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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1988-1989

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 22 September 1989, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fourth session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered this item at its 47th and 58th meetings on 24 November and 18 December 1989. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel (A/C.5/44/12) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/44/730);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1988-1989 (A/C.5/44/35 and Corr.1 and Add.1-7 and Add.9-35) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/44/876).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

3. At its 47th meeting, on 24 November, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel (A/C.5/44/12) and that it should request the Secretary-General to continue to submit annual reports to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see para. 6, draft decision).

4. At its 58th meeting, on 18 December, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should approve the revised budget appropriations for the biennium 1988-1989 in the amounts shown under the column entitled "Recommended 1988-1989 estimates" in annex I of the Secretary-General's report (A/C.5/44/35 and Corr.1) and the revised income estimates for the biennium 1988-1989, as shown in paragraph 4 of the Secretary-General's report (see para. 5, draft resolution).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989

A

Final budget appropriations for the biennium 1988-1989

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1988-1989:

1. The amount of \$US 1,788,746,300 appropriated by its resolution 43/218 A of 21 December 1988 shall be decreased by \$16,432,600 as follows:

	<u>Amount appropriated by resolution 43/218 A</u>	<u>Increase or (decrease)</u>	<u>Final appropriation</u>
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(United States dollars)

Section

PART I. Overall policy-making,
direction and
co-ordination

1. Overall policy-making, direction and co-ordination	50 213.7	(1 787.4)	48 426.3
TOTAL, PART I	50 213.7	(1 787.4)	48 426.3

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<u>Section</u>	<u>Amount appropriated by resolution 43/218 A</u>	<u>Increase or (decrease)</u>	<u>Final appropriation</u>
(United States dollars)			
PART II. <u>Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities</u>			
2A. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities	99 259.0	716.3	99 975.3
2B. Disarmament affairs activities ..	<u>10 247.6</u>	<u>251.6</u>	<u>10 499.2</u>
TOTAL, PART II	<u>109 506.6</u>	<u>967.9</u>	<u>110 474.5</u>
PART III. <u>Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization</u>			
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization	<u>33 419.3</u>	<u>(5 454.5)</u>	<u>27 964.8</u>
TOTAL, PART III	<u>33 419.3</u>	<u>(5 454.5)</u>	<u>27 964.8</u>
PART IV. <u>Economic, social and humanitarian activities</u>			
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	1 982.4	(134.7)	1 847.7
5A. Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	4 072.8	305.5	4 378.3
5B. Regional Commissions New York Office	755.9	24.9	780.8
6A. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	42 236.7	(1 814.6)	40 422.1
6B. Activities on global social development issues	10 261.9	(45.2)	10 216.7
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	<u>Amount</u> <u>appropriated</u> <u>by resolution</u> <u>43/218 A</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>or</u> <u>(decrease)</u>	<u>Final</u> <u>appropriation</u>
<u>(United States dollars)</u>			
<u>Section</u>			
7. Department of Technical Co-operation for Development	21 917.1	(35.6)	21 881.5
9. Transnational corporations	9 878.7	544.4	10 423.1
10. Economic Commission for Europe ..	34 619.0	(2 991.1)	31 627.9
11. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	35 848.0	(952.9)	34 895.1
12. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	42 811.0	(2 114.2)	40 696.8
13. Economic Commission for Africa ..	51 207.2	(3 126.2)	48 081.0
14. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	36 766.2	(2 510.4)	34 255.8
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	76 958.2	(3 897.3)	73 060.9
16. International Trade Centre	13 409.1	(955.9)	12 453.2
17. Centre for Science and Technology for Development	3 824.0	70.8	3 894.8
18. United Nations Environment Programme	10 591.3	(376.4)	10 214.9
19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	8 722.5	(1 198.6)	7 523.9
20. International drug control	7 433.6	462.4	7 896.0
21. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ..	35 932.0	1 110.9	37 042.9
22. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator	6 944.8	338.8	7 283.6

