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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977
AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1976-1979

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. Under agenda item 96, the Fifth Committee considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977. The Committee recommends a gross appropriation of \$745,813,800 and an estimate for income (other than income derived from staff assessment) of \$16,740,300. The net expenditure for the biennium 1976-1977 is thus estimated at \$729,073,500.
2. As regards the Working Capital Fund, the Committee recommends that the Fund should be maintained for the biennium 1976-1977 at the level of \$40 million.
3. The Committee also recommends an estimate of \$101,552,000 as staff assessment for transfer in the course of the biennium 1976-1977 to the Tax Equalization Fund from which credits are distributed to Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955.
4. For its examination of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, the Committee had before it, as basic documents, the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 1/ and the medium-term plan for the period 1976-1979 2/ submitted by the Secretary-General, as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977. 3/ Revised estimates for various

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/10006).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 6A (A/10006/Add.1).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (A/10008 and Corr.2).

appropriation sections were considered on the basis of subsequent reports of the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

GENERAL DEBATE

5. The general debate on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 and the medium-term plan for the period 1976-1979 is reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/SR.1700-1712) during the period 25 September to 13 October 1975.

6. Oral statements were made by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1685) and by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/C.5/1686) at the 1700th meeting on 25 September 1975.

7. Certain delegations reiterated their long-standing reservations regarding inclusion in the budget estimates, under section 24, of expenditure relating to the payment of interest and principal on the United Nations bond issue. Certain delegations also reaffirmed their position regarding section 15 (Regular programme of technical assistance); they believed that technical assistance activities should be financed exclusively from voluntary contributions.

DECISIONS TAKEN IN FIRST READING

Section 3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization

8. At the 1740th meeting, on 14 November, the representative of Algeria, commenting on the estimates for the Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization in first reading, stressed the importance of the work performed by the Department and introduced a draft decision (A/C.5/L.1251) proposing that the tasks of the Africa Division should be related more closely to questions concerning the decolonization of southern Africa.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

9. At its 1746th meeting, on 24 November, the Committee decided, without objection, to include in its report the following text proposed by Algeria and to recommend it for adoption by the General Assembly:

"The Fifth Committee considers it vitally important that the tasks of the Africa Division should be related more closely to questions concerning the decolonization of southern Africa, in view of the new political situation prevailing in the region" (see para. 224 (a) below).

Section 6. Economic Commission for Europe

10. When the Committee discussed this section in first reading at its 1718th meeting, on 21 October, some delegations, supporting the decreases recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, pointed out that the estimates for the Economic Commission for Europe were considerably higher than those for the other regional commissions. Other delegations, however, supported the original estimates submitted by the Secretary-General. In their opinion the reductions recommended had not taken into account the many tasks of the Commission, especially the new economic co-operation tasks entrusted to it as a result of decisions taken by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, which was concluded at Helsinki on 1 August 1975.

11. One of these latter delegations, while suggesting, in the first instance, a redeployment to this section of resources assigned to other completed or marginal activities, asked for assurances that the work of the Commission would not suffer as a result of the recommended reductions.

12. The representative of the Secretary-General stated that although the reductions proposed by the Advisory Committee would make it difficult, the secretariat would do its utmost to carry out the tasks entrusted to the Commission.

Section 7. Economic and Social Commission for
Asia and the Pacific

13. When the Committee discussed this section, in first reading, at its 1718th and 1719th meetings, on 21 and 22 October, some delegations were concerned with regard to the deduction recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the appropriation requested for new posts for the Commission by the Secretary-General, and, more especially, with regard to the further 5 per cent turnover deduction on vacant posts recommended by that Committee.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

14. At the 1719th meeting, on 22 October, on the proposal of Australia, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to include the following recommendation in its report to the General Assembly:

"The Fifth Committee decides to adopt the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under section 7 on the understanding that, in the event that the recruitment situation improves beyond the present projection, the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, will consider supplementary requests for additional credits for the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific based on a new turnover factor calculated on the basis of such improvement in the recruitment situation" (see para. 22⁴ (b) below).

Section 8. Economic Commission for Latin America

15. The Committee considered this section in first reading at its 1719th and 1720th meetings, on 22 and 23 October. In the course of the discussion, some delegations could not agree with the reductions recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Other delegations pointed out that those reductions related mainly to the additional turnover factor applied by the Advisory Committee to the large number of vacant posts which existed in the Economic Commission for Latin America.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

16. At the 1720th meeting, on 23 October 1975, on the proposal of Japan, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should approve the appropriation recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the Economic Commission for Latin America on the understanding that, if progress was made in recruiting personnel to fill vacant posts and in executing the programme, the Secretary-General would submit, at the thirty-first session of the General Assembly, a request for additional appropriations (see para. 224 (c) below).

Section 10. Economic Commission for Western Asia

17. The Committee considered this section in first reading at its 1720th meeting, on 23 October. During the discussion, some delegations stressed the fact that the Economic Commission for Western Asia had only recently been established. They pointed out that every effort should be made to help it to achieve its goals and to carry out its important initial activities which were consistent with the special economic needs of the region; for those reasons, they could not agree to the reductions recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

18. At the 1720th meeting, on 23 October, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should approve the appropriation for the Economic Commission for Western Asia, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, on the understanding that the Secretary-General would report to the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, on the implementation of the Commission's programmes and, if in the light of that report, additional resources should be required, the Fifth Committee would consider the approval of supplementary estimates for the Commission (see para. 224 (d) below).

Section 13. United Nations Environment Programme

19. During the first reading of the proposed estimates for section 13 (United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)), a number of delegations, intervening in the discussion, supported the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 13.5 and 13.7-13.10 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977. 4/

20. In the above-mentioned paragraphs, the Advisory Committee commented on the high rate of growth of the administrative and programme support costs of UNEP financed from the Environment Fund; expressed reservations concerning the level of many of the proposed posts for the biennium 1976-1977; emphasized the need for interorganization co-ordination and harmonization of environment programme activities; commented on the magnitude of the estimates for temporary assistance for meetings and the need to effect economies with respect to such expenditure; and considered that savings could be achieved in the estimates for communications as a result of the installation of the United Nations radio station facilities in Nairobi.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

21. At its 1713th meeting, on 14 October, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the comments and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 13.5 and 13.7-13.10 of its report; 4/

(b) Request the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to take account of those recommendations and observations in the administration and management of its programmes;

(c) Request the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to follow up on this matter as indicated in its report 4/ (see para. 224 (e) below).

Section 14. International Narcotics Control

22. During the first reading of the proposed estimates for section 14 (International Narcotics Control), some delegations associated themselves with the concern expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 14.12 of its first report on the proposed programme budget

4/ Ibid.

for the biennium 1976-1977 5/ regarding the possible overlapping and duplication of the activities of the secretariats of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Division of Narcotic Drugs, respectively.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

23. At its 1706th meeting, on 6 October, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Concur with the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 14.12 of its report; 5/

(b) Request the Economic and Social Council to examine the programme aspects of the present secretariats of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Division of Narcotic Drugs with a view to identifying any duplication and overlapping of activities that might exist, and to consider, within this context, the possibility of streamlining or combining both secretariats in the interest of economy and expeditious administration and management (see para. 22⁴ (f) below).

Section 17. Office of the United Nations Disaster
Relief Co-ordinator

24. The Committee discussed the estimates for this section in first reading at its 1737th and 1745th meetings, on 12 and 21 November, at which time it had for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of emergency relief assistance and technical co-operation activities (A/C.5/1688 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/10008/Add.5).

25. The following draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1254) proposed by the Chairman was also before the Committee:

"The General Assembly,

"Taking note of the Secretary-General's report (A/C.5/1688 and Corr.1) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (A/10008/Add.5).

"1. Decides to establish two new subaccounts within the existing voluntary Trust Fund established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX) for strengthening the United Nations Disaster Relief Office with separate target figures for the biennium 1976-1977 of:

5/ Ibid.

"(a) \$400,000 to augment the funds available under the regular budget for emergency assistance, and

"(b) \$600,000 for programme costs of Technical Assistance in pre-disaster planning and prevention;

"2. Authorizes the Secretary-General, subject to availability of voluntary funds as referred to above, to increase progressively up to a maximum of \$30,000 the amount of emergency assistance per country for any one disaster;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly on the status of the fund."

