

III

EVALUATION

1. *Stresses* the importance and necessity of further integrating evaluation into the programme planning, budgeting and monitoring cycle with a view to improving and strengthening programme formulation and implementation;

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that evaluation studies should be appropriately timed in order to be relevant to the programme cycle, that evaluation methodologies should continue to be further refined and that evaluation reports should present recommendations in two separate categories, namely, those falling within the purview of the Secretary-General for implementation and those requiring consideration, approval or action by intergovernmental bodies;³⁹

3. *Invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to consider the recommendations contained in the triennial review of the technical co-operation activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the field of manufactures, financed by the United Nations Development Programme,⁴⁰ together with the conclusions reached by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-seventh session;⁴¹

IV

CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRAMME ANALYSES

1. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/79 of 8 July 1987 on the cross-organizational review of the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system and programme analysis in the area of science and technology for development, and 1987/86 of 8 July 1987 on the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development and system-wide co-ordination of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the cross-organizational review of the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system and programme analysis in the area of science and technology for development;⁴²

3. *Agrees* with the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that a cross-organizational programme analysis on the question of the advancement of women should be submitted to the Committee at its twenty-ninth session in 1989 with the understanding contained in paragraph 11 of part two of the report of the Committee;²⁰

³⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 16 (A/42/16), part one, paras. 235 and 236.

⁴⁰ See E/AC.51/1987/3.

⁴¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/42/16)*, part one, para. 237.

⁴² *Ibid.*, paras. 268-275.

V

JOINT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION

1. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/82 and 1987/85 of 8 July 1987;

2. *Accepts*, as agreed by the members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1987/194, that the topic for the twenty-third series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees shall be "The response of the United Nations system to development problems, with special attention to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990";

VI

OTHER CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Endorses* those other conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-seventh session²⁰ which have not otherwise been approved by the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

2. *Decides* that the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, as well as the related portions of its report, should be brought to the attention of the Main Committees of the General Assembly for information;

3. *Reiterates* the need to implement the provisions of section II of Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/51 of 22 July 1986, in particular those concerning priority setting;

4. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to keep under review its schedule of meetings, taking into account the new responsibilities assigned to it, and to report thereon as necessary to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council.

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42/216. Financial emergency of the United Nations

A

FINANCIAL EMERGENCY

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations,⁴³

Recalling its resolutions 3049 A (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, 3538 (XXX) of 17 December 1975, 32/104 of 14 December 1977, 35/113 of 10 December 1980, 36/116 B of 10 December 1981, 37/13 of 16 November 1982, 38/228 B of 20 December 1983, 39/239 B of

⁴³ A/C.5/42/31.

18 December 1984, 40/241 A and B of 18 December 1985 and 41/204 A of 11 December 1986,

Mindful of the report of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations⁴⁴ and of the views expressed by Member States thereon in the Fifth Committee at the thirty-second session of the General Assembly,⁴⁵

Reiterating earlier appeals to Member States, without prejudice to their position of principle, to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account referred to in annex VI to the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations,⁴³

Noting with concern that the short-term deficit of the Organization, although marginally reduced during the year, is expected to exceed \$350 million as at 31 December 1987,

Concerned at the increasingly precarious financial situation of peace-keeping operations and its adverse impact on troop contributors, in particular on developing-country troop contributors,

Noting also with concern that delays and partial payment of assessed contributions continue to create serious cash-flow problems for the Organization,

Considering the possibility that for many Member States administrative considerations, including a calendar difference between the national fiscal year and that of the Organization, may be contributory factors in the delay in the payment of assessed contributions,

Taking into account the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee during the forty-second session,

1. *Reaffirms* its commitment to seek a comprehensive and generally acceptable solution to the financial problems of the United Nations, based on the principle of the collective financial responsibility of Member States and in strict compliance with the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Urges* all Member States to meet their financial obligations under the Charter;

3. *Renews its appeal* to all Member States to make their best efforts to overcome constraints to the prompt payment early each year of full assessed contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to all Member States that pay their assessed contributions in full within thirty days of the receipt of the Secretary-General's communication, in accordance with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in addition to sending his official communications to the permanent representatives of Member States, to approach, as and when appropriate, the Governments of Member States for the purpose of encouraging expeditious payment in full of assessed contributions, in compliance with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

6. *Invites* Member States also to provide, in response to the Secretary-General's official communication and consistent with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, information regarding their expected pattern of payments, in order to facilitate the financial planning by the Secretary-General;

7. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations to keep the financial situation of the Organization under review and to report, as and when appropriate, to the General Assembly;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session detailed information relating to the extent, rate of increase and composition of the deficit of the Organization, the pattern of payments of Member States, the cash-flow situation and voluntary contributions received from Member States and other sources pursuant to Assembly resolutions 2053 A (XX) of 15 December 1965 and 3049 A (XXVII) of 19 December 1972;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to update, as necessary, the information provided in his report on the practices of other organizations of the United Nations system for achieving prompt and full payment of assessed contributions⁴⁶ and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session;

10. *Decides* to suspend the provisions of regulations 4.3, 4.4 and 5.2 (d) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations in respect of surpluses arising at the end of the financial period 1986-1987;

11. *Decides also* that should the situation regarding unpaid assessments improve in the future the General Assembly would, at that time, decide on the return to Member States of the amounts held in suspense (or portion thereof);

12. *Decides further* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations".

