

with General Assembly resolution 1340 (XIII) of 13 December 1958;

- (ii) \$527,988 being the balance of surplus account available for credit to Members as at 31 December 1958;

2. Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 (a) above in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the budget for the financial year 1960;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1959 under General Assembly resolution 1340 (XIII), provided that, should such advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1959 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 budget for the financial year 1960, 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 1444 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, relating to 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 purpose, do not exceed \$125,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total \$125,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(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; such loans shall normally be repayable within two years, and the Secretary-General 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 \$250,000;

(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 finance supplementary payments made to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in accordance with paragraph 5

of General Assembly resolution 1310 (XIII) of 10 December 1958 dealing with the pensionable remuneration of the staff;

(g) 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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#### 1446 (XIV). Organization and management of work of the Secretariat of the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 886 (IX) of 17 December 1954 on the organizational structure of the Secretariat of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind that there has been no general review of the organization of the work of the Secretariat since the year 1954-1955,

Recognising the utility of conducting periodic general reviews of the structure and functioning of United Nations bodies,

Taking into consideration that an over-all review of the programmes of the United Nations and specialized agencies for the next five years, being carried out by the Economic and Social Council, will be completed in 1960,

Taking further into account the view of the Secretary-General that the organization of the Secretariat should be subject to constant scrutiny and adjustment in order to meet changing requirements and achieve maximum economies and efficiency,

Noting the suggestion of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that consideration should be given to the desirability of having an over-all review of the organization of the Secretariat,

Noting the work of the Administrative Management Unit established in 1958 in the Office of the Controller,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint a committee of experts, composed of six persons with broad and practical experience in the various aspects of administration and chosen with due regard to geographical distribution in consultation with the respective Governments, to work together with the Secretary-General in reviewing the activities and organization of the Secretariat of the United Nations with a view to effecting or proposing further measures designed to ensure maximum economy and efficiency in the Secretariat;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to consult with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the arrangements to be made under paragraph 1 above;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, having considered a report of the committee of experts, to present to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session provisional recommendations thereon together with the committee's report, bearing in mind that the Secretary-General's final recommendations together with further reports of the committee shall be presented to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session;

4. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its observa-

tions on the review and on the reports of the Secretary-General.

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#### **1447 (XIV). Modernization of the Palais des Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General<sup>86</sup> and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>87</sup> concerning changes which have become necessary in the programme for the modernization of the Palais des Nations, approved under General Assembly resolution 1101 (XI) of 27 February 1957,

1. *Approves* the revisions in the programme for the modernization of the Palais des Nations as set out in the report of the Secretary-General together with the proposals for financing the entire programme, as modified, at a cost not to exceed \$1,790,000;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the execution of the programme;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General for these purposes:

(a) To include in the budget estimates for the years 1960 to 1962, as for the years 1957 to 1959, annual instalments of \$121,000, an instalment of \$131,000 in 1963 and instalments of \$311,000 annually for the years 1964 to 1966;

(b) To advance from the Working Capital Fund the sums which may be required from time to time to finance actual requirements, such advances to be repaid from budgetary appropriations in accordance with the schedule shown in annex II to the Secretary-General's report;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions informed of developments in the progress of the modernization programme.

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#### **1448 (XIV). Amount of the Working Capital Fund**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958 on the amount of the Working Capital Fund,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>88</sup> and the recommendations thereon contained in the thirty-sixth report of the Advisory Committee

<sup>86</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 44, document A/C.5/775.

<sup>87</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4157.

<sup>88</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/809.

on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session,<sup>89</sup>

1. *Urges* the Member States concerned to give attention to the payment of the outstanding arrears of their contributions;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in addition to continuing his efforts to obtain earlier payment of contributions in keeping with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, to address a special communication on this matter to Member States and to report on the replies received to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session;

3. *Decides* to increase the level of the Working Capital Fund from \$23.5 million to \$25 million in 1960, by the transfer to the Fund of the balance of surplus account still available for credit to Members as at 31 December 1958 (\$527,988) and by direct additional advances in the amount of \$972,012;

4. *Decides*:

(a) To continue in 1960, under the same conditions, the authorization granted to the Secretary-General in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 1341 (XIII) to borrow, on payment of normal current rates of interest, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, for purposes which normally relate to the Working Capital Fund;

(b) To extend the authorization to cover short-term loans from Governments.

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#### **1449 (XIV). Budget estimates for the financial year 1960**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1096 (XI) of 27 February 1957 on the submission of revised estimates,

*Desiring* to restrict to a minimum additions to a total programme of work which has already been formulated for a given year and reflected in the main budget estimates submitted by the Secretary-General,

*Requests* all organs of the United Nations to consider ways and means whereby new projects might be deferred until suitable provision for them can be made by the Secretary-General in the main budget estimates for a subsequent financial year, unless they are of major and urgent importance or unless they can be accommodated within approved expenditure levels by the postponement of projects of relatively low priority.

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<sup>89</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4317.