

(a) If he enters employment under a fixed-term contract for at least one year but less than five years;

(b) If he has completed one year of continuous employment, provided that he is not eligible under article II.1 to become a participant, provided that he is under sixty years of age, and provided further that his associate participation is not excluded by his contract of employment. For the purposes of this article, intervals of not more than thirty calendar days in the period of employment shall not be considered as breaking the continuity of employment.

2. The participation of an associate participant shall cease when he reaches the age of sixty.

3. An associate participant shall be eligible for a disability benefit under article V and his survivors to a death benefit under article VII.1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7, and to a child's benefit under article VIII. He shall not be entitled to a retirement benefit under article IV nor to a withdrawal benefit under article X, and his survivors shall not be entitled to a death benefit under article VII.5.

4. Each member organization shall pay monthly into the Pension Fund, in respect of each associate participant, a contribution equal to 4½ per cent of his pensionable remuneration, or such percentage contribution, not to exceed 6 per cent, as shall be determined from time to time by the Joint Staff Pension Board on the basis of actuarial valuations of the Fund.

5. Whenever an associate participant is entitled under article II to become a participant, he may elect during the first year of his participation to have the period performed as an associate participant included in his contributory service to the extent to which he pays into the Pension Fund a sum or sums equal to the contributions he would have paid as a participant, plus interest, at the rate designated in article XXIX. Payment into the Pension Fund of amounts sufficient to meet the Fund's obligations, resulting from the inclusion of such additional contributory service, which are not met by payments made by the participants shall be made by the member organization designated for that purpose in accordance with arrangements concluded by the member organizations, provided that payment has not already been made by a member organization for the period concerned.

6. All other provisions of these regulations consistent with the present article shall be applicable to associate participants, *mutatis mutandis*, in the same manner as to a participant. Such administrative rules as shall be considered necessary for the implementation of this article shall be established by the Joint Staff Pension Board.

Supplementary article C (new text)

For the purposes of these regulations, the International Atomic Energy Agency shall be treated as if it were a specialized agency.

1202 (XII). Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 694 (VII) of 20 December 1952,

Recognizing the need to establish further clear procedures for the planning and financing of meetings and conferences of the United Nations in order that the most rational and economical use may be made of the resources of the Organization,

1. *Decides* that a fixed pattern of conferences to govern the places and dates of the meetings of United Nations bodies shall come into force on 1 January 1958 for a period of five years;

2. *Decides further* that, as a general principle, meetings of United Nations bodies shall be held at the established headquarters of the bodies concerned, with the following exceptions:

(a) The regular summer session of the Economic and Social Council may be held each year at Geneva, during which period no other United Nations body shall meet there;

(b) Not more than one functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, to be determined by that Council, in addition to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, may meet annually in Geneva; a session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs may, in exceptional circumstances, and by decision of the Economic and Social Council in consultation with the Secretary-General, be held in New York; in such years one other functional commission may meet in Geneva in its place without overlap;

(c) The regular sessions of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and of the Economic Commission for Latin America as well as meetings of their subsidiary bodies may be held away from their headquarters when the commission concerned so decides, subject, in the case of regular sessions of the commissions, to the approval of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

(d) The annual session of the International Law Commission would be held in Geneva without overlapping with the summer session of the Economic and Social Council;

(e) Meetings may be held away from the established headquarters of any body in other cases where a Government issuing an invitation for a meeting to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the additional costs involved;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly every year a basic programme of conferences for the following year established in conformity with the present pattern and after consultation, as appropriate, with the organs concerned;

4. *Decides* that as a general rule any meeting, other than an emergency meeting, not covered by the basic programme for a given year shall not be held during that year; the General Assembly nevertheless authorizes the Secretary-General, within a financial limit to be set annually in the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, to decide when and where any body or *ad hoc* conference not covered by the basic annual programme shall meet; in the event that the decision of the Secretary-General is not accepted, the final decision in the matter shall be taken by the Assembly at its next regular session;

5. *Invites* all organs of the United Nations as well as the specialized agencies to review their working methods and the frequency and length of sessions in the light of the present resolution and of the growing volume of meetings, the resulting strain on available resources, and the difficulty of effective participation of members.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1203 (XII). Control and limitation of documentation

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the present very considerable output of United Nations documents,