26. At the 1745th meeting, the representative of the Philippines orally proposed that the words "pre-disaster planning and prevention" in paragraph 1 (b) of the draft resolution be replaced by "disaster prevention and pre-disaster planning assistance to Governments", and that the word "fund" in paragraph 3 be replaced by "Trust Fund".

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

27. At its 1745th meeting, on 21 November, the Committee adopted, by 79 votes to 9, with no abstentions, the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1254) as amended by the Philippines (see para. 223 below, draft resolution I).

Section 22. Administration, management and general services

28. The Committee considered section 22 (Administration, management and general services) at its 1713th, 1715th to 1717th and 1725th meetings, on 14, 16, 17, 20 and 30 October, respectively.

29. After considering separately each of the subsections of section 22, as well as the section as a whole, the Committee decided to express its support with respect to certain paragraphs in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 6/ concerning this section.

30. In paragraph 22.3⁴ of its report the Advisory Committee, referring to the New York Computing Centre, recommended that the Secretary-General should submit to the General Assembly, in the context of his progress report on the programme budget, inter alia, a clear and concise account of developments in electronic data processing and information systems since the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly with a forecast of requirements tied to the medium-term plan of the Organization.

6/ Ibid., paras. 22.1 to 22.12⁴.

31. In paragraph 22.38, the Advisory Committee, while not objecting to the estimates for the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems (IOB) included in subsection 22D (Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Service), believed that the size of the budget of IOB called for a review of future estimates by the General Assembly instead of only by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.

32. In paragraph 22.54, the Advisory Committee referred to the use of the Medical Service of the United Nations by UNDP, UNICEF and other units funded from extrabudgetary funds, and recommended that the Secretary-General study the question in consultation with the organizations concerned and submit to the General Assembly proposals for a more equitable distribution of the related costs based on the services provided.

33. In paragraph 22.60, the Advisory Committee recommended non-acceptance of the estimates requested by the Secretary-General for providing temporary computer services to the Geneva Office pending the development of an interactive system with the International Computing Centre, and recommended instead that the Secretary-General include in his report referred to in paragraph 30 above the possible implications of the development of an interactive system.

34. In paragraph 22.82, the Advisory Committee trusted that the Secretary-General would periodically review the volume of the services provided by the Communications, Archives and Records Service so as to ensure that the number of posts provided from extrabudgetary resources is commensurate with the volume of work involved.

35. In paragraph 22.91, the Advisory Committee, referring to the insufficient manpower resources made available from voluntary funds, recommended that the Secretary-General study this question on the basis of recent trends and projections over several years and seek from the voluntary programmes concerned a more equitable sharing of the costs involved.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

36. At its 1725th meeting, on 30 October, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should concur with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions appearing in paragraphs 22.34, 22.38, 22.54, 22.60, 22.82 and 22.91 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 7/ (see para. 224 (g) below).

7/ Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (A/10008 and Corr.2).

Section 23. Conference and Library Services

37. In the course of the first reading of section 23 (Conference and Library Services), the representative of Belgium orally proposed that the amount recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in respect of section 23 for the biennium 1976-1977 be reduced by \$1.5 million, it being understood that the reduction should be applied specifically to expenditure in publications and documentation. In so doing, he explained that the proposal of his delegation was based upon the decision taken by the Committee earlier in the session in paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.5/L.1278, submitted under agenda item 101 (Publications and documentation).

38. At its 1763rd meeting, on 8 December, the Committee rejected the Belgian proposal by 42 votes to 20, with 18 abstentions.

39. The discussion which took place on the Belgian proposal is reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/SR.1760 and 1763).

Revised estimates for section 12. United Nations Industrial
Development Organization (UNIDO)

40. The Committee considered in first reading the revised estimates for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/C.5/1715/Rev.1. The original estimates for UNIDO for 1976-1977, which appeared in section 12 of the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, 8/ were prepared before the Second General Conference of UNIDO, held at Lima from 12 to 26 March 1975, which adopted the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation (A/10112). That Declaration and Plan of Action called for a strengthening and restructuring of UNIDO and imposed additional responsibilities upon UNIDO.

41. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in its first report on the proposed programme budget for 1976-1977, 9/ decided, in view of the fact that the UNIDO estimates would be subject to fundamental revision, to postpone detailed consideration of section 12 until its autumn 1975 session.

42. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the Advisory Committee's report (A/10008/Add.20) containing its comments on the revised estimates for section 12 submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1715/Rev.1) in an oral statement before the Committee.

43. At the 1770th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of the Upper Volta proposed the following draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1292) on behalf of Iran, the Ivory Coast, Trinidad and Tobago and the Upper Volta:

"The General Assembly,

"Recognizing the vital significance and importance of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation for the industrialization of the developing countries,

"Noting with regret that the submission made by the Secretary-General in his revised estimates for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (A/C.5/1715/Rev.1) provides insufficient information on the relationship between the resources therein requested and the programmes stemming from the Lima Declaration,

"1. Accepts the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding the estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in his report A/C.5/1715/Rev.1;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session revised estimates for the United Nations

8/ Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (A/10006), vol. IV.

9/ Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (A/10008 and Corr.2), para. 12.4.

Industrial Development Organization taking fully into account all elements of the Lima Declaration and indicating clearly the resulting programme requirements and the related resources."

The delegation of Chad subsequently joined the list of sponsors.

44. At the 1771st meeting, on 15 December, the representative of Peru proposed the following amendments to the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1292):

(a) To insert, as the second preambular paragraph, the following paragraph:

"Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) which endorsed the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation";

(b) To replace, in operative paragraph 2, the words "taking fully" by the words "providing a considerable increase which would fully take ...".

45. The representative of Upper Volta, on behalf of the co-sponsors of the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1292), accepted the first amendment proposed by Peru as the first preambular paragraph of the draft decision. The co-sponsors however, could not accept the second amendment proposed by Peru.

46. The representative of Peru then withdrew the second amendment proposed by his delegation stating that it was doing so in order to facilitate a consensus on the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1292).

47. A separate vote was requested on each of the two operative paragraphs of the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1292).

48. At the 1771st meeting, on 14 December, the Committee voted on the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1292) as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by 82 votes to one, with 8 abstentions;

(b) Operative paragraph 2 was adopted by 84 votes to none, with 6 abstentions;

(c) The draft resolution as a whole, as amended by Peru, was adopted by 83 votes to none, with 9 abstentions (see para. 223 below, draft resolution II).

49. The comments made in the course of the discussion of this question as well as the explanations of vote are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/SR.1770 and 1771).

OTHER DECISIONS

50. In the course of the examination of individual sections of the budget in first reading, the Committee took a number of decisions of a broader nature which related to the proposed programme budget as a whole.

51. At the 1747th meeting, on 24 November, the draft decisions set forth in paragraphs 52 to 54 below were introduced to the Committee.

52. The representative of New Zealand introduced the following draft decision (A/C.5/L.1238):

"The Fifth Committee, having in mind the Secretary-General's appeal to Member States to help ease the cash-flow position of the United Nations Organization by forwarding their assessed contributions more promptly (A/C.5/1685 of 25 September 1975), and in view of the complex tasks envisaged for the Organization under resolution 3362 (S-VII) of the seventh special session, requests the Secretary-General to resume, from 30 September 1975 and on a regular and at least quarterly basis thereafter, publication of a document showing, for each Member State, amounts assessed, paid and owing to the regular budget and on continuing operations for which there is a special assessment. The document should be made available to all Member States and should contain essentially the same information as that published in document A/5822, last issued on 30 November 1964."

53. The representative of Cuba introduced the following draft decision (A/C.5/L.1232):

"The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly decide that the implications of inflation and currency instability for the United Nations budget should not be included in the budget for the biennium 1976-1977 under the policy of full budgeting, but should be submitted subsequently in supplementary estimates at the end of each financial year, since they constitute extraordinary expenses whose amount it is difficult to foresee and their inclusion in the regular budget of the United Nations imposes a burden on the majority of Member States by requiring them to pay for such expenses in advance."

54. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics introduced the following three draft decisions (A/C.5/L.1229, A/C.5/L.1230 and A/C.5/L.1233):

(a) "The General Assembly supports the opinion expressed by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 28 of its first report 10/ that programme increases should follow rather than precede action by the legislative organs, and proposes that the requirements laid down in rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly should in future be strictly observed."

10/ Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (A/10008 and Corr.2).

(b) "The General Assembly supports the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 22.54, 22.82 and 22.91 of its report, 10/ and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take measures to ensure that extrabudgetary funds reimburse to the United Nations budget the full cost of services provided to them.

"The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to make the necessary corrections in the United Nations budget for 1976-1977 and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-first session."

(c) "The General Assembly supports the view of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions set forth in paragraphs 52 and 53 of its report." 10/

55. The Soviet Union accepted the suggestion of the Chairman of the Committee that the three draft decisions should begin with the words "The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly that ...". The Soviet Union also agreed that the first paragraph in document A/C.5/L.1230 need not be put to the vote since the Committee had already adopted that decision under another heading in the report.

56. The following amendments were orally proposed in respect of the Soviet draft decision in document A/C.5/L.1229:

(a) Iran proposed that the word "normally" be inserted before the word "follow".

(b) The United States of America proposed that the opening words be replaced by "The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it should support the opinion reaffirmed by the Advisory Committee in paragraph 28", and that the last part of the text beginning with the words "and proposes" be deleted.

(c) France suggested the deletion of the words "in future" in the last part of the text.

(d) Pakistan suggested that the words "proposes that the requirements laid down in rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly should in future ... be strictly observed" be replaced by "reiterates the importance it attaches to rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly".

57. The Soviet Union accepted the amendments to document A/C.5/L.1229 proposed by Iran and France, and a subamendment to the United States amendment proposed by the Chairman which replaced the words "opinion expressed" by the words "view reaffirmed".

58. The Soviet draft decision (A/C.5/L.1229), as orally amended, read as follows:

"The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it support the view reaffirmed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 28 of its first report 11/ that programme increases

should normally follow rather than precede action by the legislative organs, and proposes that the requirements laid down in rules 153 and 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly should be strictly observed."

59. The draft decision (A/C.5/L.1229), as orally amended, was rejected by a roll-call vote of 33 to 13, with 42 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Kuwait, Mongolia, Poland, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Against: Algeria, Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, Ghana, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Chad, China, Congo, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Guinea, Guyana, India, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Madagascar, Morocco, Niger, Romania, Rwanda, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Zambia.

60. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on the Cuban draft decision (A/C.5/L.1232). The draft decision was rejected by 31 votes to 17, with 30 abstentions.

61. At the 1748th meeting, on 25 November, the Committee had before it a revised version of the New Zealand draft decision (A/C.5/L.1238/Rev.1), which was co-sponsored 12/ by Belgium, Ecuador, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and Thailand.

62. The revised text substituted the words "31 December 1975 and on a quarterly basis" for the words "30 September 1975 and on a regular and at least quarterly basis".

63. An amendment proposed by Pakistan and supported by France, Iran and the Upper Volta to replace the word "quarterly" by "biannual" was not accepted by the co-sponsors of the draft decision in document A/C.5/L.1238/Rev.1.

12/ Greece was listed as a co-sponsor but subsequently withdrew its name from the list.

64. The Committee then adopted the amendment proposed by Pakistan to the revised draft decision (A/C.5/L.1238/Rev.1) by 46 votes to 13, with 28 abstentions.

65. The draft decision (A/C.5/L.1238/Rev.1), as orally amended, was then adopted by the Committee by 72 votes to none, with 14 abstentions (see para. 224 (h) below).

66. Also at the 1748th meeting, the representative of the Philippines introduced a revised version (A/C.5/L.1226/Rev.1) of a draft decision submitted earlier in the course of the general debate. In so doing, he announced that Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand had become co-sponsors of the revised draft decision (A/C.5/L.1226/Rev.1), which read as follows:

"The Fifth Committee requests the Secretary-General to consult with the other members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination with respect to the impact of inflation on budgets of the organizations of the United Nations system, with a view towards reaching a common methodology (a) for estimating the cost of inflation on proposed programme budgets, and (b) for including such costs in proposed programme budgets, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on this matter to the thirty-second session of the General Assembly."

67. The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the co-sponsors, accepted the following amendments to the revised draft decision (A/C.5/L.1226/Rev.1):

(a) The United States proposed that the words "to submit a report on this matter" be replaced by the words "to report, as appropriate,";

(b) India proposed that the words "considering the possibility of" should be inserted after the word "towards".

68. The Committee adopted the revised draft decision (A/C.5/L.1226/Rev.1), as orally amended, by 70 votes to 8, with 4 abstentions (see para. 224 (i) below).

69. At the 1749th meeting, on 25 November, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics introduced the following revised version (A/C.5/L.1230/Rev.1) of his delegation's draft decision:

"The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it request the Secretary-General that, in the light of the results of the studies called for in paragraphs 22.34, 22.54, 22.82 and 22.91 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 13/ he include in his progress report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 to the thirty-first session of the General Assembly proposals regarding a more equitable distribution of the costs of services provided by the United Nations to activities financed from extrabudgetary funds as well as the method to be used, where necessary, in making adjustments in the appropriate sections of the programme budget for 1976-1977."

13/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/10008 and Corr.2).

70. The revised draft decision (A/C.5/L.1230/Rev.1) was adopted by the Committee without objection (see para. 224 (j) below).

71. When the Committee continued its consideration of the Soviet draft decision in document A/C.5/L.1233 at the same meeting, the Soviet Union accepted an amendment proposed by the Netherlands to the effect that the words "paragraphs 52 and 53" be replaced by "paragraphs 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54".

72. The Soviet draft decision in document A/C.5/L.1233 was then adopted by the Committee without objection (see para. 224 (k) below).

73. Also at the 1749th meeting, the representative of Poland introduced, on behalf of his delegation, the following draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1231):

"The General Assembly,

"In order to improve the presentation of United Nations programme budget, with a view to making optimum use of available financial resources and to create a more solid comparison base and well-founded justification in proposing possible growth of such resources, and in order to find budgetary means to finance the new programmes by utilizing the resources released,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to present to the thirty-first session of the General Assembly information on the existing budgetary expenses for programmes, projects or activities within the United Nations which are already completed, nearly completed, or which are considered obsolete, of marginal usefulness, or ineffective;

"2. Requests further the Secretary-General to include in the above-mentioned information specific examples of steps towards reorganizing, merging, eliminating or otherwise, units within the Secretariat, which had been established for foregoing programmes, projects or activities;

"3. Decides to include in the future United Nations programme budgets information as to the duration of all new programmes, projects or activities;

"4. Decides also to include in the performance reports on the United Nations programme budgets relevant information on the staff and resources released as a result of completion, reduction, reorganization, merging, elimination or otherwise of the United Nations programmes, projects or activities."

In so doing, he announced that Afghanistan and Argentina had joined Poland as co-sponsors, and stated, inter alia, that the following minor changes were to be made in the proposed draft text:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, the words "through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions" were to be inserted after "to the

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thirty-first session of the General Assembly", and the words "including the relevant authorization" inserted after the word "information";

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the word "taken" was to be added after the word "steps".

74. During the discussion which followed, the following changes in draft resolution A/C.5/L.1231 were proposed:

(a) Pakistan suggested that in operative paragraph 1 the text following the word "completed" should read "or which the appropriate intergovernmental bodies consider to be obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective". In paragraph 3 he proposed the addition of the word "anticipated" before "duration";

(b) India suggested that, in operative paragraph 1, the words "by intergovernmental bodies" should be inserted after the word "considered". In paragraph 3 he suggested that the phrase starting with the word "information" should read "... information on the time-limit for the completion of the projects and activities included therein";

(c) France proposed that the last part of operative paragraph 1, after the word "completed", should be amended to read "or which are considered by the intergovernmental bodies concerned and particularly the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, to be obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective".

