Regional Economic Commissions (other than the Economic Commission for Europe)</i>			
22. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East	1,030,000	115,000	1,145,000
23. Economic Commission for Latin America	866,000	—(47,000)	819,000
TOTAL, PART VI	<u>1,896,000</u>	<u>68,000</u>	<u>1,964,000</u>
<i>Part VII. Hospitality</i>			
24. Hospitality	20,000	—	20,000
TOTAL, PART VII	<u>20,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>20,000</u>
<i>Part VIII. Contractual printing</i>			
25. Official Records (excluding chapter VI, Permanent Central Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body)	752,220	—(25,000)	727,220
Chapter VI, Permanent Central Opium Board and Nar- cotic Drugs Supervisory Body	11,780	—	11,780
26. Publications	812,800	—(50,000)	762,800
TOTAL, PART VIII	<u>1,576,800</u>	<u>—(75,000)</u>	<u>1,501,800</u>
<i>Part IX. Technical programmes</i>			
27. Social activities	768,500	—	768,500
28. Economic development	479,400	—	479,400
29. Public administration	145,000	—	145,000
TOTAL, PART IX	<u>1,392,900</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,392,900</u>
<i>Part X. Special expenses</i>			
30. Transfer of the assets of the League of Nations to the United Nations	649,500	—	649,500
31. Amortization of the Headquarters construction loan . . .	1,500,000	—	1,500,000
(a) Headquarters construction costs	1,000,000	—	1,000,000
TOTAL, PART X	<u>3,149,500</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,149,500</u>
B. THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE			
<i>Part XI. The International Court of Justice</i>			
32. The International Court of Justice.....	630,800	—(20,000)	610,800
TOTAL, PART XI	<u>630,800</u>	<u>—(20,000)</u>	<u>610,800</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$48,327,700</u>	<u>\$1,541,750</u>	<u>\$49,869,450</u>

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