

beginning on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1964.

*1191st plenary meeting,
11 December 1962.*

1796 (XVII). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following person as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee:

Mr. James Gibson;

2. *Declares* Mr. Gibson to be appointed for a period beginning on 1 May 1963 and ending on 31 December 1964.

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1797 (XVII). Integrated programme and budget policy

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade require the maximum concentration of efforts and resources in selected areas where there are the greatest needs and opportunities for United Nations action,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 920 (XXXIV) of 3 August 1962 establishing a Special Committee on co-ordination whose functions include keeping under review activities in the economic, social and human rights fields and submitting to the Council recommendations about priority areas and projects relating to the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade,

Noting further Economic and Social Council resolution 909 (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962 requesting the Secretary-General to review the studies and reports which are included in the work programme of the United Nations, with a view to making recommendations to the Council at its thirty-sixth session as to which of them, in the interests of concentration of effort and priority use of the limited resources, might be eliminated, postponed or consolidated,

Having considered the observations on the processes of programme development made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report on the 1963 budget estimates⁹ and in its report on the revised estimates for 1963 resulting from decisions of the Economic and Social Council,¹⁰

Requests the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To devise a framework within which the Council can indicate the priorities to be accorded to United Nations programmes and projects in the economic, social and human rights fields, bearing in mind the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade;

(b) To establish within this framework an order of priorities for activities to be included in the work programme;

(c) To review regularly the priorities in the light of any more recent or more urgent needs and the resources likely to be available to meet them;

⁹ *Ibid.*, *Seventeenth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/5207)*, para. 47.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, *Seventeenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 62, document A/5243, paras. 10 and 11.

(d) To give due, timely and adequate consideration, as the work of the Council proceeds, to the financial implications of its actions in the light of information provided to it by the Secretary-General;

(e) To consider, in connexion with sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, any comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the administrative and financial aspects of activities in the economic, social and human rights fields.

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1798 (XVII). System of travel and subsistence allowances to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Believing that the payment out of United Nations funds of travel and subsistence expenses to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations should continue to be based on the consolidated pattern established in General Assembly resolution 1075 (XI) of 7 December 1956,

Believing further that the provisions of that resolution require restatement in more comprehensive and explicit terms in order to facilitate their interpretation and practical implementation in current circumstances,

1. *Decides* that resolution 1075 (XI) shall be superseded by the present resolution;

2. *Decides* that the following principles shall govern the payment out of United Nations funds of travel and subsistence expenses to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations:

(a) Travel and subsistence expenses shall be paid in respect of members of organs and subsidiary organs who serve in an individual personal capacity and not as representatives of Governments;

(b) Except as provided in paragraph 3 below, neither travel nor subsistence expenses shall be paid in respect of members of organs or subsidiary organs who serve as representatives of Governments;

3. *Decides* that, by way of special exception to the basic principle laid down in paragraph 2 (b) above:

(a) Travel but not subsistence expenses shall be paid:

(i) In respect of representatives or alternate representatives attending sessions of the General Assembly, subject to the conditions established in paragraph 1 of the annex to the present resolution, or as may be laid down by the Secretary-General, and provided that the number of persons whose expenses shall be so paid shall not exceed five for each Member State in respect of regular sessions, and one for each Member State in respect of special and special emergency sessions;

(ii) In respect of one representative of each Member State participating in a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council or in a sub-commission or sub-committee of a functional commission, where such representatives are nominated by their Governments in consultation with the Secretary-General and subsequently confirmed by the Council or where, in the case of representatives nominated directly by their Governments, the Council recommends and the General Assembly decides that such payments should be made;

- (iii) In respect of one representative of each Member State participating in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;
- (b) Travel and subsistence expenses shall be paid in respect of the following persons:
- (i) The chairman or the rapporteur of a subsidiary organ who is called upon to present the report of such subsidiary organ to a parent organ;
 - (ii) One member of an organ or subsidiary organ serving as its designated representative at meetings of a second organ or subsidiary organ;
 - (iii) One representative of a Member State or one alternate participating in a subsidiary organ instituted by the General Assembly or the Security Council and which is required, by a decision of the parent organ, to work away from United Nations Headquarters in the performance of a special task; payments under this sub-paragraph shall be subject to the conditions laid down in paragraph 3 of the annex to the present resolution;

4. *Decides* that the principles set forth in paragraph 2 above shall also apply to any organ or subsidiary organ that may be established in the future, unless the resolution establishing the organ or subsidiary organ provides otherwise;

5. *Decides* that the application of these principles shall be in accordance with the provisions contained in the annex to the present resolution;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish such administrative rules and procedures as may be necessary for the implementation of the present resolution.

