

36/235. Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983

The General Assembly

I

ACTIVITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the activities of the Administrative Management Service;⁵⁹

2. *Endorses* the comments and recommendations contained therein;

II

UNITED NATIONS LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review and evaluation of the United Nations language training programme⁶⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶¹

1. *Approves* the recommendations made by the Secretary-General in paragraphs 46 (a) to (c) of his report;

2. *Endorses* the observation contained in paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct a review for the purpose of exploring the possible quantitative limitations of the number of official languages which may be learned free of charge and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

III

USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS BY THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Requests the Secretary-General to submit, in the future, for consideration in conjunction with the programme budget for the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, full information on the experts and consultants employed by the Centre financed both from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources;

IV

INTERORGANIZATIONAL SECURITY MEASURES

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General regarding interorganizational security measures⁶² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶³

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$300,000 in any one biennium under section 28D of the programme budget of the United Nations, initially under the terms of the General Assembly resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, and to seek reimbursement from the other organizations in accordance with the agreed cost-sharing formula, as indicated in his report;

2. *Further authorizes* the Secretary-General, should commitments in excess of \$300,000 be required in any biennium, to enter into such commitments with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report all such security-related expenditures, and the related reimbursements, to the General Assembly in the context of his performance reports on the programme budget;

V

FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on first-class travel in the United Nations;⁶⁴

VI

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ENGLISH AND FRENCH TRANSLATORS/PRÉCIS-WRITERS AT THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,⁶⁵

Decides that the fourth training programme for English and French translators/précis-writers at the Economic Commission for Africa should be pursued and financed from the regular budget of the United Nations for the biennium 1982-1983;

VII

INTERNATIONAL COMPUTING CENTRE

Approves the budget estimates for the International Computing Centre for the year 1982;⁶⁶

VIII

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE STAFF

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the job classification and career development of language staff;⁶⁷

IX

UNITED NATIONS ACCOMMODATION AT NAIROBI

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations accommodation at Nairobi⁶⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶⁹

1. *Approves* the revised construction project at Nairobi;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as soon as possible on the results of the tendering and to make recommendations based on those results;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, in excess of the appropriations, provided that the total cost of the project in United States dollars remains

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7A (A/36/7/Add.1-21), document A/36/7/Add.3.

⁶⁰ A/C.5/36/2.

⁶¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/36/7/Add.1-21)*, document A/36/7/Add.2.

⁶² A/C.5/36/24.

⁶³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/36/7/Add.1-21)*, document A/36/7/Add.6.

⁶⁴ A/C.5/36/16.

⁶⁵ A/C.5/36/17 and Corr.1.

⁶⁶ See A/C.5/36/44, sect. I.

⁶⁷ A/C.5/36/4.

⁶⁸ A/C.5/36/57.

⁶⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/36/7/Add.1-21)*, document A/36/7/Add.14, paras. 2-12.

within the dollar equivalent of 254,944,000 Kenyan shillings at the time the General Assembly specified that amount as the limit of the cost of the project, reflecting the commitments in question, if any, in the performance report to be submitted to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

X

COMMON SERVICES AT THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE
AT NAIROBI

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General regarding common services at the United Nations Centre at Nairobi⁷⁰ and of the comments and observations thereon contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁷¹

XI

IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED GENERAL SERVICE
SALARY SCALES AT GENEVA

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reconsider his intention to grant a 3 per cent increase in salaries with effect from 1 March 1981 to those General Service staff members at Geneva to whom the pre-1978 scale had once applied, taking into account the views expressed in the Fifth Committee;

2. *Decides* not to approve the related expenditures for 1981, 1982 and 1983;

XII

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AT HEADQUARTERS

Takes note of the interim report of the Secretary-General on office accommodation at Headquarters;⁷²

XIII

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE OFFICE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to complete the current joint review of the financing of the administrative costs of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to establishing a proper basis for the financing of those costs, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

XIV

CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON POPULATION IN 1984

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the convening of an international conference on population in 1984⁷³ and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁷⁴

XV

CONTRACTUAL STATUS OF LANGUAGE TEACHERS
AT HEADQUARTERS

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the contractual status of language teachers at Headquarters⁷⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷⁶

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. *Requests* the International Civil Service Commission and the Secretary-General to consider this matter and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

XVI

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHILD-CARE CENTRE AT
HEADQUARTERS

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a child-care centre at Headquarters,⁷⁷ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁷⁸

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in its report;

XVII

ACCESS TO THE LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAMME BY
ACCREDITED STAFF OF PERMANENT MISSIONS AT
HEADQUARTERS

Taking note of the note by the Secretariat⁷⁹ and of the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸⁰

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to enable the accredited staff of permanent missions to participate free of charge in the language training programme at Headquarters from 1 January 1982, on the conditions set forth in option (a) in the note by the Secretariat;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make the relevant adjustments in income section 2 of the proposed programme budget and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the implementation of this section of the present resolution;

XVIII

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME
AND CO-ORDINATION IN PARAGRAPHS 477 TO 514 OF ITS
REPORT ON ITS TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its twenty-first session,⁸¹

1. *Decides* not to endorse the recommendations contained in paragraphs 479, 483, 489 (a) and 509 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

⁷⁰ A/C.5/36/39.

