

by the General Assembly of arrangements for the financing of peace-keeping operations:

(a) To apportion an amount of \$27,297,900 for the above-mentioned four-month period among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (a) of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1978 and 1979;

(b) To apportion an amount of \$16,311,888 for the above-mentioned four-month period among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (b) of resolution S-8/2 in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1978 and 1979;

(c) To apportion an amount of \$940,385 for the above-mentioned four-month period among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (c) of resolution S-8/2 in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1978 and 1979;

(d) To apportion an amount of \$17,827 for the above-mentioned four-month period among the Member States referred to in paragraph 2 (d) of resolution S-8/2 in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1978 and 1979;

3. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 2 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of \$370,000 approved for the period from 19 September 1978 to 18 January 1979 inclusive, reduced by \$118,000 being the decrease in the estimated staff assessment income for the period from 19 March to 18 September 1978 inclusive;

III

Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon at a rate not to exceed \$11,142,000 per month for the period from 19 January to 31 October 1979 inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of four months authorized under its resolution 434 (1978) of 18 September 1978, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

IV

1. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

V

1. *Decides* that Djibouti and Viet Nam shall be included in the group of Member States mentioned in section I, paragraphs 2 (d) and 2 (c), respectively, of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 and that their contributions for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of Assembly resolution 33/11 of 3 November 1978;

2. *Decides further* that, in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the contributions of the Member States listed in paragraph 1 of the present section to the United

Nations Interim Force in Lebanon in respect of the appropriation apportioned under General Assembly resolution S-8/2 for the operation of the Force from 19 March to 18 September 1978 shall be treated as miscellaneous income to be further set off against the appropriations apportioned in section II above.

44th plenary meeting
3 November 1978

33/55. Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957, 1851 (XVII) of 19 December 1962, 1987 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2239 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2361 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2478 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2693 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 2834 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 2960 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 3351 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974, 3491 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/140 of 17 December 1976 and 32/71 and 32/72 of 9 December 1977,

I

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Committee on Conferences,²⁹ established by its resolution 3351 (XXIX) and retained by its resolution 32/72, and approves the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Approves* the revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 1979 set forth in annex I to volume II of the report of the Committee on Conferences;

3. *Affirms* that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time;

II

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that the number of intersessional departures from the approved calendar has been reduced;

2. *Reaffirms* that, if and when intersessional departures are granted, the servicing should be financed from the approved appropriations for conference services;

3. *Again calls upon* all United Nations bodies to conclude their work within the time allotted to them and to review their work procedures to that end, in particular to adhere strictly to the guidelines for reducing the wastage resulting from cancellations of scheduled meetings;

4. *Encourages* closer co-operation between the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on Conferences to promote the efficient and economical conduct of the United Nations conference programme;

5. *Requests* United Nations bodies to review the length and cycle of their sessions with a view to exploring the possibilities of shortening them and of meeting on a biennial basis or less frequently.

84th plenary meeting
14 December 1978

33/56. Control and limitation of documentation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, 2361 (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

²⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/33/32).

2478 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2836 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, 3415 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 31/140 of 17 December 1976 and 32/71 and 32/72 of 9 December 1977,

Concerned at the frequent delay in the issue of documentation required for the work of United Nations bodies, which impedes the organization and progress of work,

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1. *Reaffirms* the need for the continued application of the criteria for the provision of meeting records as set forth in General Assembly resolution 3415 (XXX) and of the provisions of resolution 2538 (XXIV);

2. *Calls upon* all United Nations bodies to review periodically, on the basis of statements of the financial implications, the requirements for meeting records, to explore possibilities for reduced services with regard to records, to dispense, whenever possible, with meeting records and to report their experience to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

3. *Reaffirms* its previous decisions, including those in resolutions 2292 (XXII) and 2836 (XXVI), *inter alia*, that the reports of its subsidiary bodies should not include as annexes material such as verbatim or summary records, working papers or extracts therefrom or any texts already available in easily accessible documents;

4. *Urges* the Secretariat to play a more active role in advising bodies on means to limit meeting records and documentation, with particular reference to General Assembly resolutions 2292 (XXII) and 2836 (XXVI);

II

1. *Urges* all intergovernmental bodies:

(a) To bear in mind the need to keep their requests for documents to the minimum compatible with the efficient conduct of their work and within the limits of the available resources of the Secretariat;

(b) To review all their recurrent documents to determine whether those documents have become redundant, have lost their usefulness or could be issued at less frequent intervals;

(c) To endeavour to prepare as brief reports as possible;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To draw the attention of intergovernmental bodies to areas where duplication of documentation is likely to occur and/or where opportunities for integrating or consolidating documents that deal with related or similar themes might exist with a view to rationalizing documentation;

(b) To follow the necessary administrative and managerial procedures to ensure the scheduling, preparation and submission of documents in good time;

(c) To circulate eight weeks before the opening of a meeting of an intergovernmental body, with the annotated agenda of the meeting, a report on the state of preparedness of all the documents for the session, in all languages, at that time;

(d) To take measures to ensure that pre-session documents for meetings shall be distributed not less than six weeks before the meetings, in all languages, in so far as the subjects dealt with, the schedule of meetings or the reporting system allow;

(e) To bring to the attention of intergovernmental bodies, at the time when decisions are being adopted, any request for documentation that exceeds the ability of the Secretariat to produce such material on time within its approved resources and to give due explanations;

(f) To continue to apply to all action-oriented documents prepared by the Secretariat for intergovernmental meetings a limit of thirty-two pages, in accordance with internal instructions of the Secretariat;

(g) To develop systematic training programmes for staff in the Professional category and newly recruited staff who are required to produce documents, with a view to securing a consistent drafting standard and to improving drafting skills.

*84th plenary meeting
14 December 1978*

33/116. Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979

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The General Assembly

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ORGANIZATIONAL NOMENCLATURE IN THE SECRETARIAT

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat³⁰ and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³¹

2. *Endorses* the general direction of the Secretary-General's policy and the measures indicated in his report and encourages the Secretary-General to proceed with the reforms in organizational nomenclature, taking into account the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the views expressed by the members of the Fifth Committee;

3. *Decides* to consider the final report of the Secretary-General on the remaining organizational elements at its thirty-fourth session;

II

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFORMATION SERVICES UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

1. *Recalls* the decision in section V, paragraph 2, of its resolution 32/212 of 21 December 1977 that there is no commitment on the part of the Organization subsequently to transfer the costs of the operation of the Information Services Unit of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat to the regular budget;

³⁰ A/C.5/33/6.

³¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Fifth Committee, 20th meeting, paras. 64 and 65; and ibid., Fifth Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.*