

account its role, functioning and activities, with a view to making it more effective, more relevant and more cost-effective and enhancing its ability to respond to the mandates entrusted to it;

39. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to review the resources devoted to public information activities currently proposed outside section 24, to assess their use and to examine the viability and implications of their possible consolidation within that section;

Section 25. Administration and management

40. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study the management and organizational structure of the Department of Administration and Management, in particular the senior posts structure, and the possible consolidation of administrative functions in various units of the Secretariat, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

41. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of paragraph VIII.23 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁶³ to submit a report to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-eighth session giving justification for his proposals to abolish nineteen posts in the Office of Conference Services, describing carefully the impact of such proposals on activities of the Office and programme delivery, and to submit proposals in this regard;

42. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a comprehensive study on the organization, management and human resources requirements for the provision of adequate conference services as a basis for the consideration of his proposals for the regular budget for the biennium 1996-1997, and to provide Member States with previous studies on this matter that were carried out during the biennium 1992-1993;

43. *Notes* that the proposed increase in the section for the Department of Administration and Management is not fully justified;

44. *Also notes* the growing imbalance between proposed expenditures for administrative matters and those for substantive issues;

45. *Further notes* the observation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in paragraph 35 of its report¹⁴ that preference should be given to the redeployment of the proposed increase to the extent possible to priority areas;

Section 27. Special expenses

46. *Expresses concern* about the high costs of after-service health insurance and requests the Secretary-General to seek ways and means to reduce the increases in these costs;

Section 30. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

47. *Accepts* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and decides to reduce further, by 6 million United States dollars, the proposed estimates of the Secretary-General for alterations, improvements and major maintenance at major headquarters locations.

48/229. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 1994-1995 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of 5 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 1994-1995, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 300,000 dollars;

(ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for completion of the cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges, and travel and removal expenses and installation grant of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 180,000 dollars;

(v) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments, in an amount not exceeding 500,000 dollars, in the biennium 1994-1995, as the Secretary-General certifies are required for interorganizational security measures pursuant to section IV of General Assembly resolution 36/235 of 18 December 1981;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that, for the biennium 1994-1995, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the

General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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48/230. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly

I

UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,⁶⁵ and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report;⁶⁶

2. *Concurs*, in particular, with the recommendation in paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in administering the appropriation, to take full account of the recommendations in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

II

REVISED ESTIMATES UNDER SECTIONS 25 (ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT), AND 31 (OFFICE FOR INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS)

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General⁶⁷ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁶⁸

2. *Approves* the proposals made by the Secretary-General in paragraph 32 of his report⁶⁹ regarding the redeployment of resources from section 25 (Administration and management) to section 31 (Office for Inspections and Investigations) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;⁶¹

3. *Decides* to continue the current arrangements as contained in the report of the Secretary-General,⁷⁰ pending a review of the issue at its resumed forty-eighth session;

III

REVISED ESTIMATES RESULTING FROM RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL AND SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS OF 1993

Approves, on an exceptional basis, the travel expenses of the representatives of the least developed countries attending the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and the Congress itself in accordance with the request in Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32 of 27 July 1993;

IV

FINANCING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVILIAN MISSION TO HAITI

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁷¹

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 6 of its report;⁷²

3. *Approves* the estimate of 4 million United States dollars for the International Civilian Mission to Haiti for the period 1 January to 31 March 1994;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, should the Mission continue beyond 31 March 1994, to seek the concurrence of the Advisory Committee to enter into related commitments under the terms of Assembly resolution 48/229 of 23 December 1993, on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1994-1995;

V

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General⁷³ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁷⁴

VI

HIGH-LEVEL POSTS

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General⁷⁰ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report;⁷⁵

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee;

3. *Decides* to consider at its resumed forty-eighth session the report of the Secretary-General on special representatives, envoys and related positions;⁷⁶

VII

INTERNATIONAL COMPUTING CENTRE: 1994-1995 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Approves the 1994-1995 budget estimates for the International Computing Centre amounting to 25,099,000 dollars, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General;⁷⁷

VIII

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General⁷⁸ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁷⁹

2. *Approves* the subvention of 220,000 dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1994;

IX

CONTINGENCY FUND

Notes that a balance of 16,044,100 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

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