

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,²² 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 travel³¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³²
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,²⁰

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

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

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

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;³⁷
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;³⁸

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;²⁰
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,³⁴ 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;

³¹ A/C.5/42/9.

³² A/42/790, sect. II.

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

³⁴ A/42/512.

³⁵ A/42/234 and Corr.1.

³⁶ A/C.5/42/2/Rev.1.

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

³⁸ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/42/7).

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.