

*Mindful* of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

*Concerned* that the Secretary-General is facing growing difficulties in meeting the obligations of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon on a current basis, particularly those due to the troop contributors,

*Concerned* that the financial situation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon will soon be reaching a critical stage,

*Decides* that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended temporarily in respect of the amount of \$122,492 which otherwise would have to be surrendered pursuant to those provisions, this amount to be entered in a separately identified account of the United Nations and held in suspense pending a further decision by the General Assembly.

106th plenary meeting  
17 December 1979

### 34/50. Pattern of conferences

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 32/72 of 9 December 1977, in which it set forth, *inter alia*, the terms of reference of the Committee on Conferences,

*Noting* the conclusion reached by the Committee on Conferences that the present capacity of the Secretariat adequately to service conferences and meetings and of Member States to participate actively in them is strained,<sup>26</sup>

*Convinced* of the necessity of rationalizing the procedures and organization of the conference activities of the United Nations,

*Further encouraging* the continuation and development of close co-operation between the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on Conferences in areas of common concern,

1. *Welcomes* the action taken by the Economic and Social Council on the pattern of conferences in its decision 1979/81 of 3 August 1979, and on the control and limitation of documentation in its resolutions 1979/1 of 9 February 1979, 1979/41 of 10 May 1979 and 1979/69 of 2 August 1979;

2. *Approves* the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination contained in paragraph 303 of its report<sup>27</sup> to the effect that, *inter alia*, the above-mentioned resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on control and limitation of documentation should be applied to the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs and that the Secretary-General should be requested to implement them fully;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to examine ways to enable it to play a more effective role in the scheduling of conferences and meetings and in the management of conference resources, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

<sup>26</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/34/32 and Corr.1)*, para. 53 (b).

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 38 (A/34/38).

4. *Also requests* the Committee on Conferences to review the extent to which resolutions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly on the pattern of conferences have been implemented, including an examination of the planned and actual duration of sessions of the subsidiary organs of the Assembly, and to report its findings to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

5. *Further requests* the Committee on Conferences to monitor the implementation of all measures adopted by the General Assembly to control and limit documentation, including those on the provision of meeting records and the application of measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the conference activities of the Organization, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

6. *Invites* the Committee on Conferences, when making any adjustment in the calendar of conferences for 1980-1981 resulting from decisions of the General Assembly, to take full account of all conference facilities available at established United Nations headquarters;

7. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to review the organizational and servicing arrangements of past special conferences and their preparatory meetings with a view to identifying the most effective framework for the organization of such conferences in the future.

76th plenary meeting  
23 November 1979

### 34/164. Joint Inspection Unit

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* the importance of having expert and independent evaluation and advice on the improvement of the programmes and activities of the United Nations,

*Aware* of the fundamental role which the Joint Inspection Unit has played by providing such evaluation and advice to Member States and to the administrators of the programmes of the United Nations system,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the eleventh report on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit, covering the period from July 1978 to June 1979;<sup>28</sup>

2. *Approves* the "Glossary of Evaluation Terms"<sup>29</sup> and recommends its use throughout the United Nations system;

3. *Takes note* of the document entitled "Initial guidelines for internal evaluation systems of the United Nations organizations"<sup>30</sup> and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

4. *Takes note with approval* of the note by the Secretary-General entitled "The identification of output in the programme budget of the United Nations"<sup>31</sup> and the progress report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of internal work programmes and procedures for reporting on programme implementation;<sup>32</sup>

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems;<sup>33</sup>

<sup>28</sup> A/C.5/34/1.

<sup>29</sup> See A/34/286.

<sup>30</sup> See A/34/271.

<sup>31</sup> A/C.5/34/2.

<sup>32</sup> A/C.5/34/3.

<sup>33</sup> See A/34/153.