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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part IV)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Further reports are herewith transmitted on the remaining subitems dealt with under agenda item 100. The present document deals with the following:
 - A. Presentation of the United Nations budget: Considerations of methodology and identification of activities that have been completed, are obsolete, are of marginal usefulness or are ineffective;
 - B. Revised estimates resulting from the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its seventeenth session and the second part of its eighteenth session;
 - C. Services provided by the United Nations to activities funded from extrabudgetary resources and technical co-operation support costs: redistribution of regular budget and reimbursement resources;
 - D. United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;
 - E. Comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations;
 - F. Revised estimates under section 1, executive direction and management, Office for Special Political Questions;

- G. Revised estimates under section 5D, Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, section 5E, Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters, and section 22D, Office of General Services;
- H. Establishment and operation of a Special Account for financing the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
- I. Exceptions to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/209.

II. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

- A. Presentation of the United Nations budget: Considerations of methodology and identification of activities that have been completed, are obsolete, are of marginal usefulness or are ineffective

2. The Committee considered this subitem at its 56th, 58th, 64th and 65th meetings, on 9, 12, 18 and 19 December 1978, when it had before it two reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/33/12 and A/C.5/33/13).

3. At the 56th meeting, on 9 December, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/33/7/Add.18).

4. At the 58th meeting, on 12 December, the representative of Cuba introduced the following draft resolution dealing with considerations of methodology (A/C.5/33/L.37):

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolution 3043 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, it established a new form of presentation of the United Nations budget directed towards the establishment of programme budgeting,

Recalling also the decision in that resolution to keep under continuous review the implementation of the new form of presentation of the United Nations budget,

Recognizing that the expenditure incurred by the United Nations can be divided into expenditure for the following purposes: over-all policy making, substantive activities and non-substantive activities,

Bearing in mind that the draft medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983 prepared by the Secretariat (A/33/6, Part 3) grouped financial data under the headings set out in the previous paragraph, as did the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/33/345),

Taking into account that resolution 32/210 of 21 December 1977 requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, in preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981, to submit a summary of the proposed budget containing the information specified in that resolution,

Requests the Secretary-General to include in the summary of the proposed budget for the biennium 1980-1981 referred to in General Assembly resolution 32/210 of 21 December 1977 a summary of information on expenditure for 1980-1981 and expenditure under the three previous budgets, classifying it under the following headings: over-all policy-making, substantive activities and non-substantive activities.

5. At the 64th meeting, on 18 December, the representative of Pakistan orally proposed that the operative paragraph of the draft resolution be replaced by the following:

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 his views on the utility of classifying expenditure under the following headings: over-all policy-making, substantive activities and non-substantive activities;

"2. Further requests the Advisory Committee to submit its views on this question to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session."

6. At the 65th meeting, on 19 December, the Chairman announced that the representatives of Cuba and Pakistan had agreed on the following amendments to the draft resolution:

(a) The third preambular paragraph should be deleted;

(b) The fourth preambular paragraph should read as follows:

"Bearing in mind that the draft medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983 prepared by the Secretariat (A/33/6, Part 3) grouped financial data under the headings "over-all policy making, substantive activities and non-substantive activities" as did the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/33/345),"

(c) The single operative paragraph should be replaced by two paragraphs (see para. 5 above).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

7. At its 65th meeting on 19 December, the Fifth Committee decided, by consensus, to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.5/33/L.37, as orally revised (see para. 78, draft resolution I).

8. At the 58th meeting, the representative of Australia introduced a draft decision dealing with considerations of methodology (A/C.5/33/L.38), by which the General Assembly would:

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"Request the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a short manual, to be issued at the same time as the budget, setting out clearly and simply the methodology used in preparing the budget, giving illustrative examples as appropriate. The manual should give definition of basic terms and list the regular documents issued by the Secretariat where basic financial data can be found."

9. At the 64th meeting, on 18 December, the representative of Australia orally amended the text as follows:

(a) In the first sentence, replace the words "a short manual, to be issued at the same time as the budget" by the words "as addendum to the budget" and; at the end of the sentence add the words "and addressing, in particular, the concept of maintenance base and real growth",

(b) In the second sentence, replace the word "manual" by the word "addendum".

