

recommend measures, as appropriate, to strengthen financial and management control procedures;

8. *Also requests* the Board of Auditors:

(a) To monitor progress on those aspects referred to in paragraph 4 (a) above, relating to the accounting systems of the United Nations and to comment thereon in its next report to the General Assembly;

(b) To submit to the General Assembly a concise document summarizing its principal findings and drawing conclusions for remedial action;

9. *Further requests* the Board of Auditors to study the possibility of submitting reports on a biennial basis and to report on this matter to the General Assembly;

10. *Requests* the governing bodies of all organizations subject to audits by the Board of Auditors of the United Nations to review thoroughly at their regular sessions the report of the Board of Auditors, the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the related comments made in the Fifth Committee and the remedial action planned or taken by the respective executive heads in response to the comments and observations of the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee, as approved by the General Assembly;

11. *Invites* Governments that are represented on the governing bodies of organizations and programmes for which audited financial statements have been considered by the General Assembly to ensure that their representatives on those bodies give full consideration to the reports of the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the related comments made in the Fifth Committee.

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41/177. Pattern of conferences

A

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences,¹⁷

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

2. *Approves* the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1987 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences;¹⁸

3. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make adjustments in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1987 that may become necessary as a result of action and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

4. *Authorizes* the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies, on an exceptional basis, to meet during the second part of September 1987;

5. *Invites* the Committee on Conferences to review at its substantive session in 1987 the pattern of meetings of

the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies for 1988 and thereafter in the light of the prevailing situation.

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B

RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3351 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974, 32/72 of 9 December 1977, 35/10 A of 3 November 1980 and 38/32 B of 25 November 1983,

Considering the need for strengthening the Committee on Conferences in order to enable it to fully discharge its functions,

1. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the Committee on Conferences for a one-year period from 1 January 1987;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, to appoint twenty-two Member States, on the basis of an equitable geographical balance, to serve on the Committee on Conferences for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 1987;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences, taking into account the views expressed during the forty-first session of the General Assembly, to consider, as a matter of priority, at its organizational and substantive sessions in 1987, the possibility of changing its terms of reference and becoming a permanent intergovernmental body and to submit recommendations thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

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C

IMPROVED UTILIZATION OF CONFERENCE-SERVICING RESOURCES

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the improvement in the utilization of conference-servicing resources by a number of subsidiary organs over the past few years,

Aware of the continuing need to ensure the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources for the benefit of all who use them,

1. *Invites* the Committee on Conferences to maintain its communications with United Nations organs, especially those which still utilize inadequately the conference-servicing resources allocated to them, with a view to securing further improvements;

2. *Adopts* the guidelines for the dispatch of planning missions in respect of meetings and conferences held away from United Nations headquarters locations, as contained in the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Takes note with gratitude* of the offer of the Austrian Government¹⁹ to place at the disposal of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/41/32 and Corr.1).

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, annex II.

¹⁹ See A/AC.172/INF/6.

conference space at the newly constructed Austrian Conference Centre, free of charge, for meetings that cannot be accommodated within the conference facilities of the Vienna International Centre and recommends to the Committee on Conferences that it duly take into account this kind offer during the future planning of conferences and meetings for those organizations whose headquarters are at Vienna.

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ANNEX

Guidelines for the dispatch of planning missions in respect of meetings and conferences held away from United Nations headquarters locations

1. The guidelines contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 37/14 B of 16 November 1982 shall be considered to apply not only to special conferences of the United Nations, but also to other meetings, conferences, seminars and symposia scheduled to take place away from United Nations conference locations.

2. As a general rule, no planning mission shall be dispatched to a venue where United Nations conference facilities are located; nor shall any planning mission normally be dispatched to a venue that has previously been the site of a meeting or conference comparable to that being planned.

3. Upon completion of its task, the planning mission shall report to the Conference Management Committee, which shall include in its report to the Committee on Conferences an analysis of the savings and improvements in efficiency achieved by the mission.

D

CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 3415 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 34/50 of 23 November 1979, 35/10 B of 3 November 1980, 36/117 of 10 December 1981, 37/14 C of 16 November 1982, 38/32 E of 25 November 1983 and 40/243, section III, of 18 December 1985,

1. *Decides* to extend for a further three years the experimental period established by resolution 37/14 C, during which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly shall be entitled to summary records, with the exception of the following:

- (a) *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Indian Ocean;
- (b) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;
- (c) International Law Commission;
- (d) Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;
- (e) Special Committee against *Apartheid*;
- (f) United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;
- (g) United Nations Council for Namibia;

2. *Invites* governing bodies of United Nations organs and programmes, namely, the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, to reconsider their need for summary records;

3. *Decides further* that pledging conferences and meetings of *ad hoc* bodies established for the announcement of

voluntary contributions by States shall no longer receive summary records;

4. *Invites* the Military Staff Committee to consider dispensing with verbatim records;

5. *Reaffirms* its recommendation to Member States and specialized agencies that, when preparing their replies to questionnaires or submissions of agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, they take into consideration the aim of achieving maximum brevity in setting out their positions;

6. *Recalls* paragraph 30 of section III of its decision 34/401 of 21 September, 25 October, 29 November and 12 December 1979, by which it called on Member States to refrain, to the extent possible, from requesting the circulation of any individual communications as documents of the General Assembly and in lieu thereof, where circulation of such documents is desired, to request, as far as possible, such circulation under the cover of a note verbale in the official languages in which they submit them;

7. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to examine the matter of the number of communications from Member States that are circulated as United Nations documents and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

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At the 102nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 1986, the President of the General Assembly announced that, in accordance with paragraph 2 of 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, ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, CHILE, CYPRUS, EGYPT, FRANCE, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF, INDONESIA, JAPAN, KENYA, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, SENEGAL, SRI LANKA, TUNISIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

41/178. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its previous relevant resolutions on the scale of assessments,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions,²⁰

Recognizing that the capacity to pay of Member States is the fundamental criterion for determining the scales of assessments,

Recognizing the requirement of Member States, under Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations, to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly,

Taking into account the views expressed in the debate in the Fifth Committee,²¹

²⁰ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/41/11).

²¹ *Ibid.*, Forty-first Session, Fifth Committee, 9th, 10th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th and 28th meetings and corrigendum