75. At the 1753rd meeting, on 28 November, the representative of Poland introduced a revised version (A/C.5/L.1231/Rev.1) of the draft resolution which was similar to the original text with the exception of operative paragraphs 1 and 3, which read as follows:

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to present to the thirty-first session of the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, information including the relevant authorization and budgetary appropriations for programmes, projects or activities within the United Nations which are already completed, nearly completed, or which have been considered by appropriate intergovernmental bodies as obsolete, of marginal usefulness, or ineffective;"

"3. Decides to include in the future United Nations programme budgets information as to the anticipated duration of all new programmes, projects or activities;"

76. Amendments to draft resolution A/C.5/L.1231/Rev.1 proposed by Greece (A/C.5/L.1266) proposed the addition of the following paragraph between paragraphs 2 and 3, and that paragraphs 3 and 4 be renumbered accordingly:

"Decides to take into account the above-mentioned information in considering the medium-term plan for the period 1978 to 1981 at its thirty-first session;"

The second amendment (A/C.5/L.1266) proposed that the word "further" be added in operative paragraph 3 after the word "Decides". The representative of India subsequently announced that his delegation had decided to co-sponsor the Greek amendments (A/C.5/L.1266).

77. The representative of France proposed the inclusion of the words "in particular when they were examining the medium-term plan" after the words "appropriate intergovernmental bodies" in operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/C.5/L.1231/Rev.1.

78. The representative of Poland, on behalf of the sponsors of the revised draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1231/Rev.1), accepted the oral amendment proposed by France as well as the amendments (A/C.5/L.1266) co-sponsored by Greece and India.

79. Also at its 1753rd meeting, the Committee adopted, without objection, the revised draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1231/Rev.1) as amended (see para. 223 below, draft resolution III).

80. At the same meeting, the Committee had before it a draft decision (A/C.5/L.1239) proposed by Belgium which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Being concerned to make the work of the Secretariat more efficient and economical,

"1. Decides to consider, at its thirty-first session, the action taken over the past five years on the recommendations of the Administrative Management Service and to assess the results achieved with a view to taking remedial measures, if necessary;

"2. Requests for that purpose, in addition to the requisite factual information, the views of the Secretary-General and the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

"3. Urges the Secretary-General, in the meantime, to redeploy to priority sectors such Secretariat staff as are made available as a result of the completion of, or a reduction in, programmes."

The representative of Belgium announced that his delegation had decided to delete paragraph 3 of its draft decision (A/C.5/L.1239) because paragraphs 2 and 4 of the draft decision which the Committee had just adopted (A/C.5/L.1231/Rev.1) conveyed the same idea.

81. The Committee then adopted, without objection, the draft resolution submitted by Belgium (A/C.5/L.1239) as revised (see para. 224 (1) below).

82. Also at the 1753rd meeting, the representative of Japan introduced the following draft decision (A/C.5/L.1250) on behalf of Australia, Austria, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago and Turkey:

"The Fifth Committee, taking note of the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 69 and 70 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, 14/ recommends that the General Assembly should request the Secretary-General:

"(a) To make a maximum effort towards adopting a standardized and uniform organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat with a view to establishing a greater order and clarity in the structure of the Secretariat;

"(b) To submit a progress report on the matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

"(c) To issue an up-to-date version of an organization manual as soon as possible and not later than the end of 1976."

The delegation of Thailand joined the list of sponsors.

83. The representative of Iraq orally proposed that in subparagraph (c) of the draft decision (A/C.5/L.1250), after the words "an organization manual", the phrase "covering all organizational units financed in full or in part under the regular budget" should be added, and that the words "the end of 1976" should be replaced by the words "the thirty-first session of the General Assembly".

84. The representative of Japan, on behalf of the sponsors, accepted the Iraqi amendment to the draft decision (A/C.5/L.1250).

85. The Committee then adopted without objection the draft decision (A/C.5/L.1250), as orally amended (see para. 224 (m) below).

14/ Ibid.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS

Public information policies and activities

86. The Committee discussed public information policies and activities at its 1722nd to 1724th, 1726th, 1728th, 1730th, 1736th, 1738th, 1739th, 1740th and 1746th meetings, during the period 27 October to 24 November 1975, in the course of its first reading of section 21 (Public information).

87. For its consideration of this item the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on public information policies and activities (A/C.5/1679), as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/10008/Add.2).

88. At the 1728th meeting, the delegation of Colombia introduced the following draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1241):

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, and noting the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations and the commemorations thereof,

"Recognizing the invaluable achievements of the United Nations Organization, especially in the economic and social fields,

"Taking into account the necessity of preserving a favourable public image for the United Nations system,

"Deeply concerned at the negative attitude of the media and the public opinion of some of the Member States towards the United Nations system and the resultant decline of public support and confidence in the activities of the Organization,

"1. Recommends that the United Nations Office of Public Information initiate, within the context of its present activities, a co-ordinated campaign to convey to the general public accurate information regarding the social, economic, humanitarian and political achievements of the Organization;

"2. Calls upon the Office of Public Information to collaborate closely in this effort with the United Nations associations and the non-governmental organizations concerned throughout the world;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the action taken to the thirty-first session of the General Assembly."

In so doing, the representative of Colombia orally announced two revisions to the draft text (A/C.5/L.1241):

(a) Operative paragraph 1 would read "Recommends that the Secretary-General, through the United Nations Office of Public Information, should make additional efforts and initiate a co-ordinated campaign to convey to the general public accurate information ...";

(b) Operative paragraph 2 would begin with the words "Calls upon the Secretary-General ...".

89. The above-mentioned modifications, together with some changes in the preambular paragraphs, were incorporated in a revised draft resolution (A/C.5/1241/Rev.1), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, and noting the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations and the commemorations thereof,

"Recognizing the achievements of the United Nations Organization,

"Determined to improve the public image for the United Nations system,

"Concerned at instances of a negative attitude of the media and the public opinion of some of the Member States towards the United Nations system and the possibility of a resultant decline of public support and confidence in the activities of the Organization,

"Taking note of the statement of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 22 of document A/C.5/1679 to the effect that "new efforts are needed to gain broader public understanding of, and support for, the aims and activities of the United Nations",

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the information activities of the Organization and convey to the general public comprehensive information regarding the political, social, economic and humanitarian achievements of the United Nations system;

"2. Calls upon the Secretary-General to collaborate closely in this effort with the national mass media, the United Nations associations and the non-governmental organizations concerned throughout the world;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the action taken to the thirty-first session of the General Assembly."

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90. At the same meeting, the representative of Japan introduced the following draft decision (A/C.5/L.1242) on behalf of the delegations of Italy, Japan, Kenya, the Philippines and Turkey:

"The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly that, with effect from its thirty-first session, future reports of the Secretary-General on public information policies and activities should be considered by the Fifth Committee normally on off-budget years."

91. A revision of the draft decision (A/C.5/L.1242) appeared in document A/C.5/L.1242/Rev.1 and read as follows:

"The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the General Committee be invited to consider that, with effect from its thirty-first session, future reports of the Secretary-General on public information policies and activities should be considered as a separate item normally in off-budget years in the Fifth Committee."

92. Also at the 1728th meeting, the delegation of Pakistan introduced the following draft decision (A/C.5/L.1243) for inclusion in the Committee's report:

"The Fifth Committee requests the Secretary-General to explore ways and means of ensuring a more timely publication of the Yearbook of the United Nations without impairing its quality and high standards as an objective reference work and to report thereon to the thirty-first session of the General Assembly."

93. At the 1730th meeting, the representative of Colombia introduced a second revision of its draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.2) which, he stated, incorporated a number of suggestions made by various delegations in the course of the discussion. The revised draft (A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.2) read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, and noting the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations and the commemorations thereof,

"Recognizing the achievements of the United Nations Organization,

"Taking note of the statement of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 1 of document A/C.5/1679, in which he emphasizes that the 'United Nations, in order to succeed in its formidable task, required a large measure of public support and understanding, which would in turn have an influence on national policies',

"Determined to improve the public image for the United Nations system,

"Noting the prevailing attitude of the media and the public opinion of some of the Member States towards the United Nations system and the possibility of a resultant decline of public support and confidence in the activities of the Organization,

"Taking note of the statement of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 22 of document A/C.5/1679 to the effect that 'new efforts are needed to gain broader public understanding of, and support for, the aims and activities of the United Nations',

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to make new efforts in the field of information activities of the Organization, and convey to the general public comprehensive information regarding the political, social, economic and humanitarian achievements of the United Nations system, including the principles and aims related to the establishment of a new economic order;

"2. Calls upon the Secretary-General to collaborate closely in this effort with the national mass media, the United Nations associations and the non-governmental organizations concerned throughout the world;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the action taken to the thirty-first session of the General Assembly."

