

32/201. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 3534 (XXX), 31/93 and 31/193

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3534 (XXX) of 17 December 1975, in which it requested the Secretary-General, *inter alia*, to include in the performance reports on the United Nations programme budgets relevant information on the staff and resources released as a result of the completion, reduction, reorganization, merging, elimination or otherwise of United Nations programmes, projects or activities,

Recalling also its resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976, in which it stressed the responsibility of the Secretary-General to draw to the attention of the competent intergovernmental bodies activities that are obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective, indicating the resources which could be released so that the bodies concerned may take the necessary action,

Recalling further its resolution 31/193 B of 22 December 1976, in which, *inter alia*, it decided that all financial implications of a decision to raise salaries at Geneva should be covered by savings in the implementation of the United Nations budget for 1976-1977, including reductions in General Service posts, and requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on such reductions as may have been made,

Noting with deep concern that the above-mentioned provisions of its resolutions 3534 (XXX), 31/93 and 31/193 have not been implemented,

Urges the Secretary-General to ensure the implementation of the above-mentioned provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3534 (XXX) and 31/93 in the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 and the performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979.

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32/202. Programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977⁵⁴

A

FINAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1976-1977:

1. The amount of \$US 783,932,900, appropriated by its resolution 31/207 A of 22 December 1976, shall be increased by \$US 5,556,000 as follows:

Section	Amount appropriated by resolution 31/207 A	Increase or (decrease)	Final appropriation
	(US dollars)		
PART I. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination			
1. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination	21 188 900	617 800	21 806 700
TOTAL, PART I	21 188 900	617 800	21 806 700
PART II. Political and peace-keeping activities			
2. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities	47 086 400	(493 900)	46 592 500
TOTAL, PART II	47 086 400	(493 900)	46 592 500
PART III. Political, trusteeship and decolonization activities			
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization activities	8 160 000	(832 000)	7 328 000
TOTAL, PART III	8 160 000	(832 000)	7 328 000
PART IV. Economic, social and humanitarian activities			
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	3 464 100	(80 500)	3 383 600
5A. Department of Economic and Social Affairs	41 514 500	(1 168 200)	40 346 300
5B. United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations	2 993 800	(355 100)	2 638 700

⁵⁴ See also sect. X.B.7, decision 32/449.

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount appropriated by resolution 31/207 A</i>	<i>Increase or (decrease)</i>	<i>Final appropriation</i>
		<i>(US dollars)</i>	
6. Economic Commission for Europe	15 202 100	1 491 500	16 693 600
7. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	15 238 500	194 500	15 433 000
8. Economic Commission for Latin America	18 336 200	543 200	18 879 400
9. Economic Commission for Africa	18 975 500	(1 103 300)	17 872 200
10. Economic Commission for Western Asia	9 826 200	(188 300)	9 637 900
11. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	48 449 300	(653 400)	47 795 900
12. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	46 087 100	(73 700)	46 013 400
13A. United Nations Environment Programme	6 047 000	(1 500)	6 045 500
13B. Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements	957 500	98 400	1 055 900
14. International narcotics control	4 361 900	177 900	4 539 800
15. Regular programme of technical assistance	20 092 900	(843 000)	19 249 900
16. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	15 945 400	332 100	16 277 500
17. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator	1 551 000	(19 200)	1 531 800
TOTAL, PART IV	<u>269 043 000</u>	<u>(1 648 600)</u>	<u>267 394 400</u>
PART V. <i>Human rights</i>			
18. Human rights	6 422 000	(48 500)	6 373 500
TOTAL, PART V	<u>6 422 000</u>	<u>(48 500)</u>	<u>6 373 500</u>
PART VI. <i>International Court of Justice</i>			
19. International Court of Justice	5 179 700	41 500	5 221 200
TOTAL, PART VI	<u>5 179 700</u>	<u>41 500</u>	<u>5 221 200</u>
PART VII. <i>Legal activities</i>			
20. Legal activities	8 031 000	(420 600)	7 610 400
TOTAL, PART VII	<u>8 031 000</u>	<u>(420 600)</u>	<u>7 610 400</u>
PART VIII. <i>Common services</i>			
21. Public information	30 241 100	171 800	30 412 900
22. Administration, management and general services	136 229 100	2 017 900	138 247 000
23. Conference and library services	108 534 600	(1 386 500)	107 148 100
TOTAL, PART VIII	<u>275 004 800</u>	<u>803 200</u>	<u>275 808 000</u>
PART IX. <i>Special expenses</i>			
24. United Nations bond issue	17 199 000	(175 000)	17 024 000
TOTAL, PART IX	<u>17 199 000</u>	<u>(175 000)</u>	<u>17 024 000</u>
PART X. <i>Staff assessment</i>			
25. Staff assessment	108 570 900	7 229 100	115 800 000
TOTAL, PART X	<u>108 570 900</u>	<u>7 229 100</u>	<u>115 800 000</u>