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B

ISSUE OF SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations,⁴³

Recalling its resolution 41/204 B of 11 December 1986,

Recognizing that, pending a comprehensive settlement of the differences that have given rise to the financial emergency of the Organization, partial or interim steps could enhance the liquidity of the Organization and alleviate its financial difficulties to some extent,

Noting with satisfaction that the project on the issue of special postage stamps on the social and economic crisis in Africa is almost completed,

1. *Recalls* that it decided, by its resolution 39/239 A of 18 December 1984, to place one half of the revenue earned therefrom at the disposal of the Secretary-General for the implementation of objectives as detailed in the Declaration on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa,⁴⁷ adopted by the General Assembly on 3 December 1984, and to place the remaining half in a special account;

⁴⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/31/37).

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Fifth Committee, 32nd, 33rd, 35th, 37th, 39th and 60th meetings; and *ibid.*, Fifth Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.

⁴⁶ A/C.5/42/31, sect. III.

⁴⁷ Resolution 39/29, annex.

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a final financial report on the project to the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

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42/217. Feasibility of establishing a single administrative tribunal

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Feasibility of establishing a single administrative tribunal",⁴⁸

Noting that the International Labour Organisation has under consideration proposals corresponding to those appearing in the report of the Secretary-General,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To arrange for consultations among Member States to take place in New York during the first part of 1988 for the purpose of examining the proposals included in his report entitled "Feasibility of establishing a single administrative tribunal", bearing in mind the technical, legal and administrative aspects of the matter;

(b) To invite the Director-General of the International Labour Office to be represented at such consultations;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the outcome of such consultations and to present proposals designed to enable the Assembly to conclude its consideration of this item at that session;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session under the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency" a sub-item entitled "Harmonization of the statutes, rules and practices of the administrative tribunals of the International Labour Organisation and of the United Nations".

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42/218. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 40/259 of 18 December 1985 and 41/213 of 19 December 1986,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities during the period 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987,⁴⁹ welcoming the recommendations for self-improvement contained in section VI thereof, and noting the observations and suggestions of Member States thereon,

Recognizing the need to avoid duplication and overlapping in the activities of subsidiary organs of the General Assembly,

Convinced that the General Assembly should give the Joint Inspection Unit greater guidance on its programme of work with respect to the United Nations,

Convinced also that more systematic follow-up activity regarding the implementation of recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit would increase the usefulness of the

inspection function, particularly in encouraging constructive dialogue between the Unit and the various organizations of the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind the recommendations regarding the Joint Inspection Unit 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,²²

1. *Invites* the Joint Inspection Unit to introduce immediately the improvements recommended in section VI of its report⁴⁹ in order to increase the quality and effectiveness of its reports;

2. *Calls upon* the Joint Inspection Unit to adopt a more collective approach in the preparation of its programme of work, in the conduct of its work and in the writing of individual reports;

3. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit to include in its annual report a section on its findings regarding the implementation of its recommendations;

4. *Invites* the Joint Inspection Unit, with due regard for its other responsibilities, to include in its proposed programme of work the provision of advice to participating organizations on their methods for internal evaluation and the conduct of more *ad hoc* evaluations of programmes and activities;

5. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit to include in its next report the guidelines it follows for selecting, conducting and reporting on its inspections;

6. *Also requests* the Joint Inspection Unit to ensure that its reports are co-ordinated, as far as possible, with the programmes of work of the various bodies of the United Nations and that they are submitted in a timely manner;

7. *Further requests* the Joint Inspection Unit, in exercising its functions, powers and responsibilities, to take fully into account the mandates of other relevant bodies, especially the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the Board of Auditors and the International Civil Service Commission;

8. *Invites* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, within their respective mandates, to provide the General Assembly with their views on the future programme of work of the Joint Inspection Unit;

9. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to advise the General Assembly on those cases in which the Joint Inspection Unit might perform *ad hoc* external evaluations of programmes and activities;

10. *Urges* Member States to apply the highest standards in selecting candidates for appointment as inspectors, to give special emphasis to relevant experience and qualifications in the fields of personnel management, public administration, inspection and evaluation, and to give consideration to different disciplines;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the appropriate bodies of the United Nations system all reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on matters within their respective areas of competence and to include reference to all reports of the Unit in the documentation listed in the annotated preliminary agendas of the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies under the most appropriate substantive agenda item;

12. *Requests* all bodies of the United Nations system to examine closely those reports of the Joint Inspection Unit which are within their respective areas of competence and

⁴⁸ A/42/328.

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/42/34 and Corr.1).*