94. At the same meeting, the representative of Tunisia introduced an amendment (A/C.5/L.1246) to the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.2) which proposed the replacement of operative paragraph 3 by the following:

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit at the thirty-first session of the General Assembly a report on the activities of the Office of Public Information and decides to consider this question as a new separate item entitled 'United Nations information activities'."

95. Also at the 1730th meeting, the following amendments to the draft resolution submitted by Colombia (A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.2) were orally introduced.

96. The representative of the Philippines proposed that the order of the words in operative paragraph 1, starting with "political", should read "political, economic, social, cultural and humanitarian achievements ...".

97. The representative of the Federal Republic of Germany proposed that the fifth preambular paragraph be replaced by the following text:

"Concerned to ensure that the media and the general public receive a full and balanced account of the functioning of the United Nations and in order to increase public support and confidence in the activities of the Organization."

98. The representative of Mexico proposed that in operative paragraph 1, after the word "establishment", the following words be substituted:

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"of a new international economic order and to the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States".

99. The representative of Ghana proposed that the word "further" be inserted in the fourth preambular paragraph after the word "improve".

100. The representative of Japan proposed that, in operative paragraph 2, the phrase "the non-governmental organizations" be replaced by "other non-governmental organizations".

101. The representative of New Zealand proposed that, in operative paragraph 2, either the word "national" or "mass" be deleted. He also proposed that the oral amendment of the Federal Republic of Germany be subamended to begin:

"Determined to ensure that the media and the general public continue to receive ...".

102. The representative of the Netherlands proposed certain drafting amendments in the second and fourth preambular paragraphs.

103. The delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics submitted an amendment (A/C.5/L.1245) to the draft decision in document A/C.5/L.1242, whereby the words "by the Fifth Committee" would be replaced by the words "at greater length".

104. At the 1736th meeting, the representative of Colombia introduced a third revision (A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.3) to its draft resolution which was co-sponsored by Tunisia. In the third revision the order of the preambular paragraphs was changed, and the Tunisian amendment (A/C.5/L.1246) was substituted as operative paragraph 3.

105. At the same meeting, the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany presented, in document A/C.5/L.1247, the amendment he had orally introduced at the 1730th meeting, as subamended by New Zealand at that same meeting (see paras. 97 and 101 above).

106. Also at the 1736th meeting, the following proposals were orally introduced in respect of A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.3.

107. The representative of Afghanistan proposed the addition, in operative paragraph 1, of the words "and undertakings" after the words "humanitarian achievements".

108. The representative of Tunisia suggested that, at the end of operative paragraph 3, the title of the proposed separate item be amended to read "United Nations public information policies and activities".

109. The representative of Algeria opposed the inclusion of operative paragraph 3 in the revised draft resolution and requested a separate vote on that paragraph. His proposal was orally supported by Australia, Canada, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The representative of the Netherlands went on to propose the deletion of the last part of paragraph 3 beginning with the words "and decides".

110. The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland proposed also that the last words in operative paragraph 1 should read "a new international economic order" instead of "the new international economic order".

111. At its 1738th meeting, the Committee had before it a further revision of the draft resolution under consideration (A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.4), which was co-sponsored by Afghanistan, Benin, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guinea, Jamaica, Madagascar, Mauritania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and the United Republic of Cameroon. The revised draft resolution incorporated the Tunisian amendment (A/C.5/L.1246); the revised paragraph 3 read as follows:

"Requests the Secretary-General to submit at the thirty-first session of the General Assembly a report on the activities of the Office of Public Information and decides to consider this question as a new separate item entitled "United Nations public information policies and activities."

112. At the same meeting, the Federal Republic of Germany accepted the subamendment to document A/C.5/L.1247 that had been proposed by Ghana at the 1730th meeting, which would replace the words "full and balanced" by the word "comprehensive".

113. Also at the 1738th meeting, the representative of Algeria requested a paragraph-by-paragraph vote on the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.4).

114. At the 1739th meeting, on 13 November, the representative of New Zealand proposed the inclusion of the following two texts in the Committee's report to the General Assembly:

"(a) It was the sense of the Fifth Committee that it would prefer that the item entitled 'United Nations public information policies and activities' should continue to be considered by the Fifth Committee."

"(b) It was the understanding of the Committee that the approval of the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.4) would not involve any financial implications during the course of the forthcoming biennium."

115. At the same meeting, the representative of Algeria proposed that the following words be added at the end of operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.4):

"it being understood that this new item would be considered in the Fifth Committee."

116. At the same meeting, the Committee voted as follows:

(a) The amendment proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany (A/C.5/L.1247), as amended by Ghana, was rejected by 45 votes to 20, with 26 abstentions.

(b) The oral amendment of the Netherlands for the deletion of the last part of paragraph 3 in draft resolution A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.4, starting with the words "and decides", was rejected by 57 votes to 24, with 17 abstentions.

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(c) The oral amendment of Algeria for the addition, at the end of paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.4, of the words "it being understood that this new item will be considered in the Fifth Committee", was rejected by 42 votes to 35, with 21 abstentions.

(d) The oral amendment of Ghana for insertion in the sixth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.4 of the word "further" after the word "improve" was rejected by 27 votes to 26, with 40 abstentions.

117. The Committee then voted on the operative paragraphs of draft resolution A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.4, as follows:

(a) Paragraph 1 was adopted by 79 votes to 3, with 9 abstentions.

(b) Paragraph 2 was adopted by 86 votes to 1, with 9 abstentions.

(c) Paragraph 3 was adopted by a roll-call vote of 63 to 17, with 20 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chad, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia.

Against: Algeria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany (Federal Republic of), India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining: Austria, Chile, China, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Upper Volta, Zaire.

118. Draft resolution A/C.5/L.1241/Rev.4 as a whole was then adopted by 78 votes to 3, with 19 abstentions (see para. 223 below, draft resolution IV).

119. Also at the 1739th meeting, in the course of a short discussion on the two draft texts orally submitted by New Zealand for inclusion in the Committee's report to the General Assembly, the representative of Colombia, referring to the first draft text, proposed that the Committee's report might indicate that during the debate no delegation had opposed the retention of the item on United Nations public information policies and activities on the agenda of the Fifth Committee.

120. The Committee then voted on the two draft texts proposed by New Zealand as follows:

(a) The first text proposed by New Zealand was adopted by 44 votes to 16, with 21 abstentions (see para. 125 (a) below).

(b) The second New Zealand text was adopted by 43 votes to 4, with 18 abstentions (see para. 125 (b) below).

121. At the 1746th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Turkey, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a second revision of draft decision A/C.5/L.1242/Rev.2, which read as follows:

"The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the item on public information policies and activities should normally be considered in off-budget years."

122. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics did not then insist on a vote on its amendment (A/C.5/L.1245) in view of the acceptance of part of its amendment by the sponsors of the revised draft decision (A/C.5/L.1242/Rev.2).

123. At the same meeting, the Committee voted as follows on the remaining draft proposals:

(a) The draft decision submitted by Italy, Japan, Kenya, the Philippines and Turkey (A/C.5/L.1242/Rev.2) was adopted by 45 votes to 9, with 16 abstentions (see para. 126 (a) below);

(b) The draft decision proposed by Pakistan (A/C.5/L.1243) was adopted without objection (see para. 126 (b) below).

124. Comments made by delegations intervening in the discussion on this subject, as well as statements made in explanation of vote, are reflected in the relevant summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/SR.1723, 1724, 1726, 1728, 1730, 1736, 1738, 1740 and 1746).

DECISIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

125. At its 1746th meeting, the Fifth Committee decided to include the following paragraphs in the present report:

"(a) It was the sense of the Fifth Committee that it would prefer that the item entitled 'United Nations public information policies and activities' should continue to be considered by the Fifth Committee.

"(b) It was the understanding of the Fifth Committee that the approval of the draft resolution (see para. 223 below, draft resolution IV) would not involve any financial implications during the course of the forthcoming biennium."

126. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee decided to recommend:

(a) That the item on public information policies and activities should normally be considered in off-budget years (see para. 224 (n) (i) below);

(b) That the Secretary-General should be requested to explore ways and means of ensuring a more timely publication of the Yearbook of the United Nations without impairing its quality and high standards as an objective reference work and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session (see para. 224 (n) (ii) below).

Exchange of properties between the Etat de Genève
and the United Nations

127. When the Committee considered this item at its 1720th and 1721st meetings, on 23 and 24 October, it had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1674) in which he contemplated an exchange of various plots of land owned by the United Nations, outside the perimeter of the properties on which the Palais des Nations was built, for land owned by the Etat de Genève adjacent to the United Nations Park. The Secretary-General, in paragraph 12 (f) of his report, stated that the proposed exchange would not involve any expenditure by the United Nations other than a share of conveyance charges and surveyors' fees.

128. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/10008/Add.1), in paragraph 8 of which the Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it approve the exchange of letters between the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Etat de Genève (A/C.5/1674, annexes II, III and IV), on the understanding that the United Nations would not incur any other expenditures other than those described in paragraph 12 (f) of the report of the Secretary-General.

129. The comments of delegations taking part in the discussion of this subject as well as the replies of the Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Office

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at Geneva to queries raised are reflected in the summary records of the 1720th and 1721st meetings of the Committee.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

130. At its 1721st meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/10008/Add.1);

(b) Approve the exchange of properties between the Etat de Genève and the United Nations in accordance with the terms set out in the exchange of letters between the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Etat de Genève, as described in the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1674, annexes II, III and IV) (see para. 224 (o) below).

Programme of major maintenance of and improvements to
the Palais des Nations, Geneva, and extension of the
Palais des Nations

131. The final report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1690) on the programme of major maintenance of and improvements to the Palais des Nations, Geneva, as well as his report on the extension of the Palais des Nations (A/C.5/1694) were considered by the Committee at its 1728th and 1730th meetings on 3 and 5 November 1975, respectively, during its examination in first reading of section 26, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises.

132. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the comments of the Advisory Committee on both reports in an oral statement before the Committee at its 1728th meeting.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

133. At its 1730th meeting, on 5 November, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should take note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the programme of major maintenance of and improvements to the Palais des Nations, Geneva, and extension of the Palais des Nations (A/C.5/1690 and A/C.5/1694) (see para. 224 (p) below).

United Nations accommodation in Addis Ababa,
Bangkok and Santiago

134. The Committee, at its 1730th and 1736th meetings, on 5 and 11 November, considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1673) on the progress made in the construction of United Nations premises in Addis Ababa, Bangkok and Santiago since his reports to the General Assembly of 26 August 1974 (A/C.5/1596 and Add.1).

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135. The related comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were presented by its Chairman in an oral statement before the Fifth Committee at its 1730th meeting.

136. The comments made by delegations in the course of the short discussion of this item, as well as the replies of the representatives of the Secretary-General and of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee are reflected in the summary record of the 1736th meeting.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

137. At its 1736th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations accommodation in Addis Ababa, Bangkok and Santiago (A/C.5/1673) (see para. 224 (q) below).

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations accommodation

138. When the Committee considered this subject at its 1755th and 1756th meetings, on 1 and 2 December, it had before it the following reports:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the utilization of office accommodation at United Nations Headquarters (A/9854), submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/9854/Add.1);

(b) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on office accommodation provided for extrabudgetary staff in the United Nations system (A/10279) and a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination thereon (A/10279/Add.1);

(c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the utilization of office accommodation in the United Nations system (A/10280) and the comments by the Secretary-General thereon (A/10280/Add.1).

139. In an oral statement before the Committee at the 1755th meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated that the Advisory Committee had been unable to produce a comprehensive report on this item during the present session and suggested that the matter might be deferred to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session at which time the Secretary-General intended to submit a comprehensive report on the subject.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

140. At its 1756th meeting, on 2 December, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Decide to postpone comprehensive consideration of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the utilization of office accommodation in the United Nations system (A/9854, A/10279 and A/10280) to its thirty-first session (see para. 224 (r) (i) below);

(b) Request the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to submit its report on office accommodation provided for the extrabudgetary staff in the United Nations system to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session (see para. 224 (r) (ii) below).

Standards of accommodation for official travel of
United Nations staff by air

141. The Committee considered the annual report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1675) on standards of accommodation for official travel of United Nations staff by air at its 1721st meeting.

142. In an oral statement before the Committee, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated that the Advisory Committee had taken note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1675) and would urge the Secretary-General to continue to limit expenditure as much as possible when applying the existing rules in that respect.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

143. At its 1721st meeting, on 24 October 1975, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on standard of accommodation of official travel of United Nations staff by air (A/C.5/1675) (see para. 224 (s) below).

Use of experts and consultants in the United Nations

144. The question of the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations was discussed by the Committee at its 1724th and 1727th meetings, on 29 and 31 October, respectively.

145. For its consideration of this subject the Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1681) on the implementation of the decision taken by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session. 15/

146. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the comments of the Advisory Committee on the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1681) in an oral statement before the Committee at its 1724th meeting.

147. At the 1727th meeting, the representative of Poland proposed a draft decision for inclusion in the Committee's report (see para. 148 below) which, he believed, reflected the general thinking of the Committee on this subject.

15/ Ibid., Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631), item 73 (m), pp. 136 and 137.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

148. At its 1727th meeting, on 31 October 1975, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to adopt the draft decision proposed by Poland. Accordingly, the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations (A/C.5/1681) (see para. 224 (t) (i) below);

(b) Reaffirm the conviction that the decision taken by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, contained in paragraph 30 of document A/9960, on the use of experts and consultants should be implemented promptly, fully and effectively (see para. 224 (t) (ii) below);

(c) Request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a report on the implementation of its decision on the use of experts and consultants (see para. 224 (t) (iii) below).

Honoraria payable to members of the International Law Commission, the International Narcotics Control Board and the Administrative Tribunal

149. The Committee considered this item at its 1719th, 1722nd, 1723rd and 1727th meetings on 22, 27, 28 and 31 October, respectively.

150. In his report (A/C.5/1677 and Corr.1) the Secretary-General proposed that the honoraria payable to the officers and members of the International Law Commission, the International Narcotics Control Board and the United Nations Administrative Tribunal be increased as from the biennium 1976-1977. In its related report (A/10008/Add.3), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated, inter alia, that in the absence of a policy guideline from the General Assembly on methods to govern adjustments in the honoraria for the three bodies, it was unable to recommend approval of the Secretary-General's proposal.

151. At its 1722nd meeting, the Committee had before it the following draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1236) sponsored by Algeria, Argentina, Japan and the Upper Volta:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,

"Having regard to the observations and comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

"Recalling the basic principle to the effect that neither a fee nor any other remuneration in addition to subsistence allowances and travel expenses shall normally be paid to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations,

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"Being convinced of the pressing need for a clearer definition of uniform criteria applicable to exceptions to the general rule mentioned above,

"1. Decides until further notice to maintain at their present level the amounts of honoraria paid to members of the International Law Commission, the International Narcotics Control Board and the Administrative Tribunal;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its thirty-first session a comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations;

"3. Recommends that the Secretary-General should take account in his report of the practice that may be applied by other organizations within the United Nations system and of the following factors:

"(a) The need to secure the services of competent and independent experts;

"(b) The implications of introducing uniformity into the conditions for the payment of honoraria to full-time members and part-time members of the organs and subsidiary organs concerned or likely to be concerned;

"(c) The possible implications of discontinuing honoraria for part-time members with regard, inter alia, to retaining qualified experts in those organs;

"4. Decides to include in the agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled: 'Honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations'."

152. At the 1723rd meeting, the representative of the Upper Volta informed the Committee of certain amendments which had been proposed by some delegations to the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1236). The amendments in question, which were subsequently incorporated in a revision (A/C.5/L.1236/Rev.1) to the draft resolution, were as follows:

(a) In the first preambular paragraph, the words "and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions" were added;

(b) The introductory sentence of operative paragraph 3 as well as operative paragraph 4 were deleted;

(c) In operative paragraph 2, the words "to it at" were replaced by "to the General Assembly for consideration at";

(d) In the subparagraphs under operative paragraph 2 (formerly under operative paragraph 3), the following was inserted, in place of the original (a):

"(a) The practice that may be applied by other organizations within the United Nations system",

and the original subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) became subparagraphs (b), (c) and (d).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

153. At its 1727th meeting, on 31 October, the Committee, after some discussion, adopted draft resolution A/C.5/L.1236/Rev.1 without objection (see para. 223 below, draft resolution V).

