1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Fund for Area Planning and Development, Inc., for the considerable financial outlay and the time and effort devoted to the feasibility study it has made regarding the acquisition and development for possible use by the United Nations of the area located south of the Headquarters site and east of First Avenue, and for the excellence of the technical presentation of proposed construction plans;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed, at an estimated cost to the United Nations of $250,000 in 1969, with the preparation of detailed plans and specifications on which reliable cost estimates could be based and to report on the result to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in formulating his further proposals, to take into account projected space requirements at Headquarters beyond 1976 and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the problem of accommodation at Headquarters considered in the over-all context of the development of the United Nations during the next twenty years and the disposition of staff during this period in relation to available and potential accommodation in New York, Geneva or at United Nations offices in other localities.

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2488 (XXIII). Plans for the extension of conference facilities at the Palais des Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General[50] and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[51] concerning changes in the programme for the extension of conference facilities at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, approved under General Assembly resolution 2246 (XXI) of 20 December 1966,

1. *Approves* the revisions in the programme for the extension of the Palais des Nations as set out in the reports of the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as well as the proposals for financing the entire programme, as modified, at a construction cost not to exceed $US 22 million;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the execution of the revised programme;

3. *Decides* that the schedule of annual budget instalments contained in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2246 (XXI) shall be amended as follows:

	Annual instalment (US dollars)
For the years 1967 to 1970	1,000,000
For the years 1971 to 1974	1,500,000
For the years 1975 to 1981	1,860,000
For the year 1982	1,830,000
Instead of:	
For the years 1967 to 1974	1,000,000
For the years 1975 to 1979	1,500,000
For the year 1980	495,000

[50] *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1179.
[51] *Ibid.*, document A/7337.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions informed of developments in the progress of the extension programme and to report annually to the General Assembly on this matter until the new construction is completed.

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2489 (XXIII). Expenses to be incurred by the United Nations in respect of individuals or groups of experts appointed by organs or subsidiary organs for the performance of special *ad hoc* tasks

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision by resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 on the payment by the United Nations of travel and subsistence costs in respect of members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, as well as its endorsement at the 1082nd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1961,[52] of the recommendation by the Fifth Committee regarding the rules governing the payment of honoraria to such members,[53]

Considering that additional rules are called for to govern such payments to individuals appointed by organs or subsidiary organs to undertake in their personal capacity the performance of special studies or other *ad hoc* tasks on behalf of the bodies involved,

1. *Reaffirms* the basic principles governing the payment of travel and subsistence costs of members of organs and subsidiary organs as laid down in General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII);

2. *Reaffirms* the basic principles adopted at its 1082nd plenary meeting governing the payment of honoraria to such persons, according to which neither a fee nor any other remuneration in addition to subsistence allowances at the standard rate shall normally be paid to members of organs or subsidiary organs;

3. *Decides* that the following additional rules shall become effective as from 1 January 1969:

(*a*) A clear distinction shall be drawn between:

(i) Individuals appointed by organs or subsidiary organs to undertake in their personal capacity the performance of special studies or other *ad hoc* tasks on behalf of the bodies involved;

(ii) Experts or consultants appointed by the Secretary-General to assist him in the performance of special studies or other *ad hoc* tasks entrusted to the Secretariat;

(*b*) Cases falling under category (i) above shall be governed by the rules established by the General Assembly in its resolution 1798 (XVII) on the payment of travel and subsistence costs of members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations and the decision taken by the General Assembly at its sixteenth session on the payment of honoraria, namely, that neither a fee nor any other remuneration in addition to travel expenses and a subsistence allowance at the standard rate shall normally be payable;

(*c*) If a fee or remuneration is proposed by way of exception to the established rules, the decision shall invariably be taken by the General Assembly after prior examination by the Fifth Committee of any

[52] *Ibid., Sixteenth Session, Plenary Meetings,* 1082nd meeting, para. 7.
[53] *Ibid., Sixteenth Session, Annexes,* agenda item 54, document A/5005, para. 10.

special considerations in the particular case; the criterion might be whether the person best qualified for a particular task could be induced to accept the appointment unless some financial provision was made to compensate for the loss of professional earnings; thus a factor in each case would be whether or not the person concerned would remain in the employ of a Government or other institution without suspension of normal emoluments; in such cases, at least as far as Member States are concerned, it shall be assumed, in any event, that they would normally wish to make available to the Organization without charge the services of persons in their employ;

4. *Decides* that the decisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 above shall not be deemed to apply to the payment of any honoraria which it has already authorized on an exceptional basis and which are enumerated in the annex to the present resolution.

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ANNEX

Payment of honoraria authorized on an exceptional basis by the General Assembly

	(US dollars)
Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	5,000[a]
Chairman of the International Law Commission	2,500[b]
Special rapporteurs of the International Law Commission	2,500[b]
Other members of the International Law Commission	1,000
President of the International Narcotics Control Board	2,500
Vice-Presidents of the International Narcotics Control Board	1,500
Other members of the International Narcotics Control Board	1,000
President of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal	2,500
Other members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal	1,000[c]

[a] Honorarium to be paid only so long as the Chairman is not in the service of his Government.

[b] Payment of an amount of $2,500, rather than the minimum amount of $1,000 payable to all members, to be conditional upon the preparation of specific reports or studies between sessions of the Commission.

[c] On the basis of $500 for each session in which the members of the Tribunal participate, provided that the maximum amount payable in any one year shall not exceed $1,000 (see resolution 2490 (XXIII)).

2490 (XXIII). Amounts of honoraria paid to the President and other members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The General Assembly,

Recalling its endorsement at the 960th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1960,[54] of the recommendation submitted by the Fifth Committee regarding the payment, as an exceptional measure, of honoraria to the President and other members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal,[55]

Decides that, with effect from 1 January 1969, the following increased amounts shall be payable:

(*a*) An amount of $2,500 per annum to the President of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(*b*) An amount of $500 to the other members of the Tribunal in respect of each session in which they participate, provided that the maximum amount paid in any one year shall not exceed $1,000.

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21 December 1968.

2491 (XXIII). Rates of subsistence allowances payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the increases in subsistence costs that have occurred since the rates of subsistence allowances were last revised in General Assembly resolution 1588 (XV) of 20 December 1960,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,[56] together with the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[57]

1. *Decides* that, with effect from 1 January 1969, daily subsistence allowances shall be payable to eligible members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, as follows:

(*a*) While attending meetings away from their normal place of residence or duty station, at rates equivalent to the standard travel subsistence allowance rates for officials of the Secretariat, plus 40 per cent, rounded to the nearest United States dollar and normally payable in local currency, provided that the Secretary-General may establish minimum and maximum rates if he deems it appropriate, and may reduce the rates in the event of the provision of board and/or lodging by a host Government;

(*b*) While attending meetings at the place of residence or duty station, the equivalent in local currency of $US 10;

(*c*) While travelling by a direct route, by ship, aeroplane or train, the amount of $US 8;

2. *Decides* that the present resolution shall supersede General Assembly resolution 1588 (XV) and paragraph 7 of the annex to Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962;

3. *Further decides* that the subsistence allowance rates for members of the International Court of Justice, payable under the travel and subsistence regulations of the Court, shall be the same as those set forth in paragraph 1 (*a*) above.

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21 December 1968.

[54] *Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Plenary Meetings,* 960th meeting, para. 182.

[55] *Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Annexes,* agenda item 50, document A/4609, para. 10.

[56] *Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Annexes,* agenda item 74, document A/C.5/1178.

[57] *Ibid.,* document A/7304.

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