

- (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.