

35/223. Implementation of section VIII of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/215 of 19 December 1979, in particular paragraph 3 thereof,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General⁸⁹ submitted in pursuance thereof and bearing in mind the provisions of General Assembly resolution 35/203 of 16 December 1980, as well as the letter dated 26 November 1980 from the Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee,⁹⁰

1. *Endorses* the consultative arrangements, at the level of the Secretariat, envisaged by the Secretary-General on policy issues pertaining to planning, programming, budgeting and evaluation;

2. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit, in establishing its work programme for implementation of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination regarding a study on the impact on the Secretariat of restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, to be guided by the priorities identified in General Assembly resolution 35/203 and to take into account the report of the Secretary-General;

3. *Decides* to revert to the question of adjustments in the functioning of the relevant entities of the Secretariat at its thirty-sixth session in the light of the report requested of the Secretary-General and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit.

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35/224. Use of experts and consultants in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision of 18 December 1974, taken at its twenty-ninth session,⁹¹ by which it outlined principles and guidelines on the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations,

Recalling further its decision of 17 December 1975, taken at its thirtieth session,⁹² as well as its resolutions 31/205 of 22 December 1976, 32/203 of 21 December 1977 and 33/117 of 19 December 1978, in which it reaffirmed the aforesaid principles and guidelines and called for their full and effective implementation,

1. *Takes note* of the statement made by the representative of the Secretary-General at the 59th meeting of the Fifth Committee, on 15 December 1980;⁹³

2. *Regrets* that the Secretary-General was unable to report in time on the elimination of existing deficiencies

⁸⁹ A/35/527 and Corr.1.

⁹⁰ See A/C.5/35/L.25.

⁹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31* (A/9631 and Corr.2), pp. 136 and 137, item 73.

⁹² *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/10034), p. 145, item 96, subpara. (t).

⁹³ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fifth Session, Fifth Committee, 59th meeting*, para. 50.

in the implementation of the principles and guidelines on the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations;

3. *Again requests* the Secretary-General to submit a full and comprehensive report on the matter so as to enable the General Assembly to consider it, on a priority basis, at an early stage during its thirty-sixth session;

4. *Expresses the hope* that the information to be submitted will enable the General Assembly, at its thirty-sixth session, to evaluate the existing practices on the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations.

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35/225. Job classification and career development of language staff

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,⁹⁴

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁹⁵

Recognizing the extreme importance of preserving the quality of all United Nations documents,

Stressing the necessity of avoiding any measure that might impair the equal status of all the official and working languages of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the career of staff in all the language occupational groups at the United Nations represents a functional continuum within which the range of grade levels should reflect the increasingly complex and specialized nature of the assignments performed by language groups,

Bearing in mind that the problems confronting the various language groups are not of a comparable nature and that the more recently introduced official languages require particular attention,

1. *Approves* the proposals of the Secretary-General aimed at reclassifying language posts so that:

(a) The number of posts reclassified is in proportion to the number established for each of the six languages of the United Nations;

(b) The translators, interpreters, verbatim reporters, editors, copy-preparers and proof-readers benefit from the reclassification measures;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to apply self-revision on a provisional and experimental basis, to the extent that it does not affect the quality of United Nations documents, whatever the official or working language used;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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⁹⁴ A/C.5/35/75.

⁹⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 7A* (A/35/7/Add. 1-32), document A/35/7/Add.27.