

Committee at the thirty-second session of the General Assembly,⁸⁰

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations,⁸¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷⁸

Noting with concern that the short-term deficit of the Organization, although marginally reduced during the year, is expected to reach approximately 315 million United States dollars as at 31 December 1989,

Concerned at the precarious financial situation of all peace-keeping operations and noting that troop-contributing Member States, including the developing-country troop contributors of past and present peace-keeping operations, have borne most of the burden of the deficit,

Noting with concern long delays in and partial payments and non-payment of assessed contributions to past and current peace-keeping operations,

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,

Taking note of the proposal of the Secretary-General in paragraph 29 of his report on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations to increase the level of the Working Capital Fund,

Taking into account the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee during the forty-fourth 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 by paying promptly and in full all assessed contributions and advances to the Working Capital Fund;

3. *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 all outstanding assessed contributions to all peace-keeping operations, as well as seeking further voluntary contributions for peace-keeping operations;

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 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;

6. *Concurs* with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 12 of its report;⁷⁸

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the financial emergency of the United Nations to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session by 10 October 1990, including therein a comprehensive analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations and results of his efforts in implementation of paragraph 3 of the present resolution.

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21 December 1989

44/196. Pattern of conferences

A

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences,⁸²

1. *Approves* the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 1990-1991 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences;⁸³

2. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make any adjustments in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 1990-1991 that may become necessary as a result of action and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made by a number of United Nations organs to improve the utilization of conference-servicing resources;

4. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to review the methodology on conference-servicing utilization rates in order to provide, if possible, a more accurate assessment of the overall use of conference resources with a view to enabling United Nations bodies to make the optimum use of conference services and to facilitate, where necessary, continued rationalization of their meeting requirements;

5. *Urges* all United Nations organs to intensify their efforts to improve their utilization of conference-servicing resources, taking into account the need to reduce costs without adversely affecting their efficiency;

6. *Requests* the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences and the Secretary-General to maintain their contacts with United Nations organs that have failed to make adequate use of the conference-servicing resources provided to them in order to assist those organs in making better use of those resources;

7. *Recommends* that the Chairmen of those organs bring the concerns about the utilization of conference-servicing resources to the attention of the organs concerned;

8. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to remain seized of the matter on the basis of further reports from the Secretary-General;

9. *Welcomes* the intention of the Committee on Conferences to consider further the draft chapter of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 on conference and library services, bearing in mind that this strategy should have, *inter alia*, the objective of utilizing to the op-

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Fifth Committee, 32nd, 33rd, 35th, 37th, 39th and 60th meetings; and *ibid.*, Fifth Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.

⁸¹ A/C.5/44/27.

⁸² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32 and corrigenda (A/44/32 and Corr.1-3).*

⁸³ *Ibid.*, annex III

timum and in the most cost-effective manner, the conference services, resources and facilities world wide, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and the rules and principles governing conference planning;

10. *Takes note* of the intention of the Committee on Conferences to play a role in the review of the Department of Conference Services envisaged by the Secretary-General,⁸⁴ on the understanding that the role to be determined by the Committee at its 1990 session will be in full accordance with its mandate and in conformity with resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, as adopted by the General Assembly;

11. *Invites* the Committee on Conferences to adopt a more comprehensive programme of work, taking into account its responsibilities as established by the General Assembly.

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B

CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 3415 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 34/50 of 23 November 1979, 35/10 B of 3 November 1980, 36/117 of 10 December 1981, 37/14 C of 16 November 1982, 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, 40/243, section III, of 18 December 1985, 41/177 D of 5 December 1986, 42/207 of 11 December 1987 and 43/222 C of 21 December 1988,

1. *Decides* to extend for a further year the experimental period established under its resolution 37/14 C, during which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly shall be entitled to summary records, with the exception of the following:

- (a) *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Indian Ocean;
- (b) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;
- (c) International Law Commission;
- (d) Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;
- (e) Special Committee against *Apartheid*;
- (f) United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;
- (g) United Nations Council for Namibia;

2. *Takes note* of the decision of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to discontinue its request for summary records;

3. *Takes note also* of the decision of the Committee on Conferences to review the issue of control and limitation of documentation in more detail at its 1990 substantive session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to analyse the printing requirements of the Organization and recommend proposals to maximize the cost-effectiveness of external and internal printing, through the Committee on Conferences and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and

Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

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C

IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 42/207 C

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 42/207 C of 11 December 1987,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 42/207 C,⁸⁵

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to implement resolution 42/207 C;
2. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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44/197. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

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The General Assembly,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on the scale of assessments, in particular resolutions 39/247 B of 12 April 1985, 42/208 of 11 December 1987 and 43/223 B of 21 December 1988,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions,⁸⁶ and noting the efforts of the Committee, particularly in the context of the difficulties it encountered in performing its tasks,

Taking into account the views expressed in the Fifth Committee during the forty-fourth session,⁸⁷

1. *Reaffirms* that:

- (a) The capacity to pay is the fundamental criterion for determining the scale of assessments;
- (b) The scale of assessments should be determined on the basis of reliable, verifiable and comparable data;
- (c) The methodology for determining the scale of assessments should be simplified as far as possible with a view to making it more transparent and stable over time;

2. *Takes note* of the possible areas for adjustments to the existing methodology identified in the report of the Committee on Contributions;⁸⁶

3. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions:

- (a) To continue its work on the following elements of the existing methodology:
 - (i) The statistical base period;
 - (ii) The debt adjustment factor;
 - (iii) The per capita income limit;

⁸⁵ A/44/502.

⁸⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 11* and addendum and corrigendum (A/44/11 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1).

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, *Forty-fourth Session, Fifth Committee*, 13th, 17th, 18th, 20th to 23rd, 25th and 59th meetings, and corrigendum.

⁸⁴ See A/44/222 and Corr.1, para. 104.