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount appro- priated by resolution 31/207 A</i>	<i>Increase or (decrease)</i>	<i>Final appropriation</i>
<i>(US dollars)</i>			
PART XI. Capital expenditures			
26. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	18 047 200	483 000	18 530 200
TOTAL, PART XI	<u>18 047 200</u>	<u>483 000</u>	<u>18 530 200</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>783 932 900</u>	<u>5 556 000</u>	<u>789 488 900</u>

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. The appropriations for technical assistance programmes under section 15 shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be subject to the following procedures:

(a) Obligations for personal services established in the current biennium shall be valid for the succeeding biennium, provided that appointments of the experts concerned are effected by the end of the current biennium and that the total period to be covered by obligations established for these purposes against the resources of the current biennium shall not exceed twenty-four man-months;

(b) Obligations established in the current biennium for fellowships shall remain valid until liquidated, provided that the fellow has been nominated by the requesting Government and accepted by the Organization and that a formal letter of award has been issued to the requesting Government;

(c) Obligations in respect of contracts or purchase orders for supplies or equipment recorded in the current biennium will remain valid until payment is effected to the contractor or vendor, unless they are cancelled;

5. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$27,000 is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1976-1977 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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B

FINAL INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1976-1977:

1. The estimates of income other than assessments on Member States approved by its resolution 31/207 B of 22 December 1976 shall be increased by \$US 8,270,700 as follows:

<i>Income section</i>	<i>Amount approved by resolution 31/207 B</i>	<i>Increase or (decrease)</i>	<i>Revised estimates</i>
<i>(US dollars)</i>			
PART I. Income from staff assessment			
1. Income from staff assessment	110 149 800	7 660 200	117 810 000
TOTAL, PART I	<u>110 149 800</u>	<u>7 660 200</u>	<u>117 810 000</u>
PART II. Other income			
2. General income	10 188 500	(64 800)	10 123 700
3. Revenue-producing activities	6 549 000	675 300	7 224 300
TOTAL, PART II	<u>16 737 500</u>	<u>610 500</u>	<u>17 348 000</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>126 887 300</u>	<u>8 270 700</u>	<u>135 158 000</u>

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 United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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32/203. Use of experts and consultants in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision of 18 December 1974,⁵⁵ taken at its twenty-ninth session, by which it outlined principles and guidelines for the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations, and its decision of 17 December 1975,⁵⁶ taken at its thirtieth session, in which it reaffirmed the aforesaid principles and guidelines, which should be implemented promptly, fully and effectively,

Recalling further its resolution 31/205 of 22 December 1976, in which it reaffirmed the decision taken at its twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a report on the implementation of the aforementioned decisions,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,⁵⁷

Expressing the view that the above-mentioned report does not adequately respond to the requirements of the relevant decisions of the General Assembly and still reflects deficiencies in the implementation of the principles and guidelines on the use of experts and consultants,

Taking note of the assurances of the Secretary-General that future reports will fully and adequately reflect the existing practice in the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a full and comprehensive report, showing his efforts to eliminate existing deficiencies in the implementation of principles and guidelines on the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations;

2. *Requests further* that such a report should contain detailed comparative data as well as a statement evaluating the status of implementation of the principles and guidelines set by the General Assembly.

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32/204. Organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat

The General Assembly,

Emphasizing the need for logical and coherent organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat in the in-

⁵⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631)*, pp. 136 and 137, item 73.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034)*, p. 145, item 96, para. (t).

⁵⁷ A/C.5/32/7.

terest of a more rational and functional hierarchical structure,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Secretary-General⁵⁸ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵⁹ on the question of organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat;

2. *Endorses* the general direction of reform in nomenclature proposed by the Secretary-General in his report and encourages him to proceed expeditiously with the application of the measures envisaged, taking into account the observations made by the Advisory Committee and the views expressed in the Fifth Committee;

3. *Welcomes* the intention of the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the application of the measures proposed in his report;

4. *Decides* to consider this question at its thirty-third session on the basis of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General;

5. *Urges* intergovernmental bodies to avoid recommendations giving particular designations to organizational units or their heads which may not be in conformity with the nomenclature proposed by the Secretary-General.

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32/205. Arabic language services in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/159 of 21 December 1976, in paragraph 18 of which it decided to include Arabic among the official and working languages of the machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, particularly all sessions of the Conference, the Trade and Development Board and its main committees,

Noting that the rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,⁶⁰ the Trade and Development Board⁶¹ and some of its main committees have already been amended accordingly,

Recalling that, in section VIII of its resolution 31/208 of 22 December 1976, it approved the organizational arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General in his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session⁶² with a view to providing an initial target level of Arabic language services to the United Nations

⁵⁸ A/C.5/32/17.

⁵⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 8A (A/32/8/Add.1-30)*, document A/32/8/Add.5.

⁶⁰ TD/63/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.68.I.17) and Amend.1 and 2.

⁶¹ TD/B/16/Rev.2 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.11 and Corr.1 and 2) and Amend.1.

⁶² A/C.5/31/60 and Corr.1.