

increase the balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) in respect of any one agency to an amount in excess of \$1,000,000, provided that, notwithstanding the above provisions, the Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization shall be authorized to postpone until 31 December 1954 repayment of the outstanding balance of the loans made to the Interim Commission;

(e) Such sums not exceeding \$45,000 as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the financial year in which payment is made. This amount may be increased with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each such year.

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789 (VIII). Control and limitation of documentation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 593 (VI) of 4 February 1952 on the control and limitation of documentation,

Noting the observations and suggestions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its first report³⁴ to the eighth session of the General Assembly, and the action taken by the Secretary-General, *inter alia*, by his instruction³⁵ of 20 August 1953, to ensure a more effective control of documentation,

Noting further the steps initiated by the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 497 D (XVI) of 29 July 1953, to reduce the number and volume of certain categories of documents required by it,

Considering that this reduction can be carried out in full only with the co-operation of Member States,

Expressing the wish that Member States should cooperate in giving effect to the present resolution,

³⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 7.*

³⁵ See document ST/AFS/AI/99.

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to pursue and intensify its efforts to reduce further the documentation required by it, and also by its functional and regional commissions;

2. *Invites* all organs of the United Nations likewise to scrutinize their existing documentation and effect such reduction therein as may be feasible, and to cooperate with the Secretary-General in his efforts to reduce the volume and at the same time to improve the quality of the documentation of the United Nations.

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790 (VIII). Programme of conferences at Headquarters and Geneva

The General Assembly,

Having noted the recommendations³⁶ of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in its thirteenth report to the Economic and Social Council to the effect that the regular four-year pattern of conferences approved³⁷ by the General Assembly at its seventh session can only fulfil its purpose if it is strictly adhered to by all the organs concerned,

Noting also the opinion³⁸ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its fifth report to the eighth session of the General Assembly to the effect that the Advisory Committee regards the programme as firmly fixed for the period 1954 to 1957 and that any variations will presumably be authorized only by a special decision of the General Assembly,

1. *Endorses* the opinion of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. *Reaffirms* its recommendation that all organs of the United Nations arrange their meetings in accordance with the dates and places set forth in the pattern presented by the Secretary-General and that the specialized agencies concerned be invited to give due consideration to this pattern in drawing up their own programmes of meetings.

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³⁶ See document E/2446, para. 88.

³⁷ See resolution 694 (VII).

³⁸ See document A/2501, para. 37.