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

10. At its 64th meeting, on 18 December, the Fifth Committee decided, by consensus, to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of draft decision A/C.5/33/L.38, as orally revised (see para. 78 below, draft resolution II, sect. I).

11. At the 58th meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics submitted a draft resolution dealing with identification of activities that have been completed, are obsolete, are of marginal usefulness or are ineffective (A/C.5/33/L.40), the operative paragraphs of which read as follows:

"1. Notes with deep concern that the Secretary-General is not taking practical steps to implement resolution 32/201;

"2. Urges the Secretary-General to implement General Assembly resolution 32/201."

12. Subsequently, the United States of America became a co-sponsor of a revised draft resolution (A/C.5/33/L.40/Rev.1), in which the operative paragraphs read as follows:

"1. Notes with deep concern that the Secretary-General has yet taken no apparent practical measures to implement General Assembly resolution 32/201;

"2. Calls upon the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/201."

13. At the 64th meeting, the representative of Pakistan orally submitted an amendment to operative paragraph 1 of the revised draft resolution (A/C.5/33/L.40/Rev.1), which read as follows:

"Requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to take practical measures to implement General Assembly resolution 32/201".

14. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, in response to concerns expressed by other delegations, agreed to revise the wording of the operative paragraphs as follows:

1. Notes with deep concern that no apparent practical measures have yet been taken to implement General Assembly resolution 32/201;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to implement fully General Assembly resolution 32/201 and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the measures taken.

15. At the same meeting, the representatives of India and the Philippines requested separate votes on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 1, respectively.

16. The Committee adopted the fourth preambular paragraph by 24 votes to none, with 69 abstentions.

17. The Committee rejected operative paragraph 1, as orally revised, by 31 votes to 22, with 40 abstentions.

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

18. At the 64th meeting on 18 December, the Fifth Committee decided, by 39 votes to none, with 56 abstentions, to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.5/33/L.40/Rev.1, as orally revised and amended (see para. 78 below, draft resolution III).

19. At the 65th meeting, the Chairman orally proposed a draft decision.

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

20. At its 65th meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, by consensus, to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft decision orally proposed by the Chairman (see para. 78 below, draft resolution II, sect. II).

21. Comments and observations made by delegations during the discussion of this subject, as well as statements and replies made by representatives of the Secretary-General to questions raised, are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/33/SR.56, 58, 64 and 65).

B. Revised estimates resulting from the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its seventeenth session and the second part of its eighteenth session

22. The revised estimates resulting from the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its seventeenth session and the second part of its eighteenth session were considered by the Committee at its 63rd and 66th meetings, on 16 and 19 December, when it had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/33/38).

23. The Secretary-General's report indicated that the proposals of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination involved the transfer of funds amounting to \$275,900 from sections 5D and 21 to sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979 with regard to transport programmes, which would inter alia, terminate the short-wave broadcasts and require that the United Nations Chronicle be issued on a quarterly basis instead of on a monthly basis releasing appropriations totalling \$134,700 under section 21.

24. At its 66th meeting, on 19 December, the Committee considered a reduction of \$141,200 from section 5D and \$102,000 from section 21, making a total of \$243,200 to be transferred to sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979 and an increase of \$2,000 for staff assessment under section 25, offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1. The reduction did not include termination of short-wave broadcasts, which had the effect of reducing the funds available for transfer by \$32,700.

25. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Kenya proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly that it should request the Committee to Review United Nations Public Information Policies and Activities to make recommendations as to the most effective means of continuing the short-wave broadcasts to Africa.

26. Later, the representative of Kenya agreed to revise his proposal to read so that the General Assembly would request the Committee to Review United Nations Public Information Policies and Activities to make recommendations as to the most effective means of continuing the short-wave broadcasts.

