

**42/214. Standards of accommodation for air travel**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 32/198 of 21 December 1977, 35/217, section X, of 17 December 1980 and 37/237, section III, of 21 December 1982, on first-class travel in the United Nations,

Also recalling resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, by which it approved, *inter alia*, recommendation 38 (2), as contained in the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations,<sup>22</sup> which states that as a rule, first-class air travel should be limited to the Secretary-General,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel<sup>31</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>32</sup>
2. Decides that all individuals, with the exception of the Secretary-General and the heads of delegations of the least developed countries to the regular and special sessions of the General Assembly, whose travel is financed by United Nations organizations and programmes and who were previously entitled to first-class accommodations, will be required to travel at the class immediately below first class;
3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to exercise his discretion in making exceptions to allow first-class travel on a case-by-case basis;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly on the implementation of the present resolution, noting all exceptions made under paragraph 3 above, and the reasons for those exceptions.

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**42/215. Programme planning**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 31/93 of 14 December 1976, 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 38/227 A and B of 20 December 1983 and 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976,

Recognizing the need to improve continuously the programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation process in the Organization and the need for the participation of Member States from an early stage and throughout the process,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-seventh session,<sup>20</sup>

Having considered also the relevant parts of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1987,<sup>33</sup>

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on the preparation of the next medium-term plan,<sup>34</sup>

Having considered also the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213,<sup>35</sup> as well as the update of the progress report,<sup>36</sup>

## I

## REGULATIONS AND RULES GOVERNING PROGRAMME PLANNING, THE PROGRAMME ASPECTS OF THE BUDGET, THE MONITORING OF IMPLEMENTATION AND THE METHODS OF EVALUATION

1. Endorses the amendments to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation as recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-seventh session;<sup>37</sup>
2. Stresses the need to implement fully all the provisions of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, in particular those relating to the determination of priorities;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to consider improvement in the format and presentation of the programme budget, taking fully into account the relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>38</sup>

## II

## PROGRAMME PLANNING

1. Reiterates the importance of the medium-term plan as the principal policy directive of the United Nations;
2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations and approves the proposals contained in paragraphs 100 to 102 of part two of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;<sup>20</sup>
3. Praises the initiative taken by the Secretary-General to engage Member States in an early dialogue on the future activities of the Organization in accordance with section II, paragraph 3 (b), of resolution 41/213, and requests him to gather additional opinions, comments and suggestions from Member States on the subject with a view to the preparation of the draft introduction to the next medium-term plan and to issue the draft introduction as soon as possible;
4. Requests the Secretary-General, when submitting in 1988 the draft introduction to the next medium-term plan, to take into account all views expressed by Member States on the enclosure to his note on the preparation of the next medium-term plan,<sup>34</sup> entitled "Some perspectives on the work of the United Nations in the 1990s", in particular during their discussions on this subject in the various intergovernmental organs;

<sup>31</sup> A/C.5/42/9.

<sup>32</sup> A/42/790, sect. II.

<sup>33</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/42/3/Rev.1).

<sup>34</sup> A/42/512.

<sup>35</sup> A/42/234 and Corr.1.

<sup>36</sup> A/C.5/42/2/Rev.1.

<sup>37</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/42/16), part two, para. 74.

<sup>38</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/42/7).