

Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi and the headquarters of regional commissions<sup>112</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>113</sup>

2. *Adopts*, on an interim basis, the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee in its report;

3. *Decides* to consider fully the question of the contractual status of language teachers at its thirty-eighth session on the basis of an updated report to be submitted by the Secretary-General.

*114th plenary meeting  
21 December 1982*

**37/238. Review of the financing of the administrative costs of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the financing of the administrative costs of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>114</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>115</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Endorses* the opinion of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that decisions on the proposals of the Secretary-General concerning the transfer of posts should be taken on a case-by-case basis in the context of his proposed programme budgets for the 1984-1985 and subsequent bienniums;

3. *Concurs* in the other comments and observations of the Advisory Committee in its report.

*114th plenary meeting  
21 December 1982*

**37/239. Report of the Committee of Governmental Experts to Evaluate the Present Structure of the Secretariat in the Administrative, Finance and Personnel Areas**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the final report of the Committee of Governmental Experts to Evaluate the Present Structure of the Secretariat in the Administrative, Finance and Personnel Areas;<sup>116</sup>

2. *Commends* the report of the Committee to the Secretary-General;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the suggestions highlighted in paragraph 39 of the report of the Committee, as well as the related views of the Fifth Committee thereon, in his consideration of the administrative structure of the Secretariat and his present review on decentralizing the decision-making in administrative matters referred to in paragraph 25 and in annex I, paragraph 15, of the report;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-ninth session, within the context of the programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, a

report on the major issues identified by the Committee, including changes in the administrative structure that he considers appropriate.

*114th plenary meeting  
21 December 1982*

**37/240. Travel and Subsistence Regulations of the International Court of Justice**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 85 (I) of 11 December 1946,

*Approves* the revised Travel and Subsistence Regulations of the International Court of Justice as contained in the annex to the present resolution.

*114th plenary meeting  
21 December 1982*

ANNEX

Travel and Subsistence Regulations of the  
International Court of Justice

Article 1

TRAVEL EXPENSES

1. The United Nations shall pay, subject to the conditions of these regulations, the travel expenses of the members of the International Court of Justice necessarily incurred on duly authorized journeys. The following shall be deemed to be duly authorized journeys:

(a) For members of the Court and one close relative residing with them to attend sessions at the seat of the Court;

(b) For members of the Court and one close relative residing with them to attend a session which is held at a place other than the seat of the Court;

(c) In the case of the President of the Court, who by virtue of Article 22 of the Statute must reside at the seat of the Court:

(i) At the time of his election to the Presidency, a journey from his home to the seat of the Court in connection with any transfer of residence;

(ii) In the calendar year following that of his election to the Presidency, a return journey from the seat of the Court to his home at the time of that election;

(iii) At the end of his term of office as President, a journey from the seat of the Court to his home at the time of his election to that office, or to any other place provided that the cost of the journey is no greater.

Where the spouse and/or dependent children of the President reside with him at the seat of the Court, the United Nations shall reimburse their travel expenses for journeys undertaken in conjunction with (i), (ii) and (iii) above;

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (a) above, in the case of any member of the Court other than the President who takes up residence at the seat of the Court in compliance with Article 23 of its Statute, solely:

(i) A journey from his home, at the time of appointment, to the seat of the Court, in connection with the transfer of his residence;

(ii) A return journey every second calendar year after the year of appointment from the seat of the Court to his home at the time of appointment;

(iii) A journey upon termination of appointment from the seat of the Court to his home at the time of appointment, or to any other place provided that the cost of the journey is not greater than the cost of the journey to his home at the time of appointment.

Where the spouse and/or dependent children of the member of the Court reside with him at the seat of the Court, the United Nations shall reimburse the travel expenses for journeys undertaken in conjunction with (i), (ii) and (iii) of the present subparagraph;

(iv) Any journey within the meaning of subparagraph (b) above;

(e) Journeys of any *ad hoc* judge chosen under Article 31 of the Statute of the Court and one close relative residing with him, in accordance with

<sup>112</sup> A/C.5/37/63.

<sup>113</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/37/7/Add.1-24), document A/37/7/Add.24.

<sup>114</sup> A/C.5/37/1 and Corr.1.

<sup>115</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/37/7/Add.1-24), document A/37/7/Add.3.

<sup>116</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 44 (A/37/44).

subparagraphs (a) and (b) above, when his presence is certified by the President as necessary for official business;

(f) Other journeys on official business, undertaken with the authority of the President.