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ANNEX

APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE PAYMENT OUT OF UNITED NATIONS FUNDS OF TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES TO MEMBERS OF ORGANS AND SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Travel expenses

1. In the case of the payment, in terms of operative paragraph 3 (a) (i) of the above resolution, of the travel expenses of a maximum of five representatives or alternate representatives per Member State to regular sessions of the General Assembly and of one representative or alternate representative per Member State to special and special emergency sessions, such payment shall be limited to the cost, per individual, of one round trip between the capital city of the Member State and the place of meeting, or to the actual cost of travel undertaken by an individual if it represents the lesser amount. Within the maximum number of payments so allowed may be included the travel to his capital city and return, for purposes of consultation or report, of a member of a permanent mission in New York who is designated as a representative or alternate representative to a session of the General Assembly, provided such travel is certified by the permanent representative to be in connexion with the work of the particular session and provided it takes place either during or within three months before or after such a session. The entitlement in respect of a session shall not be increased by reason of the recessing and resuming of that session.

2. In the case of such representatives of Governments to meetings of organs other than the General Assembly as may be eligible in terms of the resolution, the payment of travel expenses shall similarly be limited to the cost of round-trip travel between the capital city of the Member State and the place of meeting, or to the cost of travel actually incurred, if this represents a lesser amount; however, in the case of repre-

sentatives serving on the subsidiary organs dealt with in paragraph 3 (b) (iii) of the resolution, payment shall be limited to the cost of travel between United Nations Headquarters and points visited in the field and return, or, in the event that no meetings at Headquarters are involved, to travel from the duty station to points visited in the field and return, or to travel actually undertaken, whichever represents the lesser amount.

3. In respect of all persons dealt with in the resolution who serve in their individual capacities, as distinct from those serving as representatives of Governments, payment of travel expenses shall be limited to the actual cost of round-trip travel between the place of residence or duty station and the place of meeting.

4. Payment of travel expenses shall in all cases be limited to the cost of first-class accommodation by air or its equivalent by recognized public transport via a direct route.

5. The United Nations shall not be liable for the payment of any claim for reimbursement of travel expenses which is submitted later than 31 December of the year which follows the closing date of the session of the organ or subsidiary organ to which the claim relates.

Subsistence payments

6. Subsistence payments are intended to provide for additional expenses which an individual normally incurs in attending an official meeting or session and shall not include any element of fee or remuneration for services rendered.

7. In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1588 (XV) of 20 December 1960, the following daily amounts shall be payable to eligible members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations:

	<i>US dollars</i>
(a) While attending meetings at United Nations Headquarters, New York.....	30
(b) While attending meetings at Geneva, the equivalent in Swiss francs of.....	23
(c) While attending meetings at other places, a rate to be fixed by the Secretary-General, taking into account the possible provisions of board and lodging by a host Government, and not to exceed the equivalent in local currency of.....	23
(d) While attending meetings, at the place of residence or duty station, the equivalent in local currency of.....	10
(e) While travelling, by a direct route, aboard vessels, planes and trains.....	8

8. Subsistence allowance at the above rates shall be limited to the period during which a member's presence is required at the place of meeting, except that a member receiving the \$10 allowance shall receive the allowance only for the days during which he actually attends meetings.

9. In the case of representatives on the subsidiary organs provided for in paragraph 3 (b) (iii) of the resolution, subsistence shall be payable only during the period of work away from United Nations Headquarters.

10. The subsistence rates specified in paragraph 7 above are subject to any change the General Assembly may subsequently approve.

1799 (XVII). United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly

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OPERATION OF THE FUND

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the operation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the year ended 30 September 1961;¹¹

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Seventeenth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/5208).