

the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, has authorized the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to utilize the assets of the Institute transferred by the League of Nations to the United Nations,

Considering, however, that the Institute of Intellectual Co-operation has ceased to function, though its assets have not been finally liquidated,

Considering that, by the terms of a resolution adopted at its second session at Mexico City,²¹ the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization stressed the necessity for the final liquidation of the assets of the Institute,

1. *Deems it necessary* that the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation should be finally liquidated;

2. *Decides* for this purpose that all the property of the Institute which was covered by a decision of transfer to the United Nations in conformity with the resolution of the Assembly of the League of Nations of 17 April 1946, shall be included among the assets in the liquidation of the Institute;

3. *Recommends* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to accept responsibility for liquidating the property of the Institute;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to transfer full and absolute ownership of all the assets of the Institute to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on condition that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization carries out the liquidation as aforesaid;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report to the General Assembly full particulars concerning the measures of liquidation taken.

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592 (VI). Authorization of expenditures for the financial year 1952

The General Assembly

1. *Resolves* that, in accordance with paragraph 3 of its resolution 583 (VI) adopted on 21 December 1951, expenditures totalling \$US 5,524,970 for the financial year 1952 are hereby authorized in the amounts shown for the following sections:

A. UNITED NATIONS		Dollars (US)
Section		
1.	The General Assembly, Commissions and Committees	42,100
3.	The Economic and Social Council, Commissions and Committees....	9,970
5.	Investigations and inquiries	2,350,300
5(a)	United Nations Field Service.....	510,000
16.	Administrative and Financial Services	100,000
20.	United Nations Office at Geneva....	20,000
	Carried forward	3,032,370

²¹ See *Records of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Second Session, Mexico, 1947*, volume II, *Resolutions*, chapter IX, annex VII, resolution 14.

	Brought forward	3,032,370
20(a)	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.....	139,100
25.	Official Records	23,500
31(a)	Headquarters construction costs....	1,000,000
C. SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS		
34.	Cost-of-living adjustment at Headquarters	1,330,000
	TOTAL	5,524,970

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General:

(i) To finance the expenditures authorized by paragraph 1 above up to \$5,500,000 by transfer from section 33 (Investigations, inquiries and other activities) of the 1952 budget and for the balance, amounting to \$24,970, by transfer of credits from other sections of the 1952 budget;

(ii) To transfer credits from section 34 (Cost-of-living adjustment at Headquarters) to the various sections concerned of the 1952 budget.

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593 (VI). Control and limitation of documentation

The General Assembly,

Noting the steps taken and the progress so far achieved in the organization of documentation and the stabilization of publication programmes,

Noting also, however, the continued increase in the volume of documentation requested by the various organs of the United Nations, and the ever-growing difficulty encountered by delegations in making the most effective use thereof,

Appreciating that, in order to be effective, further action to limit documentation costs must apply alike to the number of documents, to their individual bulk and to the number of copies issued,

1. *Invites* the governments of Member States:

(a) To assist in reducing the number and individual bulk of documents to a minimum by:

(i) Bearing in mind the desirability of ensuring that all draft resolutions which may call for studies and reports and for their dissemination clearly indicate the scope of such studies and reports;

(ii) Restricting both the number and the volume of the documents submitted for processing to what is strictly required by resolutions and other statutory decisions of a United Nations organ, or is clearly relevant to agenda items under discussion;

(b) To assist in reducing the number of copies of such documents as are issued by:

(i) Reviewing and reducing as far as possible their requests for documents issued in first distribution, and submitting to the Secretary-General their revised lists;

(ii) Avoiding as far as possible conference room requests for additional copies;

(iii) Reducing any other subsequent demands to a minimum, in particular refraining from requesting the repetition or reissuing of material readily available in other United Nations documents;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To exercise a strict control of documentation by refraining from publishing documents not called for by an organ of the United Nations or not necessary for the conduct of meetings or the proper exercise of the functions of the Secretariat;

(b) To exercise discretion as to the disposition of material received from delegations which does not fall within the requirements of paragraph 1 (a) (ii) above;

(c) To restrict to an essential minimum the free distribution of internally-processed publications and the distribution of documents which are still in draft form;

(d) To submit to all organs of the United Nations, before the adoption of draft resolutions requiring documentation, an estimate of the cost and, if possible, an estimate of the off-setting sales revenue;

(e) To strengthen the internal control of documentation by enforcing strict editorial policies to eliminate unnecessary and repetitious matter;

(f) To make available to delegations the relevant services of the Secretariat for consultations in the matter of the organization of their documents files, with a view to avoiding as far as possible requests for re-distribution.

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594 (VI). Operational programmes under the responsibility of the United Nations financed by voluntary contributions

The General Assembly,

Considering that the system of voluntary contributions established to finance the various operational programmes executed under the direct authority of the United Nations cannot diminish the administrative responsibilities involved in such expenditures,

Considering, in consequence, that the administrative costs of such programmes should be subject to the same scrutiny as that applied to similar expenses under the regular budget of the United Nations,

Considering also that, under the system now in force and the related administrative machinery, no means exists of affording to the financing governments an opportunity to review such activities,

Considering further the fact that the majority of the governments contributing to such voluntary operational

programmes are represented in the General Assembly of the United Nations,

Considering, finally, that past experience, as well as the magnitude of the programmes and the diversity of the activities involved have shown it to be necessary and convenient to apply fuller administrative controls in the interest of co-ordination and with a view to securing specific guidance from the governments of Member States in the implementation of such programmes,

1. *Resolves* that the administrative part of the technical assistance programme financed by voluntary contributions and executed by the United Nations shall be subject to the same scrutiny on the part of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as that applied to expenses proposed under the regular budget;

2. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as part of its review of the accounts of the special operational programmes authorized by the General Assembly and financed from extra-budgetary funds, to pay special attention to the administrative practices and expenses of these programmes and to submit comments thereon as part of its reports to the General Assembly.

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595 (VI). Public information activities of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Expressing its appreciation of the work of Sub-Committee 8 of the Fifth Committee on public information,

Taking cognizance of the report²² of the Sub-Committee,

1. *Approves* the basic principles and notes with satisfaction paragraph 13 of the report of the Sub-Committee;

2. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General shall be guided in framing budget estimates for 1953 by the basic principles and paragraph 13 of the report;

3. *Decides* that the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and of the Secretary-General, if any, on the Sub-Committee's report shall be considered at the seventh regular session of the General Assembly.

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²² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 41, document A/C.5/L.172.