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A total budget appropriation of \$540,473,000 for the biennium 1974-1975 was approved in second reading by 70 votes to 9, with 7 abstentions.

45. Mr. WANG Wei-tsai (China) said that during the general discussion (1574th meeting) his delegation had expressed its position regarding the principles which should be followed in formulating the United Nations budget. During the first reading of the budget estimates for 1974-1975, his delegation had explained its attitude concerning the various sections. Although it agreed to most of the sections of the revised estimates, some sections contravened the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and were unacceptable to his delegation. Since they had not been deleted from the budget, his delegation had not taken part in the vote on total expenditure.

46. Miss FORCIGNANÒ (Italy) said that in the first reading her delegation had voted in favour of the various sections of the budget with some reservations. As was indicated in document A/C.5/L.1168 and Corr.1, the Committee was faced with an additional increase over the initial estimates, making a total which was nearly 26 per cent higher than the figures for 1972 and 1973. Although inflation must be taken into account, such an increase was difficult to accept. Her delegation had particular reservations with regard to the increase in new posts, the use of consultants and the ever-increasing use of temporary assistance. Priorities must be clearly established in order to use available resources where they were really needed and avoid duplication and waste to the maximum possible extent. She stressed the point that her delegation did not wish to be faced at the last moment with a total increase of such magnitude in the net level of the budget.

47. It was difficult at such a late stage to examine thoroughly the various factors which had contributed to such an increase in the total expenses. Although a healthy growth in United Nations activities was desirable, the goals of the Organization were not served by expanding the bureaucracy.

48. However, her delegation was aware that the increase in expenditure related mostly to decisions taken by other Committees with a view to promoting the development of the developing countries, in particular the least developed among them. Accordingly, although such a substantial increase could not be approved by her delegation, it had voted in favour of the budget as a whole as a sign of its continuing co-operation with the developing countries.

INCOME SECTIONS

INCOME SECTION 1 – INCOME FROM STAFF ASSESSMENT

The estimate of \$78,210,000 under income section 1 was approved in second reading without objection.

INCOME SECTION 2 – GENERAL INCOME

The estimate of \$7,893,000 under income section 2 was approved in second reading without objection.

INCOME SECTION 3 – REVENUE-PRODUCING ACTIVITIES

The estimate of \$6,543,000 under income section 3 was approved in second reading without objection.

TOTAL ESTIMATES OF INCOME

The total income estimate of \$92,646,000 for the biennium 1974-1975 was approved without objection.

The meeting rose at 5.35 p.m.

1632nd meeting

Tuesday, 18 December 1973, at 11.40 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. C. S. M. MSELLE (United Republic of Tanzania).

A/C.5/SR.1632

AGENDA ITEM 79

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1974-1975 and medium-term plan for the period 1974-1977 (concluded)

Draft report of the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly (part II) (A/C.5/L.1157/Add.1)

1. The CHAIRMAN thanked the representative of China for not requesting that consideration of part II (A/C.5/

L.1157/Add.1) of the draft report should be deferred until the document was available in Chinese.

2. Mr. GARRIDO (Philippines) (Rapporteur) pointed out that he had accepted several suggested changes. In paragraph 17, the second sentence should read "... transfer of the Secretariat of the Scientific Committee to Vienna instead of to Geneva, it feared that the independence of the Scientific Committee might ...". In paragraph 27, "Advisory Committee on Co-ordination" should read "Administrative Committee on Co-ordination". In paragraph 57, a

new sentence, reflecting the views of the representative of Ghana, should be added at the end. The sentence would read: "That delegation proposed that, in view of the position taken by several members of the Committee on the necessity for a biennial audit, the Board of Auditors should take that view into consideration when considering the item the following year." In paragraph 61, "Gambia" should be replaced by "Colombia". In paragraph 63, the representative of Poland had suggested that the words "when it should be considered as a matter of priority" should be added before the words in parentheses. Since the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics had requested that his delegation's views on the financial situation of the United Nations should be included, the following sentence would be added at the end of paragraph 70: "One delegation expressed the opinion that the foregoing proposal by the Secretary-General could not remove the main reason for the financial deficit of the United Nations." Finally, the last part of paragraph 71, beginning with the words "the special account", should be deleted and replaced by the words "help overcome the United Nations financial deficit".

3. He pointed out that the Committee had approved \$540,473,000 for the programme budget as a whole by 70 votes to 9, with 7 abstentions. Since it had been a recorded vote, a foot-note would be inserted at the end of paragraph 86 giving the results of the vote. He drew attention to the decisions reflected in paragraphs 11, 12, 13, 14, 20 and 25, pointing out that paragraph 90 contained the decisions recommended by the Committee for adoption by the General Assembly.

4. Mr. CARRANCO (Mexico) said that his delegation supported the Polish amendment to paragraph 63.

5. Mr. VAN MIGEM (Belgium) said that his delegation also supported that amendment.

6. Mr. STOTTLEMYER (United States of America) suggested that his delegation's statement at the 1631st meeting regarding the evaluation machinery could be included somewhere between paragraphs 73 and 79.

7. Mr. TARDOS (Hungary) said that he had a mild objection to the suggestion. If the opinion of only one delegation were included the report would be slightly distorted.

8. Mr. STOTTLEMYER (United States of America) said that he would like his delegation's view to be reflected in the report in some way. He had no objection to having the Rapporteur summarize the views of various delegations on the matter, in order to overcome the objection of the representative of Hungary.

9. The CHAIRMAN said that the Rapporteur would draft an appropriate formulation, bearing in mind the comment of the representative of Hungary.

10. Mr. CHERPOOT (India), referring to paragraph 77,¹ pointed out that his delegation had withdrawn its amendment to the draft resolution in question.

11. Mr. GARRIDO (Philippines) (Rapporteur) recalled, however, that paragraph 6 of the revised draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1163/Rev.1) had taken account of the suggestion made by the representative of India.

12. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to vote on the draft resolutions contained in paragraph 89 of the draft report.

Part A of draft resolution IV was adopted by 72 votes to 9, with 7 abstentions.

Part B was adopted by 90 votes to none.

Part C was adopted by 80 votes to none, with 11 abstentions.

A recorded vote was taken on draft resolution IV as a whole.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Brazil, Burma, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Cyprus, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Senegal, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

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Draft resolution IV as a whole was adopted by 73 votes to 9, with 7 abstentions.

Draft resolution V was adopted by 76 votes to 10, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution VI was adopted by 79 votes to 10.

13. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the Committee had adopted the text of draft resolution VII at its 1625th meeting by 65 votes to none, with 20 abstentions. Similarly, it had adopted the text of draft resolution VIII at the 1631st meeting by 73 votes to none, with 11

¹ Paragraph 76 in the final text; see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 79, document A/9450/Add.1.

abstentions. Consequently, there was no need for a further vote on those draft resolutions.

14. He assumed that the Committee adopted part II (A/C.5/L.1157/Add.1) of its draft report, as amended, subject to the additions that the Committee had agreed should be made.

COMPLETION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

15. After an exchange of courtesies, the CHAIRMAN declared that the Fifth Committee had completed its work for the twenty-eighth session.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.