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Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for 1973,¹⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵

I

ADJUSTMENT OF BENEFITS IN RESPECT OF
COST-OF-LIVING CHANGES

1. *Decides* that the system of additional adjustments in 1973, 1974 and 1975 contained in section I, subparagraph (d), of General Assembly resolution 2944 (XXVII) of 4 December 1972, together with all the provisions relating to the payment thereof as set out in that resolution, shall be replaced by the payment during 1973 of a transitional adjustment calculated as a percentage of the basic benefit, together with the adjustment accruing thereon as a result of the operation of the pension adjustment index in accordance with the provisions of Assembly resolution 2122 (XX) of 21 December 1965, as amended by resolution 2887 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971 and section I, subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c), of resolution 2944 (XXVII), the aforesaid percentage being:

(a) 30 per cent of benefits and related adjustments not exceeding a total of \$4,000 a year, and of the first \$4,000 of any higher annual benefit, as adjusted, when the date of separation was prior to 1 January 1973;

(b) 22.5 per cent thereof when the date of separation was between 1 January and 31 March 1973;

(c) 15 per cent thereof when the date of separation was between 1 April and 30 June 1973;

(d) 7.5 per cent thereof when the date of separation was between 1 July and 30 September 1973;

2. *Further decides* that, during a period of three years from 1 January 1974, the pension adjustment index used for purposes of adjustment of benefits shall be replaced by a revised pension adjustment index, which shall be calculated for 1 January 1974 in the manner indicated in paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹⁵ and shall thereafter be adjusted and operated in accordance with the recommendations in section B of annex V to the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board,¹⁴ subject to such changes as may result from the introduction of the revised index on 1 January 1974;

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9 (A/9009 and Corr.1 and 2).
¹⁵ A/9274.

II

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Approves expenses, chargeable directly to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, totalling \$1,664,300 (net) for 1974 and supplementary expenses totalling \$149,000 (net) for 1973 for the administration of the Fund, as estimated in annex III to the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;¹⁴

III

STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF
ADJUSTING PENSIONS

1. *Notes* the decision of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to continue the study of alternative methods of adjusting pensions, with particular reference to selectivity;

2. *Requests* the Board to carry out an in-depth study on various selective systems designed to compensate for currency changes and inflationary movements in the countries of residence of pensioners and to explain the administrative and financial implications thereof;

3. *Requests* the Board to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

2196th plenary meeting
11 December 1973

3101 (XXVIII). Financing of the United Nations Emergency Force*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the cost estimates of the United Nations Emergency Force established pursuant to Security Council resolution 340 (1973) of 25 October 1973 for the period from 25 October 1973 to 24 April 1974¹⁶ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,¹⁷

Reaffirming its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by such operations, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards peace-keeping operations involving heavy expenditures,

Also bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council in the financing of such operations, as indicated in resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963 and other resolutions of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of \$30 million for the operation of the United Nations Emergency Force from 25 October 1973 to 24 April 1974 inclusive and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Force;

2. *Decides*, as an *ad hoc* arrangement, without prejudice to the positions of principle that may be taken

¹⁶ A/9285.
¹⁷ A/9314.

by Member States in any consideration by the General Assembly of arrangements for the financing of peace-keeping operations:

(a) To apportion an amount of \$18,945,000 for the above-mentioned six-month period among the States permanent members of the Security Council in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for 1974-1976;¹⁸

(b) To apportion an amount of \$10,434,000 for the above-mentioned six-month period among the economically developed Member States which are not permanent members of the Security Council in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for 1974-1976;

(c) To apportion an amount of \$606,000 for the above-mentioned six-month period among the economically less developed Member States in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for 1974-1976;

(d) To apportion an amount of \$15,000 for the above-mentioned six-month period to the following countries among the economically less developed Member States in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for 1974-1976: Afghanistan, Bhutan, Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, Guinea, Haiti, Laos, Lesotho, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta and Yemen;

3. *Decides* that, for the purpose of the present resolution, the term "economically less developed Member States" in paragraph 2 (c) above shall mean all Member States except Australia, Austria, Belgium, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Member States referred to in paragraphs 2 (a) and (d) above;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Emergency Force at a rate not to exceed \$5 million per month for the period from 25 April to 31 October 1974 inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the initial period of six months, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

5. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Emergency Force both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General.

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3188 (XXVIII). Granting of privileges and immunities to the members of the Joint Inspection Unit and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The General Assembly,

Having considered the proposals of the Secretary-General¹⁹ that, in accordance with article V, section 17,

of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946,²⁰ the categories of officials to which the provisions of articles V and VII of the Convention shall apply should include the members of the Joint Inspection Unit and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Approves the granting of the privileges and immunities referred to in articles V and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations to the members of the Joint Inspection Unit and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

2206th plenary meeting
18 December 1973

3189 (XXVIII). Inclusion of Chinese among the working languages of the General Assembly and the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that Chinese is one of the five official languages of the United Nations,

Noting that four of the five official languages have already been made working languages of the General Assembly and the Security Council, and affirming that, in the interest of efficiency in the work of the United Nations, Chinese should be accorded the same status as the other four official languages,

1. *Decides* to include Chinese among the working languages of the General Assembly and to amend accordingly the relevant provisions of the rules of procedure of the Assembly;²¹

2. *Considers* it desirable to include Chinese among the working languages of the Security Council;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the President of the Security Council.

2206th plenary meeting
18 December 1973

3190 (XXVIII). Inclusion of Arabic among the official and the working languages of the General Assembly and its Main Committees²²

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the significant role of the Arabic language in preserving and disseminating the civilization of man and his culture,

Recognizing further that Arabic is the language of nineteen Members of the United Nations and is a working language in such specialized agencies as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organisation, as well as an official and working language of the Organization of African Unity,

Aware of the need to achieve greater international co-operation and to promote harmonization of the actions of nations as envisaged in the Charter of the United Nations,

²⁰ Resolution 22 A (I), annex.

²¹ See resolution 3191 (XXVIII).

²² See also "Other decisions", p. 137.

¹⁸ See resolution 3062 (XXVIII).

¹⁹ See A/C.5/1584/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1.