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<u>Section</u>	<u>Amount appropriated by resolution 43/218 A</u>	<u>Increase or (decrease)</u>	<u>Final appropriation</u>
(United States dollars)			
23. Human rights	16 937.2	(824.7)	16 112.5
24. Regular programme of technical co-operation	<u>32 418.4</u>	<u>340.6</u>	<u>32 759.0</u>
TOTAL, PART IV	<u>505 528.0</u>	<u>(17 779.5)</u>	<u>487 748.5</u>
PART V. <u>International justice and law</u>			
25. International Court of Justice ..	13 250.8	(193.9)	13 056.9
26. Legal activities	<u>16 634.0</u>	<u>(571.6)</u>	<u>16 062.4</u>
TOTAL, PART V	<u>29 884.8</u>	<u>(765.5)</u>	<u>29 119.3</u>
PART VI. <u>Public information</u>			
27. Public information	<u>78 255.8</u>	<u>(1 031.1)</u>	<u>77 224.7</u>
TOTAL, PART VI	<u>78 255.8</u>	<u>(1 031.1)</u>	<u>77 224.7</u>
PART VII. <u>Common support services</u>			
28. Administration and management ...	371 150.8	9 894.5	381 045.3
29. Conference and library services	<u>324 950.4</u>	<u>7 078.5</u>	<u>332 028.9</u>
TOTAL, PART VII	<u>696 101.2</u>	<u>16 973.0</u>	<u>713 074.2</u>
PART VIII. <u>Special expenses</u>			
30. United Nations bond issue	<u>3 520.8</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>3 523.4</u>
TOTAL, PART VIII	<u>3 520.8</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>3 523.4</u>

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<u>Section</u>	<u>Amount appropriated by resolution 43/218 A</u>	<u>Increase or (decrease)</u>	<u>Final appropriation</u>
(United States dollars)			
PART IX. <u>Staff assessment</u>			
31. Staff assessment	<u>263 220.1</u>	<u>(7 401.8)</u>	<u>255 818.3</u>
TOTAL, PART IX	<u>263 220.1</u>	<u>(7 401.8)</u>	<u>255 818.3</u>
PART X. <u>Capital expenditures</u>			
32. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	<u>19 096.0</u>	<u>(156.3)</u>	<u>18 939.7</u>
TOTAL, PART X	<u>19 096.0</u>	<u>(156.3)</u>	<u>18 939.7</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>1 788 746.3</u>	<u>(16 432.6)</u>	<u>1 772 313.7</u>

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. The appropriations for the regular programme of technical co-operation under section 24, part IV, shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be subject to the following procedures:

(a) Obligations for personal services established in the current biennium shall be valid for the succeeding biennium, provided that appointments of the experts concerned are effected by the end of the current biennium and that the total period to be covered by obligations established for these purposes against the resources of the current biennium shall not exceed 24 months;

(b) Obligations established in the current biennium for fellowships shall remain valid until liquidated, provided that the fellow has been nominated by the

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requesting Government and accepted by the Organization and that a formal letter of award has been issued to the requesting Governments;

(c) Obligations in respect of contracts or purchase orders for supplies or equipment recorded in the current biennium will remain valid until payment is effected to the contractor or vendor, unless they are cancelled;

5. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$29,500 is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1988-1989 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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Final income estimates for the biennium 1988-1989

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1988-1989:

1. The estimates of income in the amount of \$344,443,300 approved by its resolution 43/218 B of 21 December 1988 shall be decreased by \$19,597,800 as follows:

	<u>Amount approved by resolution 43/218 B</u>	<u>Increase or (decrease)</u>	<u>Final estimates</u>
<u>(United States dollars)</u>			
PART I. <u>Income from staff assessment</u>			
1. Income from staff assessment	267 581.5	(7 772.5)	259 809.0
TOTAL, PART I	267 581.5	(7 772.5)	259 809.0
PART II. <u>Other income</u>			
2. General income	63 035.2	(7 800.2)	55 235.0
3. Revenue-producing activities	13 826.6	(4 025.1)	9 801.5
TOTAL, PART II	76 861.8	(11 825.3)	65 036.5
GRAND TOTAL	344 443.3	(19 597.8)	324 845.5

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2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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6. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Standards of accommodation for air travel

The General Assembly

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel; 1/

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to continue to submit annual reports to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

1/ A/C.5/44/12.