

"Where the participant withdraws from the Fund after having reached the age of fifty-five and before reaching the age of sixty, an immediate life annuity equal in actuarial value to the retirement benefit he would have received under **article IV.1 (a)**, had he been sixty at the date his service ceased, together with all those survivorship benefits and options to which under articles IV, IV *bis*, VII, VII *bis*, VII *ter* and VIII a recipient of a retirement benefit is entitled, except only that article IV.1 (b) and article IV.4 shall not apply."

2. *Further resolves* that a reference to article X.3 (d) shall be added to the second group of articles cited in paragraph 2 of section III of resolution 1561 (XV).

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1615 (XV). Review of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolution 1585 (XV) of 20 December 1960,

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the question of the review of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses of the United Nations,³

Decides that if, as a result of a decision of the Security Council, new commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security should arise under paragraph 1 of resolution 1585 (XV) in an estimated total exceeding \$10 million before the sixteenth session of the General Assembly, a special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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1619 (XV). United Nations operations in the Congo: 1961 cost estimates and financing

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Security Council resolutions of 14 July,⁴ 22 July⁵ and 9 August 1960⁶ and 21 February 1961,⁷ and General Assembly resolutions 1474 (ES-IV) of 20 September 1960 and 1599 (XV), 1600 (XV) and 1601 (XV) of 15 April 1961,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimated cost of the United Nations operations in the Congo from 1 January to 31 December 1961⁸ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,⁹

Bearing in mind that the extraordinary expenses for the United Nations operations in the Congo are essentially different in nature from the expenses of the Organization under the regular budget and that therefore a procedure different from that applied in the case of the

³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 50, document A/4715.

⁴ *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifteenth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1960*, document S/4387.

⁵ *Ibid.*, document S/4405.

⁶ *Ibid.*, document S/4426.

⁷ *Ibid.*, *Sixteenth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1961*, document S/4741.

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda items 49/50, document A/4703.

⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/4713.

regular budget is required for meeting these extraordinary expenses,

Bearing in mind that the permanent members of the Security Council have a special responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security and therefore for contributing to the financing of peace and security operations,

Noting with appreciation the intention declared by certain Member States to make substantial voluntary contributions,

1. *Decides* to open an *ad hoc* account for the expenses of the United Nations operations in the Congo for 1961;

2. *Approves* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 2, 29 and 30 of its report, subject to paragraph 3 below;

3. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of \$100 million for the operations of the United Nations in the Congo from 1 January to 31 October 1961;

4. *Decides further* to apportion as expenses of the Organization the amount of \$100 million among the Member States in accordance with the scale of assessment for the regular budget subject to the provisions of paragraph 8 below, pending the establishment of a different scale of assessment to defray the extraordinary expenses of the Organization resulting from these operations;

5. *Urges* the permanent members of the Security Council to make sizable additional contributions;

6. *Appeals* to all other Member States who are in a position to assist to make voluntary contributions;

7. *Calls upon* the Government of Belgium, a State directly concerned with the situation in the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville), to make a substantial contribution;

8. *Decides* to reduce:

(a) By 80 per cent the assessment of Member States whose contributions to the regular budget range from 0.04 per cent to 0.25 per cent inclusive;

(b) By 80 per cent the assessment of Member States receiving assistance during 1960 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, whose contributions to the regular budget range from 0.26 per cent to 1.25 per cent inclusive;

(c) By 50 per cent the assessment of Member States receiving assistance during 1960 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, whose contributions to the regular budget are 1.26 per cent and above;

9. *Decides* to apply the additional contributions of Member States under paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 above to offset the deficit resulting from the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 8.

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1620 (XV). Examination of the administrative and budgetary procedures of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having in mind that among the main purposes of the United Nations are the maintenance of international peace and security, the pacific settlement of disputes

and international economic and social co-operation with a view to the creation of conditions of stability and well-being necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations,

Recognizing that in order to fulfil these purposes the United Nations must have at its disposal adequate financial resources and generally recognized procedures for dealing with the financial problems resulting from activities undertaken by the Organization,

Believing that, with the continuing growth and development of the United Nations, increasing demands will be made on the Organization in the fulfilment of its purposes,

Believing also that in these circumstances it would be appropriate to review the administrative and budgetary questions relating to the expenditures of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to place on the provisional agenda of its sixteenth session, as a matter of prime importance and urgency, the question of the administrative and budgetary procedures of the United Nations, including the following points:

(a) Methods for covering the cost of peace-keeping operations;

(b) The relationship between such methods and the existing administrative and budgetary procedures of the Organization;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint a working group composed of fifteen Member States—the permanent members of the Security Council, two States from Africa, two from Asia, two from Latin America, two from Western Europe, one from Eastern Europe and one from the Commonwealth—to consider the points mentioned in paragraph 1 above, in

consultation, as appropriate, with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee on Contributions, and to report in good time for the sixteenth session of the Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in assisting the working group, to consider what improvements might be required in the existing administrative and budgetary procedures of the United Nations and any other measures to ensure the financial stability of the Organization;

4. *Requests* Member States to submit not later than 1 July 1961, for consideration by the working group, observations on principles to be applied in determining a special scale of assessments for peace and security, and on other matters relevant to its study;

5. *Decides* to refer to its sixteenth session all relevant documentation for consideration under this item, the records of the fifteenth session and all draft resolutions submitted to it, any observations which may be made by Member States, and the reports requested in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

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The President of the General Assembly, in pursuance of the above resolution, appointed the members of the working group established under the terms of paragraph 2 of that resolution.

The working group is composed as follows: BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CANADA, CHINA, FRANCE, INDIA, ITALY, JAPAN, MEXICO, NIGERIA, SWEDEN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.