⁷¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/36/7/Add.1-21)*, document A/36/7/Add.14, paras. 13-19.

⁷² A/C.5/36/63.

⁷³ A/C.5/36/33/Add.1.

⁷⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee, 76th meeting*, para. 72.

⁷⁵ A/C.5/36/67.

⁷⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/36/7/Add.1-21)*, document A/36/7/Add.18.

⁷⁷ A/C.5/36/73.

⁷⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/36/7/Add.1-21)*, document A/36/7/Add.19.

⁷⁹ A/C.5/36/109.

⁸⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee, 79th meeting*, para. 8.

⁸¹ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/36/38)*.

2. *Further decides* that, with regard to paragraph 501 (d) of the report of the Committee, programme element 9.1 (Environmental law) of subprogramme 9 (Environmental management including environmental law) should be retained, with the exception of two meetings on international rivers, which should be deleted;

XIX

USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations⁸² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁸³

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an updated report on this subject to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

XX

FORMULATION, PRESENTATION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROGRAMME BUDGETS

Decides, in the event of a resumption of its thirty-sixth session in 1982, to authorize the Fifth Committee to meet in order to continue its consideration of the question of the formulation, presentation, review and approval of programme budgets.

*105th plenary meeting
18 December 1981*

36/236. Vienna International Centre*The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Vienna International Centre⁸⁴ as well as of the agreements referred to therein;

2. *Endorses* the observations and understandings put forward by the Advisory Committee with respect to those agreements;

3. *Takes into account* the assurances given by the Secretary-General on the various concerns expressed by the Advisory Committee in its report.

*105th plenary meeting
18 December 1981*

36/237. Establishment of an Information Systems Unit in the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs*The General Assembly,*

Recalling section XIII of its resolution 35/217 of 17 December 1980, by which it decided that the staffing complement of the Development Information System of the Information Systems Unit would be funded temporarily by the regular budget for 1981 and that a report on the evaluation of the System should be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session,

Taking note of the report of the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems containing an evaluation of the Development Information System of the Information Systems Unit,⁸⁵ as well as the report of the Secretary-General⁸⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸⁷ which provide information on the progress of the Unit since last year, and particularly the section which outlines the role that the Unit can play in the maintenance of compatibility and the exchange of development information among the regional commissions,

Mindful of the limited size of both the data base and user community of the Development Information System and of the need to improve its coverage and services,

Considering that the Development Information System, in providing access to the unpublished reports and studies produced by or for the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development and other parts of the Secretariat, will be providing a needed and valuable service to the Governments and Member States and other users of the System,

Further considering that the loss of the Development Information System could have a negative effect on international co-operation for development,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the Information Systems Unit by absorbing the cost of the Unit from the resources proposed for the 1982–1983 programme budget through savings, economies and redeployment;

2. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to consider, at its twenty-second session, the programme implications of the proposals contained in the report Information Systems Unit which would enable it to serve as a focal point for the expansion, merging and distribution of the development-related data bases of the regional commissions and for the maintenance of the macrothesaurus;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to undertake measures to improve the Development Information System in terms of its coverage and services;

4. *Requests* the Inter-Organization Board to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, on the performance and utility of the Information Systems Unit.

*105th plenary meeting
18 December 1981*

36/238. Report of the Committee of Governmental Experts to Evaluate the Present Structure of the Secretariat in the Administrative, Finance and Personnel Areas*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 35/211 of 17 December 1980, by which it established the Committee of Governmental Experts to Evaluate the Present Structure of the Secretariat in the Administrative, Finance and Personnel Areas,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee of Governmental Experts to Evaluate the Present Structure of the Secretariat in the Administrative, Finance and Personnel Areas;⁸⁸

⁸² A/C.5/36/46.

⁸³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/36/7/Add.1-21)*, document A/36/7/Add.15.

⁸⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/36/7/Add.1.

⁸⁵ A/C.5/36/7.

⁸⁶ A/C.5/36/6.

⁸⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/36/7/Add.1-21)*, document A/36/7/Add.7.

⁸⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 44 (A/36/44 and Corr.1).