27. The Chairman, on the basis of the proposal of the representative of Kenya, as well as the statements made by delegations during the course of the debate, proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly that it should:

"1. Approve the transfer of funds from sections 5D and 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979 in the amount of \$243,200 to sections 7, 8, 9 and 10, as well as the increase of \$2,000 for staff assessment under section 25, offset by the same amount under income section 1.

"2. Request the Committee to Review United Nations Public Information Policies and Activities to make recommendations as to the most effective means of continuing the short-wave broadcasts."

28. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics requested that paragraph 1 of the draft decision be voted upon separately.

29. The Committee then approved paragraph 1 of the draft decision by 74 votes to none, with 11 abstentions.

30. The Committee then adopted the draft decision, as a whole, by 74 votes to none, with 10 abstentions.

31. The comments and observations made by delegations during the discussion of this subject, as well as the replies made by the representatives of the Secretary-General to questions raised, are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/33/SR.63 and 66).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

32. At its 66th meeting, on 19 December 1978, the Fifth Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should adopt the draft decision suggested by the Chairman (see para. 78 below, draft resolution II, sect. III).

C. Services provided by the United Nations to activities funded from extrabudgetary resources and technical co-operation support costs: redistribution of regular budget and reimbursement resources

33. The Committee considered the question of services provided by the United Nations to activities funded from extrabudgetary resources at its 3rd, 9th, 69th, 70th, 71st and 72nd meetings on 27 September and 5 October 1978 and from 15 to 18 January 1979. The related question of technical co-operation support costs: redistribution of regular budget and reimbursement resources was considered by the Committee at its 69th to 72nd meetings, held from 15 to 18 January 1979. The Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/33, A/C.5/32/29 and A/C.5/33/56 and Corr.1) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 1/ and A/33/7/Add.21 and 25).

34. The reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/33 and A/C.5/32/29) were introduced by the representative of the Secretary-General at the 3rd meeting on 27 September 1978.

35. The reports of the Advisory Committee were introduced by the Chairman of that Committee at the 69th meeting on 15 January 1979.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 8A (A/32/8/Add.1-30), document A/32/8/Add.9.

36. At the 70th meeting, on 16 January, the representative of Sweden, speaking on behalf of the Nordic delegations, proposed that consideration of the substantive and methodological issues be deferred until the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

37. At the 72nd meeting, on 18 January, the representative of Japan introduced a draft decision (A/C.5/33/L.43).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

38. At its 72nd meeting, on 18 January, the Fifth Committee decided, by consensus, to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of draft decision A/C.5/33/L.43 (see para. 78 below, draft resolution II, sect. IV).

D. United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

39. The Committee considered this matter at its 69th meeting, on 15 January, when it had before it the related report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/33/34).

40. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/33/7/Add.24).

41. The comments and observations raised during the discussion of this subject, as well as the replies made by the representatives of the Secretary-General to questions raised, are reflected in the summary record of the Committee (A/C.5/33/SR.69).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

42. At its 69th meeting, on 15 January, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the contents of document A/C.5/33/34 presented by the Secretary-General with regard to the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon in document A/33/7/Add.24;

(b) Concur with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report (see para. 78 below, draft resolution II, sect. V).

E. Comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

43. At its thirty-first session, the General Assembly decided to postpone consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on this question (A/C.5/31/2)

to its thirty-second session. 2/ At its thirty-second session, the General Assembly took note of the decision of the Fifth Committee further to postpone consideration of this report to its thirty-third session. 3/

44. The Committee further considered the question of the comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations at its 76th and 77th meetings, on 23 January 1979. During its consideration, it had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1677, A/C.5/31/2 and A/C.5/33/54). It also had before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/33/7/Add.39).

45. At its 76th meeting, on 23 January, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced that Committee's report.

46. At the same meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland proposed that the Committee approve the recommendations of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1677, paras. 4 and 5).

47. At its 77th meeting, on 23 January, the representative of the United States of America introduced a draft decision (A/C.5/33/L.47), which read as follows:

"The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it:

"1. Request the Secretary-General to study further the over-all question of honoraria taking into account:

"(a) the comments of the members themselves of the committees and commissions concerned;

"(b) the managerial feasibility in lieu of honoraria of engaging by contract persons to perform specific work in connexion with their membership on organs and subsidiary organs of the General Assembly; and

"2. Request the Secretary-General to report further on this matter to the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly."

