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INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1969

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1969:

1. The estimates of income approved by its resolution 2482 B (XXIII) of 21 December 1968 shall be revised as follows:

<i>Income section</i>	<i>Estimate approved by resolution 2482 B (XXIII)</i>	<i>Increase or (decrease)</i>	<i>Revised estimate</i>
	<i>(US dollars)</i>		
<i>Part I. Income from staff assessment</i>			
1. Income from staff assessment	17,985,000	(465,000)	17,520,000
TOTAL, PART I	17,985,000	(465,000)	17,520,000
<i>Part II. Other income</i>			
2. Funds provided from extra-budgetary accounts	2,704,790	205,210	2,910,000
3. General income	3,298,250	63,500	3,361,750
4. Revenue-producing activities	3,232,200	(522,000)	2,710,200
TOTAL, PART II	9,235,240	(253,290)	8,981,950
GRAND TOTAL	27,220,240	(718,290)	26,501,950

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the revenue-producing activities not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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2608 (XXIV). Assistance in cases of natural disaster

The General Assembly

Decides that, with reference to the authority granted to the Secretary-General under the terms of paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2435 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, the maximum amount shall be increased from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for 1969.

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2609 (XXIV). Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957, 1851 (XVII) of 19 December 1962, 1987 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2239 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2361 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and 2478 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968,

Noting that Governments are finding it increasingly difficult to provide effective representation at an ever-increasing number of conferences and committee meetings, which in turn give rise to excessive documentation,

Believing that the ability of the United Nations to engage in programmes of value to the Governments

and peoples of Member States might be enhanced if there were fewer meetings and if such meetings were better prepared,

Recalling that, by the terms of resolution 2239 (XXI), the Committee on Conferences was established on an experimental basis subject to review by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, and its members were appointed for a three-year period ending 31 December 1969,

Welcoming Economic and Social Council resolution 1460 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 relating to the calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and human rights fields,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on Conferences;³³

2. *Expresses regret* that, for the reasons set forth in the report of the Committee on Conferences, the efforts of the Committee to bring about a more orderly and manageable calendar of conferences have not produced satisfactory results;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* of the services rendered by the Committee on Conferences, and in particular of the measure of success that it has achieved in reducing documentation;

4. *Decides* to reconsider at its twenty-fifth session the questions of the membership and terms of reference

³³ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/7626 and Corr.1 and 2).

of the Committee on Conferences, and in the meantime not to reconstitute the membership of the Committee;

5. *Approves* the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1970 contained in annex I to the report of the Committee on Conferences, amended to provide as follows:

(a) The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction shall hold its summer session at Geneva from 3 to 28 August 1970;

(b) The Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression shall resume its work in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2330 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, at Geneva, in the second half of 1970;

(c) The Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States may meet at Geneva or any other suitable place for which the Secretary-General receives an invitation, at a time in the first half of 1970 to be determined in consultation with the Secretary-General;

(d) The Working Group on Direct Broadcast Satellites of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space shall meet in New York in May 1970;

(e) The Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations shall hold its sessions in New York at times to be determined in consultation with the Secretary-General;

(f) The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment shall hold its meetings in New York at a time to be determined in consultation with the Secretary-General;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To complete the study provided for in Economic and Social Council resolution 1460 (XLVII) by widening its field of application to the whole area of conferences and meetings held by subsidiary organs of the General Assembly;

(b) To incorporate in this study, taking into account views expressed in and suggestions presented to the General Assembly as well as other relevant considerations, proposals concerning the calendar of conferences for 1971 and the following years, which would allow for the most rational and economic use possible of the administrative premises and staff assigned to conference and meeting services both at Headquarters in New York and at the United Nations Office at Geneva;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1460 (XLVII), to present the study referred to in paragraph 6 above to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

8. *Decides* that no meetings other than those covered by the calendar of conferences for 1970 shall be convened, except for emergency meetings;

9. *Reaffirms*, for application in 1970—without restricting the right of the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General to make recommendations to the General Assembly in the light of the study referred to in paragraph 6 above—the general principle that, in drawing up the schedule of conferences and meetings for 1971, United Nations bodies shall plan to meet at their respective established headquarters, with the following exceptions:

(a) The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme may, in accordance with its rules of procedure, hold one of its sessions at Geneva;

(b) The sessions of the International Law Commission shall be held at Geneva;

(c) The sessions of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law may be held, subject to the provision in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, alternately in New York and at Geneva;

