

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, subject to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective shares in the Tax Equalization Fund in a total amount of \$12,688,736, comprising:

- (a) \$13,249,800, being the estimated staff assessment income for 1967;
- (b) Less \$664,900,²⁹ representing the decrease in the revised income from staff assessment for 1966;
- (c) \$103,836, being the excess of the actual income over the approved estimated income from staff assessment for 1965.

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2243 (XXI). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1967

The General Assembly

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses in the financial year 1967, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$US 2 million, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

- (i) The designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute of the Court, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$37,500;
- (ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$25,000;
- (iii) The maintenance in office of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of \$50,000;
- (iv) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;
- (v) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of judges not re-elected, and travel and removal expenses of new members of the Court, not exceeding a total of \$58,500;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that if, as a result of a decision of the Security Council, commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security should arise in an estimated total exceeding \$10 million before the twenty-second session of the General Assembly, a special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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2244 (XXI). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1967

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year ending 31 December 1967 in the amount of \$US 40 million;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the budget for the financial year 1967;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Members resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in a total amount of \$1,079,158;

(b) Cash advances paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1966 under General Assembly resolution 2127 (XX) of 21 December 1965;

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 the 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 the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 2243 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 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 of \$125,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, such sums 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; 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;

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

5. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in 1967, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved in General Assembly resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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2245 (XXI). System of travel and subsistence allowances to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 on the system of travel and subsistence allowances to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, and the provisions of the annex to that resolution,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on standards of air travel accommodation³⁰ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on that subject,³¹

Decides that paragraph 4 of the annex to its resolution 1798 (XVII), as amended by resolution 2128 (XX) of 21 December 1965, shall be amended to read as follows:

"4. Payment of travel expenses shall be limited to the cost of economy class accommodation by air or its equivalent by recognized public transport *via* a direct route, except that in the case of one representative of each Member State attending regular, special or emergency special sessions of the General Assembly and of all persons who serve in their individual capacities, as distinct from those serving as representatives of Governments, payment of travel expenses shall be limited to the cost of first-class accommodation by air or its equivalent by recognized public transport *via* a direct route. The cost of air travel shall normally be regarded as the ceiling regardless of any alternative mode of transport used."

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2246 (XXI). Extension of conference facilities at the Palais des Nations

The General Assembly,

Taking note with approval of the reports of the Secretary-General³² and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³ concerning the extension of the conference facilities at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Swiss governmental authorities for the co-operation and assistance given to the United Nations in this matter;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the plans for the extension of the Palais des Nations within a maximum expenditure of \$15 million;

3. *Further authorizes* the Secretary-General to accept the offer of the Swiss authorities of a gift of 4 million Swiss francs (\$925,000) towards the cost of the project and to accept a loan, as required, at 3 per cent interest to assist in the financing of the project and to be repayable in instalments within the period 1972-1980;

4. *Decides* to finance the programme in such a way that the amount to be met from the budget estimates in successive years over the period 1967 to 1980 shall be:

	<i>US dollars</i>
For the years 1967-1974	1,000,000
For the years 1975-1979	1,500,000
For the year 1980	495,000

5. *Decides* to establish a special account in which all funds made available for the project of the extension of the Palais des Nations will be deposited and to which the unexpended balance of the annual appropriations will automatically revert.

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2247 (XXI). Publications and documentation of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Taking into account the budget estimates for the financial year 1967³⁴ and the sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session,³⁵

Bearing in mind the second report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,³⁶

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to instruct the Publications Board:

(a) To review the present practice of preparation and publication of Official Records and Supplements and Annexes of all organs of the United Nations, with the aim of determining whether any economy can be achieved;

(b) To review the publications programme in order to ascertain whether publications, studies and reports are prepared in accordance with pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and other policy-making bodies, as well as to determine whether any publication may have lost its usefulness or become redundant;

(c) To study the documentation of the Organization with a view to suggesting possible ways and means of achieving possible economy both in extent and cost;

(d) To harmonize the publication programme of the United Nations with those of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, with a view to eliminating possible duplication;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To submit to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at its summer

³⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 74, document A/C.5/1074.*

³¹ *Ibid.*, document A/6502.

³² *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1076.

³³ *Ibid.*, document A/6524.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/6305).*

³⁵ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 7 (A/6307).*

³⁶ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/6343.*