48. Subsequently, the representative of the United States of America withdrew its draft decision and proposed adjournment of consideration of the subitem to the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

49. The comments and observations made by delegations during the discussion of this subject, as well as the replies made by the representatives of the Secretary-General to questions raised, are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/33/SR.76 and 77).

2/ Ibid., Thirty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 92, document A/31/470, para. 100 (a).

3/ Ibid., Thirty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 100, document A/32/490, para. 255 (b).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

50. The Fifth Committee decided, by 45 votes to 9, with 20 abstentions, to recommend that the General Assembly should adjourn debate on the subitem until its thirty-fourth session (see para. 78 below, draft resolution II, sect. VI).

F. Revised estimates under section 1, executive direction and management, Office for Special Political Questions

51. The Committee considered the revised estimates under section 1 relating to the Office for Special Political Questions at its 71st meeting, on 17 January 1979, when it had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/33/113).

52. At that meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/33/7/Add.30).

53. The representative of Senegal orally proposed that the Fifth Committee recommend to the General Assembly that it should approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 7 of the Secretary-General's report (A/C.5/33/113) involving the upgrading of the post of Assistant Secretary-General to the level of Under-Secretary-General and the establishment of the post in the Office for Special Political Questions.

54. The comments and observations made by the delegations during the discussion of this subject, as well as the replies made by the representatives of the Secretary-General to questions raised, are reflected in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.5/33/SR.71).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

55. At its 71st meeting, on 17 January, the Fifth Committee, by a recorded vote of 58 to 15, with 6 abstentions, decided to recommend that the General Assembly should approve the recommendation of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 7 of A/C.5/33/113 (see para. 78 below, draft resolution II, sect. VII). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Swaziland, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Cameroon, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Finland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Sweden.

G. Revised estimates under section 5D, Department of Technical co-operation for Development, section 5E, Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters and section 22D, Office of General Services

56. When the Fifth Committee discussed this question at its 74th and 77th meetings, on 19 and 23 January 1979, it had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/33/98) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/33/7/Add.35).

57. At the 74th meeting, on 19 January, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee presented the report of that Committee.

58. At the 77th meeting, on 23 January, the representative of Pakistan orally proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly that it should concur with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 12 of its report.

59. At the same meeting, the representative of Belgium proposed an amendment jointly with Algeria to the proposal by Pakistan, by which the words "on the understanding that the redefinition of functions of the D-1 post will, in particular, include the technical servicing of the CPC" would be added.

60. On the basis of the statements made during the debate, and taking into account the proposal made by Pakistan and the subsequent amendment put forward by Belgium and Algeria, the Chairman made the following proposal, according to which the General Assembly would:

1. Take note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/33/98) with regard to revised estimates under sections 5D, 5E and 22D of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979 and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/33/7/Add.35);

2. Concur with the observations and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee in paragraph 12 of its report, on the understanding that the redefinition of functions of the D-1 post will, in particular, include technical servicing of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

61. Comments and observations made by delegations during the discussion of this subitem, as well as replies by representatives of the Secretary-General to questions raised, are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/33/SR.74 and 77).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

62. At its 77th meeting, on 23 January 1979, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should adopt the proposal submitted by the Chairman (see para. 78 below, draft resolution II, sect. VIII).

H. Establishment and operation of a Special Account for financing the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

63. The question of the establishment and operation of a Special Account for financing the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification under item 63 was referred to the Fifth Committee by the General Assembly at its 5th plenary meeting on 22 September, and was discussed by the Fifth Committee at its 73rd meeting, on 19 January.

64. The Committee had before it for consideration the report of the Secretary-General (A/33/117) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/33/552).

