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1595 (XV). United Nations operations in the Congo: 1961 cost estimates and financing

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the question of the 1961 cost estimates for the United Nations operations in the Congo and the financing of these operations is currently under consideration,

Authorizes the Secretary-General, pending action by the General Assembly at its resumed fifteenth session and without prejudice to such action, to continue until 21 April 1961 to incur commitments for the United Nations operations in the Congo at a level not to exceed \$8 million per month.

*973rd plenary meeting,
3 April 1961.*

1612 (XV). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Contributions

The General Assembly

1. Appoints the following person as a member of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. Antonio Arráiz;

2. Declares Mr. Arráiz to be appointed for a period beginning on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1962.

*995th plenary meeting,
21 April 1961.*

1613 (XV). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The General Assembly

1. Appoints the following person as a member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal:

Mr. Héctor Gros Espiell;

2. Declares Mr. Gros Espiell to be appointed for a period beginning on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1963.

*995th plenary meeting,
21 April 1961.*

1614 (XV). United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: supplementary amendments to the Regulations of the Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1561 (XV) of 18 December 1960 relating to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,

Having considered the reports of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board¹ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. Resolves that the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as revised by General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV) be further amended, also with effect from 1 April 1961, as follows:

ARTICLE IV
(Retirement benefits)

Delete paragraph 1 (c).

ARTICLE VIII
(Child's benefit)

In paragraph 4, replace "article IV.1 (c)" by "article X.3 (d)".

ARTICLE X
(Withdrawal settlements)

Add the following paragraph 3 (d) :

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 63, document A/C.5/861, annex.*

² *Ibid.*, document A/4724.

"Where the participant withdraws from the Fund after having reached the age of fifty-five and before reaching the age of sixty, an immediate life annuity equal in actuarial value to the retirement benefit he would have received under **article IV.1 (a)**, had he been sixty at the date his service ceased, together with all those survivorship benefits and options to which under articles IV, IV *bis*, VII, VII *bis*, VII *ter* and VIII a recipient of a retirement benefit is entitled, except only that article IV.1 (b) and article IV.4 shall not apply."

2. *Further resolves* that a reference to article X.3 (d) shall be added to the second group of articles cited in paragraph 2 of section III of resolution 1561 (XV).

*995th plenary meeting,
21 April 1961.*

1615 (XV). Review of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolution 1585 (XV) of 20 December 1960,

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the question of the review of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses of the United Nations,³

Decides that if, as a result of a decision of the Security Council, new commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security should arise under paragraph 1 of resolution 1585 (XV) in an estimated total exceeding \$10 million before the sixteenth session of the General Assembly, a special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

*995th plenary meeting,
21 April 1961.*

1619 (XV). United Nations operations in the Congo: 1961 cost estimates and financing

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Security Council resolutions of 14 July,⁴ 22 July⁵ and 9 August 1960⁶ and 21 February 1961,⁷ and General Assembly resolutions 1474 (ES-IV) of 20 September 1960 and 1599 (XV), 1600 (XV) and 1601 (XV) of 15 April 1961,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimated cost of the United Nations operations in the Congo from 1 January to 31 December 1961⁸ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,⁹

Bearing in mind that the extraordinary expenses for the United Nations operations in the Congo are essentially different in nature from the expenses of the Organization under the regular budget and that therefore a procedure different from that applied in the case of the

³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 50, document A/4715.

⁴ *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifteenth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1960*, document S/4387.

⁵ *Ibid.*, document S/4405.

⁶ *Ibid.*, document S/4426.

⁷ *Ibid.*, *Sixteenth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1961*, document S/4741.

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda items 49/50, document A/4703.

⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/4713.

regular budget is required for meeting these extraordinary expenses,

Bearing in mind that the permanent members of the Security Council have a special responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security and therefore for contributing to the financing of peace and security operations,

Noting with appreciation the intention declared by certain Member States to make substantial voluntary contributions,

1. *Decides* to open an *ad hoc* account for the expenses of the United Nations operations in the Congo for 1961;

2. *Approves* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 2, 29 and 30 of its report, subject to paragraph 3 below;

3. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of \$100 million for the operations of the United Nations in the Congo from 1 January to 31 October 1961;

4. *Decides further* to apportion as expenses of the Organization the amount of \$100 million among the Member States in accordance with the scale of assessment for the regular budget subject to the provisions of paragraph 8 below, pending the establishment of a different scale of assessment to defray the extraordinary expenses of the Organization resulting from these operations;

5. *Urges* the permanent members of the Security Council to make sizable additional contributions;

6. *Appeals* to all other Member States who are in a position to assist to make voluntary contributions;

7. *Calls upon* the Government of Belgium, a State directly concerned with the situation in the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville), to make a substantial contribution;

8. *Decides* to reduce:

(a) By 80 per cent the assessment of Member States whose contributions to the regular budget range from 0.04 per cent to 0.25 per cent inclusive;

(b) By 80 per cent the assessment of Member States receiving assistance during 1960 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, whose contributions to the regular budget range from 0.26 per cent to 1.25 per cent inclusive;

(c) By 50 per cent the assessment of Member States receiving assistance during 1960 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, whose contributions to the regular budget are 1.26 per cent and above;

9. *Decides* to apply the additional contributions of Member States under paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 above to offset the deficit resulting from the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 8.

*995th plenary meeting,
21 April 1961.*

1620 (XV). Examination of the administrative and budgetary procedures of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having in mind that among the main purposes of the United Nations are the maintenance of international peace and security, the pacific settlement of disputes