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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 22 September 1979, the General Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of its thirty-fourth session and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Committee considered this item at its 87th meeting, on 18 December. It had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1978-1979 (A/C.5/34/79 and Addenda);
 - (b) The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/34/842);
 - (c) Note by the Secretariat containing two draft resolutions on the final budget appropriations for the biennium 1978-1979.
3. Comments and observations made in the course of the discussion of this question are reflected in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.5/34/SR.87).
4. The Committee agreed without objection to reflect in its report the concluding statement by the Chairman who noted in particular the comments contained in paragraph 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The submission to be made by the Secretary-General of his report on programme implementation to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twentieth session and to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session would enable the General Assembly to study more in detail the questions of both budgetary and programme implementation.

II. DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

5. The Committee adopted draft resolution A by a recorded vote of 77 to 8, with 10 abstentions (see para. 7, draft resolution A). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Israel, Italy, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

6. The Committee adopted draft resolution B by a recorded vote of 85 to none, with 12 abstentions (see para. 7, draft resolution B). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Abstaining: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Togo, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

Programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979

A

Final budget appropriations for the biennium 1978-1979

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1978-1979:

1. The amount of \$US 1,090,113,500, appropriated by its resolution 33/205 A of 29 January 1979, shall be decreased by \$US 5,927,300 as follows:

Section	Amount appropriated by resolution 33/205 A	Increase or (decrease)	Final appropriation
	(US dollars)		
<u>PART I. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination</u>			
1. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination	21 766 600	332 000	22 098 600
TOTAL, PART I	<u>21 766 600</u>	<u>332 000</u>	<u>22 098 600</u>
<u>PART II. Political and peace-keeping activities</u>			
2. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities	52 189 700	578 900	52 768 600
TOTAL, PART II	<u>52 189 700</u>	<u>578 900</u>	<u>52 768 600</u>
<u>PART III. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization activities</u>			
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization	11 887 700	(1 601 400)	10 286 300
TOTAL, PART III	<u>11 887 700</u>	<u>(1 601 400)</u>	<u>10 286 300</u>
<u>PART IV. Economic, social and humanitarian activities</u>			
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	7 968 500	(746 700)	7 221 800
5A. Department of Economic and Social Affairs	9 817 900	(514 700)	9 303 200

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Section	Amount appro- priated by resolution 33/205 A	Increase or (decrease)	Final appropria- tion
	(US dollars)		
5B. United Nations Centre on Trans- national Corporations	6 226 200	(501 100)	5 725 100
5C. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	26 695 700	(1 234 700)	25 461 000
5D. Department of Technical Co- operation for Development	9 850 700	(107 600)	9 743 100
5E. Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters	1 839 100	(116 100)	1 723 000
5F. Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	1 251 100	(650 100)	601 000
6. Economic Commission for Europe	23 398 600	497 900	23 896 500
7. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	19 461 100	(982 900)	18 478 200
8. Economic Commission for Latin America	26 420 300	1 437 000	27 857 300
9. Economic Commission for Africa	22 142 800	2 377 800	24 520 600
10. Economic Commission for Western Asia	10 250 000	422 800	10 672 800
11A. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	46 960 300	357 600	47 317 900
11B. International Trade Centre	7 844 500	203 400	8 047 900
12. United Nations Industrial Devel- opment Organization	66 883 200	(969 500)	65 913 700
13A. United Nations Environment Programme	8 955 600	156 400	9 112 000
13B. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	6 134 400	(1 625 900)	4 508 500
14. International drug control	6 398 700	(69 300)	6 329 400
15. Regular programme of technical assistance	23 664 100	(998 100)	22 666 000
16. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	22 005 100	622 300	22 627 400
17. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator	3 339 700	(343 400)	2 996 300
TOTAL, PART IV	357 507 600	(2 784 900)	354 722 700

Section	Amount appro- riated by resolution 33/205 A	Increase or (decrease)	Final appro- priation
	(US dollars)		
<u>PART V. Human rights</u>			
18. Human rights	9 896 000	(496 700)	9 399 300
TOTAL, PART V	9 896 000	(496 700)	9 399 300
<u>PART VI. International Court of Justice</u>			
19. International Court of Justice . .	6 608 200	(56 300)	6 551 900
TOTAL, PART VI	6 608 200	(56 300)	6 551 900
<u>PART VII. Legal activities</u>			
20. Legal activities	9 202 600	(1 194 300)	8 008 300
TOTAL, PART VII	9 202 600	(1 194 300)	8 008 300
<u>PART VIII. Common services</u>			
21. Public information	38 960 200	1 168 400	40 128 600
22. Administration, management and general services	181 392 100	(510 300)	180 881 800
23. Conference and library services .	167 159 900	2 146 900	169 306 800
TOTAL, PART VIII	387 512 200	2 805 000	390 317 200
<u>PART IX. Special expenses</u>			
24. United Nations bond issue	16 817 000	115 600	16 932 600
TOTAL, PART IX	16 817 000	115 600	16 932 600
<u>PART X. Staff assessment</u>			
25. Staff assessment	168 092 800	(5 254 000)	162 838 800
TOTAL, PART X	168 092 800	(5 254 000)	162 838 800
<u>PART XI. Capital expenditures</u>			
26. Construction, alteration, improve- ment and major maintenance of premises	48 633 100	1 628 800	50 261 900
TOTAL, PART XI	48 633 100	1 628 800	50 261 900
GRAND TOTAL	1 090 113 500	(5 927 300)	1 084 186 200

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 technical assistance programmes under section 15 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 man-months;

(b) Obligations established in the current biennium for fellowships shall remain valid until liquidated, provided that the fellow has been nominated by the requesting Government and accepted by the Organization and that a formal letter of award has been issued to the requesting Government;

(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 of the present resolution, an amount of \$27,000 is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1978-1979 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.

B

Final income estimates for the biennium 1978-1979

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1978-1979:

1. The estimates of income other than assessments on Member States approved by its resolution 33/205 B of 29 January 1979 shall be decreased by \$US 4,863,600 as follows:

	Amount appro- priated by resolution 33/205 B	Increase or (decrease)	Final appro- priation
			(US dollars)
<u>Income section</u>			
PART I. <u>Income from staff assessment</u>			
1. Income from staff assessment	172 684 100	(7 129 000)	165 555 100
TOTAL, PART I	172 684 100	(7 129 000)	165 555 100
PART II. <u>Other income</u>			
2. General income	16 916 900	319 600	17 236 500
3. Revenue-producing activities	6 119 500	1 945 800	8 065 300
TOTAL, PART II	23 036 400	2 265 400	25 301 800
GRAND TOTAL	195 720 500	(4 863 600)	190 856 900

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, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.