Emoluments of the members of the International Court of Justice

154. The Committee considered the question of emoluments of the members of the International Court of Justice at its 1765th meeting, on 9 December, at which time it had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1699) in which he recommended that the salary for a judge of the Court be raised from \$45,000 to \$55,000 for the year 1976, and that proportionate increases be made in other fees and allowances accorded to ad hoc judges, the President of the Court and the Vice-President when acting as President.

155. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of the Advisory Committee in an oral statement before the Committee.

156. In paragraph 4 of its report (A/10008/Add.12) the Advisory Committee reiterated its view that salaries and allowances of the judges of the Court were sui generis and recommended that the Secretary-General undertake a study leading to proposals which would assure adequate remuneration and eliminate the need for frequent review while preserving the sui generis nature of the judges' situation, and that he present his findings and recommendations thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

157. In paragraph 7 of its report, the Advisory Committee recommended that, pending any further action which might be taken on this matter by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, the salary for a judge on the International Court of Justice be raised as at 1 January 1976 from \$45,000 to \$50,000 with proportionate increases in the other fees and allowances accorded ad hoc judges, the President of the Court and the Vice-President when acting as President.

158. In the course of the discussion on this subject, some delegations did not agree with the recommendation made by the Advisory Committee and requested that the Fifth Committee vote instead on the recommendations of the Secretary-General in his report (A/C.5/1699), which would require an additional amount of \$464,600 under section 19 of the proposed programme budget for 1976-1977.

159. The proposal was rejected by 47 votes to 9, with 26 abstentions.

160. A vote was then requested on the recommendation contained in paragraph 8 in the report of the Advisory Committee (A/10008/Add.12). In that paragraph the Advisory Committee stated that if its recommendations were adopted by the General Assembly, an additional amount of \$232,000 would be required under section 19 of the proposed programme budget for 1976-1977.

161. The Advisory Committee's recommendation in paragraph 8 of its report was adopted by 63 votes to 11, with 9 abstentions.

162. The comments made by delegations in the course of the discussion on this subject, as well as statements made by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the representative of the Secretary-General in reply to queries raised during the discussion, are reflected in the summary record of the Committee (A/C.5/SR.1765).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

163. At its 1765th meeting, on 9 December, the Fifth Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1699) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/10008/Add.12);

(b) Concur with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 4, 7 and 8 of its report (see para. 223 below, draft resolution VI).

Coverage by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund of
certain staff members of the United Nations Relief and Works
Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for services
during the period 1950 through 1960

164. When the Committee considered this question at its 1766th meeting, on 10 December, it had before it a report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1709) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/10008/Add.16), which was introduced by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee in an oral statement before the Committee.

165. In his report (A/C.5/1709), the Secretary-General made certain proposals in accordance with which staff members who had served in the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East during part or all of the period 1950 to 1960 inclusive as full-fledged employees of that organization and who, on 31 December 1975, would still be serving with UNRWA or another organization or agency in the United Nations common system, would be covered by the Pension Fund for that period.

166. In paragraph 10 of his report, the Secretary-General stated that while authority was being requested to enable the United Nations to make payments in the full amount of \$1 million, which amount would be needed should the entire 45 staff members elect to apply for their coverage and pay their required contributions with interest, he estimated that an amount not to exceed \$700,000 would need to be appropriated at the present time for the biennium 1976-1977.

167. In paragraph 8 of its report (A/10008/Add.16), the Advisory Committee accepted the proposals of the Secretary-General in his report (A/C.5/1709) and recommended that the Secretary-General be authorized to enter into commitments up to \$700,000 on the basis suggested by him in paragraph 10 of the same report.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

168. At its 1766th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Concur with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 8 of its report (A/10008/Add.16) (see para. 224 (u) (i) below);

(b) Authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to \$700,000 on the basis suggested in paragraph 10 of his report (A/C.5/1709) (see para. 224 (u) (ii) below).

The effect of continuing currency instability on the budgets of the organizations in the United Nations system

169. The Committee considered this subject at its 1735th, 1737th, 1738th, 1740th and 1742nd to 1744th meetings during the period 10 to 20 November.

170. For its consideration of this item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1692) on the effect of continuing currency instability on the budgets of the organizations in the United Nations system, as well as the related report (A/10008/Add.4) of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

171. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the Advisory Committee's report (A/10008/Add.4) in an oral statement before the Fifth Committee at the 1735th meeting.

172. The Controller made an oral statement on the subject under discussion at the 1740th meeting.

173. At the 1742nd meeting, the representative of Cuba introduced the following draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1253):

"The General Assembly,

"Gravely concerned at the persistence of inflation and currency instability in the developed countries in which United Nations expenditures are incurred,

"Considering the responsibility borne by the developed countries in which United Nations organizations have their headquarters for the generation of their domestic inflation and for the realignments and fluctuations in the exchange rates of their currencies,

"Considering also the economic benefits derived by those developed countries from having their headquarters of United Nations organizations situated in their territories,

"Recognizing that the countries which are not responsible for the inflation and for the realignments and fluctuations in the exchange rates of the developed countries in which United Nations organizations have their headquarters should not have to bear the losses occasioned thereby,

"Bearing in mind that the losses experienced by the United Nations at its offices in developing countries, as a result of their domestic inflation and of realignments and fluctuations in the exchange rates of their currencies, are relatively small,

"Mindful of the provisions of Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations,

"Believing that the substantial losses caused by inflation and currency instability should be financed by a different procedure from the one followed to meet the expenses of the regular budget of the United Nations,

"1. Decides that any losses experienced by the United Nations as a result of inflation and currency instability in the developed host countries should be financed in the following manner:

"(a) Eighty per cent of such losses shall be borne by the developed countries in which United Nations organizations have their headquarters, in proportion to the expenditure incurred in those countries;

"(b) The remaining 20 per cent shall be financed by other Member countries, in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments adopted by the General Assembly for the period concerned;

"2. Also decides that any losses experienced at the headquarters of United Nations organizations in developing countries, as a result of their domestic inflation and of realignments and fluctuations in the exchange rates of their currencies, shall be absorbed by the regular budget of the Organization."

174. At the 1743rd meeting, after a lengthy debate, the Cuban draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1253) was rejected by a roll-call vote of 35 to 20, with 33 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

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In favour: Algeria, Benin, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Mongolia, Peru, Poland, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Rwanda, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Burma, Chad, China, Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Greece, Guyana, Jamaica, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Mozambique, Niger, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

175. Comments made by delegations in the course of the discussion or in explanation of vote are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/SR.1735, 1737, 1738, 1740 and 1742-1744).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

176. At its 1743rd meeting, on 19 November, the Fifth Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the effect of continuing currency instability on the budgets of the organizations in the United Nations system (A/C.5/1692) (see para. 224 (v) (i) below);

(b) Concur with the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its related report (see para. 224 (v) (ii) below). 16/

Assumed rates of inflation and currency fluctuations in respect of the biennium 1976-1977

177. At the 1742nd meeting, on 18 November, in the course of the discussion on the question of the effect of continuing currency instability on the budget of organizations in the United Nations system, the representative of the Federal

16/ Ibid., Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/10008 and Corr.2).

Republic of Germany, supported by Belgium, Greece, New Zealand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, requested the following information:

(a) The amounts which would be required under the various sections of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, taking into account the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and assuming average annual rates of further inflation in 1976 and 1977 at levels 2 to 3 percentage points below those applied to the initial estimates submitted by the Secretary-General;

(b) An indication of the manner in which the over-all reduction resulting from the application of such lower inflation rates could be distributed among various sections of the budget, on a priority rather than on an across-the-board basis and assuming, to this end, that programmes with recent legislative authority and programmes directly benefiting Member States, in particular developing countries, should have priority over older programmes, programmes with less tangible impact and administrative and support activities.