2. In all cases, payment by the United Nations of travel expenses shall comprise the cost of journeys actually undertaken, subject to the following maximum entitlements:

(a) Payment of travel expenses by the United Nations shall comprise the cost of first-class accommodation and shall include expenses normally incidental to transportation, e.g., taxi-cab fares from station. The cost of transportation of baggage in excess of the weight or size carried free by transportation companies will not be allowable as an expense unless the excess is necessarily carried for official business reasons;

(b) Travel shall be by air, rail, private car or any other means of transport authorized by the President of the Court for special reasons;

(c) All travel will be by the most direct route, provided that travel by other routes may be allowed under written authority of the President when the official necessity therefor is satisfactorily established, but in other cases the travel expenses and subsistence allowance payable shall not exceed the amounts which would have been payable had the journey been by the most direct route.

#### Article 2

##### SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

1. A daily subsistence allowance shall be paid to the members of the Court while in official travel status under article 1, paragraph 1, subparagraphs (b), (c) (i) and (iii), (d) (i), (iii) and (iv) and (f) of these Regulations. The allowance will be regarded as covering all charges for meals, lodging and gratuities, and other personal expenses.

2. The allowance will be payable under the conditions and at rates equivalent to the standard travel subsistence allowance rates applied to officials of the United Nations Secretariat, plus 40 per cent, provided that the President of the Court may reduce this rate in the event of the provision of board and/or lodging by a host Government. The allowance shall normally be payable in local currency.

3. Where the President of the Court or another member of the Court undertaking an official journey under article 1, paragraph 1 (c) or (d) of these Regulations is accompanied by a spouse and/or dependent children, a subsistence allowance of one half of the appropriate rate payable to the President or member concerned in respect of that journey will be payable in respect of each dependant; where these dependants are travelling unaccompanied on an authorized journey, the full rate of subsistence allowance will be payable in respect of one adult and one half of that rate in respect of each other dependant.

#### Article 3

##### REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

1. The President of the Court, who by virtue of Article 22 of its Statute shall reside at the seat of the Court, and any other member of the Court who takes up residence at the seat of the Court in compliance with Article 23 of the Statute, shall be entitled:

(a) In conjunction with article 1, paragraph 1 (c) (i) or (d) (i), of these Regulations:

(i) To full removal costs of household goods and personal effects to the seat of the Court from his home at the time of appointment (or any country other than that where the Court has its seat if less expenditure is entailed);

(ii) To an amount corresponding to the installation grant provisions applicable to the senior officials of the Secretariat of the United Nations;

(b) In conjunction with article 1, paragraph 1 (c) (iii) or (d) (iii), of these Regulations:

To full removal costs of household goods and personal effects from the seat of the Court to his home at the time of appointment (or any other country where he may choose to have his residence if less expenditure is entailed).

2. The President may authorize, in the case of other members of the Court:

(a) The reimbursement of reasonable costs of partial removal of household goods and personal effects between their principal place of residence and the seat of the Court upon taking up their appointment and upon separation;

(b) An amount not exceeding one half of the installation grant provisions applicable to the senior officials of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

#### Article 4

##### SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

A detailed expense account must be rendered in support of each claim for reimbursement of travel expenses or subsistence allowance as soon as possible after completion of the travel or removal. The claims should show every item of expense, except where such expenses are to be covered by a subsistence allowance, and every advance drawn from any United Nations source, and must, as far as possible, be supported by receipts showing the service to which the payment is related. All expenses must be shown in the actual currency in which they were made and must be certified as having been necessarily and solely incurred in the discharge of the official business of the Court. No reimbursement shall be made without the written authorization of the President of the Court, countersigned by the Registrar.

#### Article 5

##### TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE OF THE REGISTRAR

The travel and subsistence provisions applicable to the Registrar of the Court shall be as set out in the Staff Regulations of the United Nations for officials of comparable rank, subject to any exceptions authorized by the President of the Court.

#### Article 6

##### APPLICABILITY

These Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 1983.

### 37/241. Organization and methods for official travel

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3198 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 and 32/198 of 21 December 1977 on the standards of accommodation for official travel of United Nations staff and members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on organization and methods for official travel,<sup>117</sup> the comments of the Secretary-General thereon<sup>118</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>119</sup>

2. *Concurs* with the recommendation of the Joint Inspection Unit that the United Nations should select a commercial travel agency under an in-plant or other arrangement through widespread international competitive bidding at appropriate intervals;

3. *Concurs* with the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit that the Secretary-General should undertake negotiations with air carriers or with the interested Governments which sponsor carriers to obtain discounts in countries where this is permitted or to relax conditions which are an obstacle to obtaining the most economical fares;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to keep the possibility of establishing a United Nations travel agency under review and to report accordingly to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to study the possibility of in-plant travel arrangements for United Nations offices at duty stations other than New York;

<sup>117</sup> See A/37/357 and Corr. 1.

<sup>118</sup> A/37/357/Add. 1.

<sup>119</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/37/7/Add. 1-24), document A/37/7/Add. 15.*