

which the Member State does not require reimbursement, the Member State to be credited with the fair value thereof as agreed upon by the Member State and by the Secretary-General;

4. *Decides* that, for the purpose of the present resolution, the term "economically less developed Member States" shall mean all Member States except Australia, Austria, Belgium, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Sweden, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

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2116 (XX). Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957, 1851 (XVII) of 19 December 1962 and 1987 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963,

1. *Decides* that a fixed pattern of conferences to govern the places and dates of the meetings of United Nations bodies shall come into force on 1 January 1966 for a further period of three years;

2. *Decides further* that, as a general principle, meetings of United Nations bodies shall be held at the established headquarters of the bodies concerned, with the following exceptions:

(a) The sessions of the International Law Commission shall be held at Geneva;

(b) The United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, as well as the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee and the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, may meet at Geneva if the exigencies of their work so require;

(c) The regular summer session of the Economic and Social Council may be held at Geneva provided that the closing date falls at least six weeks before the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly;

(d) One Headquarters-based functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, to be determined by the Council, may meet at Geneva during the period from January to April;

(e) Sessions of not more than three other Headquarters-based functional commissions or committees of the Economic and Social Council may, by decision of the Council taken after consultation with the Secretary-General, be held at Geneva during the period from September to December without overlap;

(f) In addition, a session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs may, in exceptional circumstances and by decision of the Economic and Social Council taken after consultation with the Secretary-General, be held at Headquarters, New York; in that event, one other functional commission or committee may meet at Geneva in its place;

(g) The regular sessions of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as meetings of their subsidiary bodies, may be held away from their head-

quarters when the commission concerned so decides, subject, in the case of regular sessions of the commissions, to the approval of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly;

(h) In other cases meetings may be held away from the established headquarters or authorized meeting-place of any body when a Government issuing an invitation for a meeting to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly and indirectly involved;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly each year a basic programme of conferences for the following year, established in conformity with the present pattern and after consultation, as appropriate, with the organs concerned;

4. *Decides* that any meeting—other than an emergency meeting, in the sense of a meeting which cannot be deferred without serious detriment to the United Nations—not covered by the basic programme for a given year shall not be held during that year;

5. *Decides* that not more than one major special conference of the United Nations shall be scheduled in any one year;

6. *Urges* all organs of the United Nations, as well as the specialized agencies, to review their working methods and also the frequency and length of sessions, in the light of the present resolution, the growing volume of meetings, the resulting strain on available resources and the difficulty of ensuring the effective participation of members.

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2117 (XX). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee:

Mr. Brian J. Lynch,

Mr. Jean-Claude Renaud;

2. *Declares* Mr. Lynch and Mr. Renaud to be appointed for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1966.

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As a result of the above appointments, the members and alternate members elected by the General Assembly to the United Nations Staff Pension Committee will be the following:

Members

Mr. Albert F. BENDER (*United States of America*);

Mr. José ESPINOZA (*Chile*);

Mr. James GIBSON (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*).

Alternate members

Mr. Brian J. LYNCH (*New Zealand*);

Mr. Jean-Claude RENAUD (*France*);

Mr. Shilendra K. SINGH (*India*).