65. At the 73rd meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced the report of that Committee.

66. At the same meeting, the Chairman orally proposed a draft decision for the Committee's consideration.

67. The comments and observations made by delegations during the discussion of this subject, as well as the replies made by the representative of the Secretary-General to questions raised, are reflected in the summary record of the Committee (A/C.5/33/SR.73).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

68. At its 73rd meeting, on 19 January 1979, the Fifth Committee decided, by consensus, to recommend to the General Assembly that it should adopt the draft decision proposed by the Chairman (see para. 78 below, draft resolution II, sect. IX).

I. Exceptions to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/209

69. At the 72nd meeting, on 18 January 1979, the representative of Sweden orally proposed that the Committee recommend that the General Assembly should make an exception for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development regarding the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/209 relating to expenditure with respect to experts and consultants in the United Nations.

70. At the Committee's 74th meeting, on 19 January, the oral proposal of Sweden was adopted by a recorded vote of 68 to 9, with 6 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Republic of Cameroon, Upper Volta, 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, United States of America.

Abstaining: Canada, France, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

71. At the 75th meeting, on 22 January, the representative of Panama orally proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly that it should make an exception to Assembly resolution 32/209 as regards the subitem entitled "Revised estimates under section 5F: Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation".

72. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the proposal of the representative of Panama by 78 votes to 7 with 1 abstention.

73. At the same meeting similar oral proposals were made by the representative of Kenya in relation to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and the administrative and financial implications regarding the item "Question of Namibia".

74. At its 77th meeting, on 23 January, the Committee adopted the proposal of the representative of Kenya by 67 votes to 8, with no abstentions.

75. At the 76th meeting, on 23 January, the representative of Algeria orally proposed that similar action be taken by the Committee as regards the administrative and financial implications regarding the item "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa", and the Committee adopted this proposal by 57 votes to 12, with 10 abstentions.

76. Comments and observations made by delegations during the discussion of these questions, as well as statements and replies made by representatives of the Secretary-General to queries raised, are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/33/SR.72, 74, 75, 76 and 77).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

77. The Fifth Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should approve an exception to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/209, relating to expenditure with respect to experts and consultants in the United Nations, in order to provide additional consultant funds for the following activities:

- (a) United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development;
- (b) Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation;
- (c) United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy;
- (d) Protection of natural resources of Namibia; and
- (e) Drafting of an International Convention Against Apartheid in Sports (see para. 78 below, draft resolution II, sect. X).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Form of presentation of the United Nations budget

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolution 3043 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, it established a new form of presentation of the United Nations budget directed towards the establishment of programme budgeting,

Recalling also the decision in that resolution to keep under continuous review the implementation of the new form of presentation of the United Nations budget,

Bearing in mind that the draft medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983 prepared by the Secretariat 4/ grouped financial data under the headings "over-all policy-making, substantive activities and non-substantive activities", as did the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 5/

Taking into account that the General Assembly in resolution 32/210 of 21 December 1977, requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, in preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981, to submit a summary of the proposed budget containing the information specified in that resolution,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 his views on the utility of providing in the summary of the proposed programme budgets for future biennia, referred to in General Assembly resolution 32/210, a summary of information classified under the following headings: over-all policy-making, substantive activities and non-substantive activities.

2. Further requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its views on this question to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/33/6), chap. III.

5/ A/33/345.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979

The General Assembly,

I

Methodology used in the preparation of the budget

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare an addendum to the budget, setting out clearly and simply the methodology used in preparing the budget, giving illustrative examples, as appropriate, and addressing, in particular, the concepts of maintenance base and real growth. The addendum should give definition of basic terms and list the regular documents issued by the Secretariat where basic financial data can be found;

II

Methodology for the preparation of the programme
budget proposals for 1980-1981

1. Takes note of the Secretary-General's reports 6/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 7/
2. Approves the Secretary-General's proposals in section VI of his report 8/ regarding the methodology for the preparation of the programme budget proposals for 1980-1981, subject to the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 6 to 18 of its report; 9/
3. Concurs with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the identification of activities that are completed, obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective in paragraphs 23 to 26 of its report; 9/

III

Revised estimates resulting from the recommendations of
the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its
seventeenth session and the second part of its
eighteenth session

1. Approves the transfer of funds from sections 5D and 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979 in the amount of \$243,200 to sections 7, 8, 9 and 10, as well as the increase of \$2,000 for staff assessment under section 25, offset by the same amount under income section 1;

6/ A/C.5/33/12 and 13.

