

year 1956 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of contributions payable by that Member in respect of the twelfth annual budget, or any previous budget;

4. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1084 (XI) of 21 December 1956 relating to the unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purposes, do not exceed \$125,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total of \$125,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; the Secretary-General shall submit, with the annual accounts, an explanation of the outstanding balance of the revolving fund at the end of each year;

(d) Loans to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions of agencies to be established by inter-governmental agreement under the auspices of the United Nations to finance their work, pending receipt by the agencies concerned of sufficient contributions under their own budgets; in making such loans, which shall normally be repayable within two years, the Secretary-General shall have regard to the proposed financial resources of the agency concerned, and shall obtain the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for any cash issues which would increase the aggregate balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) at any one time to an amount in excess of \$1,500,000 and for any issue which would increase the balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) in respect of any one agency to an amount in excess of \$500,000;

(e) Such sums not exceeding \$35,000 as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the financial year in which payment is made; this amount may be increased with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each such year;

(f) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund.

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1086 (XI). Public information activities of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having examined sections 10 and 20 of the budget estimates for the financial year 1957,¹⁵

Noting with satisfaction the Secretary-General's proposal to extend the network of information centres to the new Member States,

Considering the desirability of the establishment of information centres, on the basis of the regional and linguistic distribution referred to in the basic principles underlying the public information activities of the United Nations¹⁶ approved by the General Assembly in resolution 595 (VI) of 4 February 1952,

Considering that the new Member States should be treated, by means of a flexible administrative policy, on a footing of equality with other Members in the matter of the provision of information services,

1. *Recommends* the Secretary-General to continue to give favourable attention to the establishment of information offices in the new Member States, giving priority to those countries which, for linguistic or other reasons, cannot be adequately served through existing centres or through the information services of the specialized agencies and which have informed him of their interest in that regard;

2. *Recommends* the Secretary-General to keep the structure of the information centres under constant review and to renew his efforts to co-ordinate the information services of the United Nations with those of the specialized agencies in order to avoid duplication of work and to make it possible—by means of savings which may be made in other sections of the budget without prejudice to existing services, or by other administrative means within the competence of the Secretary-General—to set aside funds for the progressive establishment of the necessary information centres in new Member States;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to take into consideration the views expressed in the debate on this item in the Fifth Committee, both in the distribution of the funds appropriated for 1957 and in the preparation of the budget estimates for the financial year 1958.

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1087 (XI). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly

Resolves:

1. That the scale of assessments for Members' contributions to the United Nations budget for the financial years 1956 and 1957, contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 970 (X) of 15 December 1955, shall be revised to include assessments for the sixteen States admitted to membership in the United Nations on 14 December 1955;¹⁷

¹⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/3126).*

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 41, document A/C.5/L.172, annex.

¹⁷ See General Assembly resolution 995 (X) of 14 December 1956.