(d) The United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, as well as the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee and the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, may meet at Geneva if the exigencies of their work so require;

(e) The regular summer session of the Economic and Social Council may be held at Geneva provided that the closing date falls at least six weeks before the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly;

(f) One Headquarters-based functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, to be determined by the Council, may meet at Geneva during the period from January to April;

(g) Sessions of not more than three other Headquarters-based functional commissions or committees of the Economic and Social Council may, by decision of the Council taken after consultation with the Secretary-General, be held at Geneva during the period from September to December without overlap;

(h) In addition, a session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs may, in exceptional circumstances and by decision of the Economic and Social Council taken after consultation with the Secretary-General, be held in New York; in that event, one other functional commission of the Council may meet at Geneva in its place;

(i) The regular sessions of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Economic Commission for Africa, 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 of the General Assembly;

10. *Decides* that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved;

11. *Decides* that, as a general rule, not more than one major special conference shall be scheduled in any one year;

12. *Urges* all organs and subsidiary bodies of the United Nations to plan their future conferences and meetings in accordance with the following recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies:

“(i) Priorities should be established for fixing the areas and programmes of meetings and conferences on a long-term basis;

- “(ii) The availability of human and physical resources necessary for servicing conferences should be determined and taken into account;
- “(iii) The financial ability of the organizations and of member States to meet the requirements necessary to hold conferences should be determined and taken into account;
- “(iv) An adequate interval of time should be allowed between conferences of the same body or of a similar nature”;³⁴

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session a calendar of conferences for 1971 and preliminary calendars of conferences for 1972 and 1973;

14. *Notes* that the Economic and Social Council has already achieved a certain measure of success in reducing the number of meetings of its subsidiary bodies, as described in paragraphs 615 to 629 of its report for the period 3 August 1968 to 8 August 1969,³⁵ and that the Trade and Development Board has examined proposals for improving the machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,³⁶ and urges both bodies to continue their efforts to reduce the number of meetings of their subsidiary bodies without impairing effective positive action on worth-while programmes;

15. *Takes note* of the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit in paragraph 198 of its report³⁷ on the need for improving the United Nations meetings system, and requests it to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session, through the appropriate channel, setting forth its views on possible improvements in the system used by the United Nations in handling and processing documents before, during and after meetings, including sessions of the General Assembly, and in the organization of the proceedings at such meetings.

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2610 (XXIV). Audit reports relating to expenditure by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit reports relating to expenditure during the year ended 31 December 1968 by the participating and executing agencies of funds allocated from the Technical Assistance Account of the United Nations Development Programme³⁸ and from the Special Fund Account of the United Nations Development Programme,³⁹ and of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.⁴⁰

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³⁴ *Ibid.*, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/6343, para. 104 (k).

³⁵ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7603 and Corr.1).

³⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 16 (A/7616), part three, chapter VI.

³⁷ A/7576 and Corr.1, annex.

³⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/7627).*

³⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 28 (A/7628).

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 79, documents A/7883 and A/7884.

2611 (XXIV). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on general co-ordination matters⁴¹ and on the administrative budgets for 1970 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;⁴²

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to refer the report on general co-ordination matters to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency through the consultative machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, as well as to the members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit for their information;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to refer to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in chapter III of its report on their administrative budgets for 1970.

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2612 (XXIV). United Nations International School

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴³ and the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations International School annexed thereto, and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,⁴⁴

Recalling its resolutions 1102 (XI) of 27 February 1957, 1297 (XIII) of 5 December 1958, 1439 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, 1591 (XV) of 20 December 1960, 1727 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, 1853 (XVII) of 19 December 1962, 1982 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, 2123 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2176 (XXI) of 9 December 1966, 2358 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and 2477 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, in which it, *inter alia*, recognized the role of the United Nations International School as a factor in the recruitment and retention of international staff, affirmed that the provision of adequate accommodation for the School is in the Organization's best interest and expressed the belief that the School's financial solvency should be assured,

Noting the decision of the Board of Trustees to proceed with the construction of new school premises at the East 25th Street site, based on grants for this purpose,

Noting with appreciation that the Ford Foundation has authorized a supplementary grant of \$4 million to the construction fund for the new premises, provided that substantial progress is made in raising a development fund of \$5 million,

Noting the opinion of the Secretary-General and the Board of Trustees that a development fund of \$5 mil-

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 80, document A/7805.

⁴² *Ibid.*, document A/7818.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 85, document A/7583.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/7814.