7/ A/33/7/Add.18.

8/ A/C.5/33/12.

9/ A/33/7/18.

2. Requests the Committee to review United Nations public information policies and activities to make recommendations as to the most effective means of continuing the short-wave broadcasts;

IV

Services provided by the United Nations to activities funded from extrabudgetary resources and technical co-operation support costs: redistribution of regular budget and reimbursement resources

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the services provided by the United Nations to activities financed from extrabudgetary resources 10/ as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 11/

2. Takes note also of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on agency support costs 12/ and transmits it to the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, together with the summary records of the debate on this item in the Fifth Committee, and decide to consider further this question at its thirty-fourth session;

3. Further takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the technical co-operation support costs: redistribution of regular budget and reimbursement resources 13/ and related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 14/ and accepts the transfer of posts proposed by the Secretary-General;

V

United Nations International Research and Training
Institute for the Advancement of Women

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 15/ with regard to the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the report thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 16/

10/ A/C.5/31/33 and A/C.5/32/29.

11/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 8A (A/32/8/Add.1-30), document A/32/8/Add.9.

12/ A/33/7/Add.21.

13/ A/C.5/33/56.

14/ A/33/7/Add.25.

15/ A/C.5/33/34.

16/ A/33/7/Add.24.

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2. Concurs with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report;

VI

Comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

Decides to postpone action concerning the comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations until its thirty-fourth session;

VII

Revised estimates under section 1, executive direction and management, Office for Special Political Questions

Approves the recommendation in paragraph 7 of the Secretary-General's report 17/ involving the up-grading of the post of Assistant Secretary-General to the level of Under-Secretary-General and the establishment of the post in the Office for Special Political Questions;

VIII

Revised estimates under section 5D, Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, section 5E, Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters and section 22D, Office of General Services

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 18/ with regard to revised estimates under sections 5D, 5E and 22D of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979 and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 19/

2. Concurs with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee in paragraph 12 of its report, on the understanding that the redefinition of functions of the D-1 post will, in particular, include technical servicing of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

IX

Establishment and operation of a Special Account for financing the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General with regard to the

17/ A/C.5/33/113.

18/ A/C.5/33/98.

19/ A/33/7/Add.35.

establishment and operation of a Special Account for financing the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification 20/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 21/

2. Concurs with the recommendation made by the Secretary-General in his report, subject to the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 4, 10, 11 and 12 of its report;

X

Exceptions to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/209

Approves an exception to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/209 of 21 December 1977, relating to expenditure with respect to experts and consultants in the United Nations, in order to provide additional consultant funds for the following activities:

- (a) United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development;
- (b) Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation;
- (c) United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy;
- (d) Protection of Natural Resources of Namibia; and
- (e) Drafting of an International Convention Against Apartheid in Sports.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Determination of activities that have been completed, are
obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective

The General Assembly,

Recalling once again its resolution 3534 (XXX) of 17 December 1975, in which it requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to include in the performance reports on the United Nations programme budgets relevant information on the staff and resources released as a result of the completion, reduction, reorganization, merging, elimination or otherwise of United Nations programmes, projects or activities,

Recalling also its resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976, in which it stressed the responsibility of the Secretary-General to draw to the attention of the competent intergovernmental bodies activities that are obsolete, or marginal usefulness or ineffective, indicating the resources which could be released so that the bodies concerned may take the necessary action,

20/ A/33/117.

21/ A/33/552.

Recalling further its resolution 32/201 of 21 December 1977, in which it urged the Secretary-General to ensure the implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3534 (XXX) and 31/93 in the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 and the performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979,

Having considered the draft medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983 22/ and the report of the Secretary-General, 23/

1. Notes with deep concern that no apparent practical measures have yet been taken to implement General Assembly resolution 32/201;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to implement fully General Assembly resolution 32/201 and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the measures taken.

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22/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/33/6).

23/ A/C.5/33/13.