

BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. The Fifth Committee has considered the question of a consolidated budget and common fiscal services of the United Nations and the specialized agencies. Discussion at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Committee revealed that there were wide differences of opinion among the delegations concerning the desirability of a consolidated budget. There was agreement on the necessity for the maximum of co-ordination as regards the form of the budgets; on the necessity for supplying information to the General Assembly concerning total financial commitments for international activities; and on the advisability of common fiscal services for the United Nations and the specialized agencies.
2. In consultation with delegations who had expressed certain doubts and with the Secretariat, the Rapporteur submitted a draft resolution for approval at the twenty-ninth meeting of the Committee. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics disagreed with point (c) of the draft regarding a study of possible arrangements by which the budgets of the several specialized agencies might be presented to the General Assembly for approval. He suggested that no resolution was necessary to enable the Secretary-General to make such studies as might seem appropriate to him. This proposal, that no resolution be adopted, was defeated later in the meeting, when it received only three affirmative votes.
3. The proposed resolution as amended on the motions of the representatives of the United Kingdom and Brazil, was adopted by thirty-six votes.

4. The Fifth Committee, therefore, recommends the adoption by the General Assembly of the following resolution:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING paragraph 3 of Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations providing that:

"The Assembly shall consider and approve any financial and budgetary arrangements with specialized agencies referred to in Article 57 and shall examine the administrative budget of such specialized agencies with a view to making recommendations to the agencies concerned.";

CONSIDERING the views expressed by the various delegations at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Fifth Committee that a system of close budgetary and financial relationships between the United Nations and the specialized agencies is desirable for giving effect to the provisions of the Charter;

REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

1. to continue exploratory discussions with the specialized agencies and to report and make recommendations to the next regular session of the General Assembly;
2. to append, if possible, to the United Nations budget for 1948, in the form of informative annexes, the budgets or proposed budgets of the specialized agencies for 1948 with a view to presenting to the General Assembly a comprehensive estimate of expenditures of the United Nations and specialized agencies;
3. to explore possible arrangements by which the budgets of the several specialized agencies might be presented to the General Assembly for approval;
4. to develop, at the earliest possible date, in accordance with the budgetary and financial provisions of the agreements with the specialized agencies, arrangements for common fiscal controls and common budgetary, administrative and financial practices.