

37/130. Impact of inflation and monetary instability on the regular budget of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/230 of 18 December 1981,

Deeply concerned at the increased cost of the goods and services associated with the operation of the United Nations and the United Nations system as a whole as a result of the persistence of inflation and monetary instability in those developed countries in which the United Nations makes its expenditures,

Convinced that many Member States are not responsible for the losses that the budget of the United Nations experiences as a result of the monetary phenomena referred to in the preceding paragraph,

Stressing that, in order to cover the substantial losses caused by inflation and monetary instability, there is a need for a continuing review of procedures that could help meet the above-mentioned budget costs in the most appropriate way,

Having considered the study prepared by the Secretary-General on the impact of inflation and monetary instability on the regular budget of the United Nations, contained in his report on the subject,⁴⁸

Convinced of the need to analyse more thoroughly all aspects of the increased costs of the goods and services associated with the operation of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of inflation and monetary instability on the regular budget of the United Nations;⁴⁸

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a more penetrating, extensive and detailed study on the impact of inflation and monetary instability on the regular budget of the United Nations, taking duly into consideration the content of the preambular paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 36/230 and the present resolution, together with the opinions of the Member States concerned, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

*109th plenary meeting
17 December 1982*

37/131. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board⁴⁹

The General Assembly,

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 1982,⁵⁰ chapter III of the report of the International Civil Service Commission⁵¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵²

Noting, in particular, the unanimous proposals made by the Board⁵³ in response to the request of the General Assembly to undertake a comprehensive analysis of all possible measures to improve the actuarial balance of the Fund, bearing in mind the views expressed in the Fifth Committee,

Noting further that a co-operative effort by member organizations, participants and beneficiaries—sharing equitably the burdens such measures may impose on them—is required if the actuarial imbalance is to be reduced significantly,

I

MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE ACTUARIAL BALANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND

1. *Approves* the measures designed to improve the actuarial balance of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund which are contained in section III.A of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;⁵⁰

2. *Requests* the International Civil Service Commission, in co-operation with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, to undertake the study of the age of separation and of retirement in all member organizations, bearing in mind all the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly together with the views expressed in the Fifth Committee, and to submit proposals based thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

3. *Amends*, with effect from 1 January 1983, the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, without retroactive effect, as set forth in annex XII of the report of the Board, and the pension adjustment system in accordance with annexes IX and X thereof;

II

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND OF THE EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION

Decides to admit the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, in accordance with article 3 of the Regulations of the Fund, with effect from 1 January 1983;

III

EMERGENCY FUND

Authorizes the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund, for a further period of one year, by an amount not exceeding \$100,000;

IV

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Approves expenses, chargeable directly to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, totalling \$5,955,300 (net) for 1983 and reductions of \$205,400 (net) for 1982 for the administration of the Fund;

V

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF PENSIONERS TO THEIR SPOUSES OR FORMER SPOUSES

1. *Takes note* of section III.F of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board concerning the absence of effective measures for dealing with the financial obligations of a pensioner to his or her spouse or former spouse which, in some cases, might give rise to serious hardship;

2. *Requests* the Board to pursue the search for such measures along the lines indicated in paragraph 84 of its report or by any other methods and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

⁴⁸ A/C.5/37/39.

⁴⁹ See also sect. X.B.7, decision 37/429.

⁵⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/37/9 and Corr.1-4).*

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 30 (A/37/30).

⁵² A/37/674.

⁵³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/37/9 and Corr.1-4)*, sect. III.A.