

to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements *in extenso* may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents;

10. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to undertake a study of the feasibility of instituting an abbreviated form of summary record;

11. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to examine the various causes of the late issuance of documents in the different official and working languages and to consider possible solutions to this problem;

12. *Urges* all treaty bodies to review their documentation requirements, with particular reference to the possible reduction of their need for summary records;

13. *Invites* the Committee on Conferences to examine the report to be issued by the Joint Inspection Unit on publications policy and practice in the United Nations system;

14. *Requests* its subsidiary organs responsible for the issuance of recurrent publications to review them with the objective of identifying and discontinuing those which no longer serve a useful purpose;

15. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council similarly to request its subsidiary organs responsible for recurrent publications to undertake such a review;

16. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Coordination to review recurrent publications in the context of the medium-term plan or the programme budget, as appropriate;

17. *Recommends* that, in conducting their reviews, intergovernmental bodies bear in mind the following criteria:

(a) Usefulness to the end-user of the publication as gauged from end-user response or from the sales record of a publication;

(b) Filling of a need;

(c) High standard of analysis or data;

(d) Promotion of the principles and purposes of the Organization;

(e) Continued validity of the original mandate;

(f) Recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in its report on publications policy and practice in the United Nations system, if applicable.

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IMPROVED ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND EFFECTIVE USE OF CONFERENCE RESOURCES

The General Assembly

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Committee on Conferences with data in summary form on:

(a) The physical and human conference-servicing resources for United Nations Headquarters and United Nations offices generally, including rooms available and documentation, interpretation and translation capacity, in a format enabling comparison of the demand and the conference-servicing capacity for all categories of meetings of

United Nations organs—scheduled, anticipated to the extent possible, and held—grouped according to subject-matter;

(b) External conference servicing available to the United Nations in case of urgent or unforeseen demands on the calendar;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to all United Nations bodies the relevant information requested under paragraph 1 above as supplementary data for their implementation of the present resolution.

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The President of the General Assembly subsequently informed the Secretary-General [A/38/758] that, in accordance with resolution B above, he had appointed the twenty-two members of the Committee on Conferences.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following Member States: ALGERIA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BULGARIA, BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, CHILE, CYPRUS, FRANCE, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF, HONDURAS, INDONESIA, ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, MEXICO, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, SRI LANKA, TUNISIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

38/33. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/125 B of 17 December 1982,

Having examined the report of the Committee on Contributions,¹⁷

Recognizing the need for an improved methodology to assess the real capacity to pay of Member States, in order to increase the fairness and equity of the scale of assessments,

Mindful of the obligation of Member States to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly according to the real capacity to pay,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on Contributions on the work in progress,¹⁸ as requested in General Assembly resolution 37/125 B;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions to carry out the mandate entrusted to it by resolution 37/125 B, taking into account the views expressed by Member States during the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide the Committee on Contributions with the facilities it requires to carry out its work and, if requested by the Committee, necessary supplementary assistance;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General in particular to forward to the members of the Committee on Contributions the studies prepared by the Statistical Office of the Secretariat as soon as possible after each study has been completed.

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¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 11 (A/38/11); and A/38/11/Add.1 and Add.1 Corr.2.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 11 (A/38/11), sects. II-IV.