178. At the 1764th meeting, on 8 December, the Controller, in an oral statement before the Committee, introduced a working paper submitted by the Secretariat in answer to the above-mentioned request.

179. After considerable discussion at the 1766th meeting, the Controller made an oral statement in which he transmitted to the Committee the results of the re-examination of the inflation and currency fluctuation assumptions made by the Secretary-General when preparing his initial estimates for the biennium 1976-1977. In so doing, he stated, inter alia, that he had provided the Committee with the most reliable evidence available and that it was up to the Committee to judge whether it considered that evidence acceptable and whether it would be advisable for the appropriate adjustments to be made in the budget estimates at the current session; whatever decision the Committee might take, he would endeavour to continue to manage the total funds approved with the utmost care. In this latter connexion, he drew the attention of the Committee to the final performance report in respect of 1974-1975 (A/C.5/1710) which illustrated the manner in which management procedures contributed to keeping to a minimum the net additional appropriations requested before a financial period ended.

180. At the 1770th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of New Zealand proposed the following draft decision (A/C.5/L.1293):

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

'Decide to request the Secretary-General, in preparing the final revised estimates for the programme budget 1976-1977, to base his assumptions with regard to the rate of inflation in each year of the biennium on the latest available forecasts, and for currency alignments on the actual rates prevailing at the time the documents are prepared.'"

181. The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland orally proposed that in the phrase "on the latest available forecasts" the word "the" be replaced by "his".

182. The representative of the Upper Volta proposed that the following paragraph (A/C.5/L.1294) be added to the New Zealand draft decision (A/C.5/L.1293):

"Further decides that consequential adjustments shall be made in the performance reports of 1976 and 1977 to take into account actual rates of inflation and currency fluctuations."

183. The representative of Greece orally proposed that in the New Zealand draft decision (A/C.5/L.1293) the words "with regard to the rate of inflation in each year of the biennium on the latest available forecasts, and" be deleted.

184. The representative of Greece subsequently withdrew his proposal.

185. The representative of New Zealand accepted the amendments proposed by the United Kingdom and the Upper Volta.

186. After some discussion, at its 1770th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee adopted the New Zealand draft decision (A/C.5/L.1293), as amended by the Upper Volta (A/C.5/L.1294) and as orally amended by the United Kingdom, by 61 votes to 8, with 5 abstentions (see para. 188 below).

187. The comments made by delegations in the course of the discussion of this subject as well as the statements made by the Controller are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/SR.1742, 1764, 1766 and 1770).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

188. The Fifth Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Decide to request the Secretary-General, in preparing the final revised estimates for the programme budget 1976-1977, to base his assumptions, with regard to his rate of inflation in each year of the biennium, on the latest available forecasts and, with regard to currency alignments, on the actual rates prevailing at the time the estimates are submitted (see para. 224 (w) (i) below);

(b) Further decide that consequential adjustments shall be made in the performance reports of 1976 and 1977 to take into account actual rates of inflation and currency fluctuations (see para. 224 (w) (ii) below).

Financial problems of the United Nations

189. In a note addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/L.1240), the delegations of Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, Haiti, Ireland, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Rwanda, Sierre Leone, Singapore, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Uruguay and Zambia, referring to the comments and proposals made by the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization in the introduction to his annual report 17/ and in his statement (A/C.5/1685) before the Committee at its 1700th meeting, on 25 September 1975, stated that the problems raised by the Secretary-General were in need of urgent solution and believed that serious consideration should be given to them during the current session, as proposed by the Secretary-General. Accordingly, they proposed that the Fifth Committee request the Secretary-General to provide information on the questions of the deficit, the cash flow, the assessed contributions withheld as a matter of principle or announced policy, the type of payment of assessed contributions, the attempts made to resolve the deteriorating United Nations financial situation and the progress made in that respect.

190. The replies of the Secretary-General to the note addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/L.1240) were contained in documents A/C.5/1730 and Add.1.

191. The Controller made an oral statement before the Committee at its 1764th meeting in explanation of the above-mentioned documents.

192. At the 1770th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of Pakistan introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1286) on behalf of Algeria, Bangladesh, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sweden, Togo, Turkey and Yugoslavia reading as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting with deep concern the Secretary-General's statement of 25 September 1975 drawing attention to the critical financial situation of the Organization (A/C.5/1685),

"Having examined the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1730 and Add.1) in reply to the questionnaire addressed by 27 delegations to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee on the financial problems of the United Nations (A/C.5/L.1240),

"Desirous of ensuring the long-term financial security of the United Nations with a view to enabling it to cope effectively with the growing needs

17/ Ibid., Supplement No. 1A (A/10001/Add.1).

of its Member States, including inter alia, the complex tasks envisaged for the Organization under resolution 3662 (S-VII) of the General Assembly, on development and international economic co-operation,

"Commending those Member States who duly make prompt payment of their assessed contributions thereby helping to relieve financial pressure on the Organization,

"Recalling voluntary contributions made on the basis of the provisions of the consensus of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (A/5916) adopted by the General Assembly 18/ as well as other measures undertaken by Member States designed to provide orderly and adequate financing of programmes and activities in accordance with provisions of Article 17 of the Charter,

"Reaffirming the collective responsibility of the Member States for the sound financial condition of the Organization,

"Determined to arrive at a lasting solution of the financial problems of the Organization,

"1. Calls upon all Member States to make their best efforts to overcome constraints to the prompt payment early in each year of full assessed contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund;

"2. Decides to establish a Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations, consisting of ... Member States;

"3. Requests the President of the General Assembly after consultation with the chairmen of the regional groups to designate Member States, on the basis of an equitable geographical balance, to serve on the Negotiating Committee;

"4. Further decides that the mandate of the Negotiating Committee shall be to bring about a comprehensive settlement of the critical financial situation of the United Nations taking into account inter alia;

"(a) Paragraphs 11 and 19 of the Report of the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations.

"(b) The consensus of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth session and the terms of resolution 3049 (XXVII),

"(c) Progress which has been achieved on the basis of operative paragraph 4 of resolution 3049 (XXVII) and as a result of changes in announced policy,

18/ General Assembly resolution 2053 (XX).

"(d) The elimination of certain differences between Member States as a result of supervening action by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

"5. Further requests the Negotiating Committee to examine the appropriate level of the Working Capital Fund as well as the financial regulations governing its operation in the light of the changing requirements of the Organization;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary assistance and facilities to the Negotiating Committee for the conduct of its work;

"7. Requests the Negotiating Committee to report to the thirty-first session on progress achieved with recommendations on further steps that should be undertaken to solve the financial problems of the United Nations;

"8. Decides to include an item entitled 'The financial emergency of the United Nations' on the agenda of the thirty-first session and to consider it on a priority basis."

193. Argentina, Chad, Ecuador, Nigeria, the Philippines, Thailand and Upper Volta subsequently joined the list of sponsors.

194. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics orally proposed the following two amendments to paragraph 4 of the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1286):

(a) Subparagraph (b) would be amended to read:

"The need to implement the consensus of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth session on 1 September 1965 regarding the financial difficulties of the Organization;"

(b) The following text would be added as subparagraph (e):

"The need to eliminate the causes in the United Nations budget leading to the annual increase of the sum of the financial deficit of the United Nations".

195. At the 1771st meeting, on 15 December, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the sponsors of the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1286), accepted the first amendment proposed by the Soviet Union as subparagraph (a) of the draft resolution; subparagraph (b) was then interchanged with subparagraph (a) and the words "the terms of resolution 3049 (XXVII)" were moved from the old to the new subparagraph (b). The second amendment proposed by the Soviet Union was not accepted by the 35 co-sponsors; they believed the amendment would prejudice the question and disturb the balance of the draft resolution.

196. The representative of Pakistan also stated, with regard to the membership of the Negotiating Committee which was proposed in the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1286), that a membership of 54 seemed to the co-sponsors appropriate in order to allow the widest possible participation based on an equitable geographical distribution while keeping the Committee manageable. Other members wishing to participate would be welcomed as observers and would be able to take an active part in the negotiations.

197. The representative of the Soviet Union stated that the amendments proposed by his delegation were meant to strengthen the mandate of the proposed Negotiating Committee and make it more effective. In view of the rejection by the co-sponsors of his delegation's second amendment, he would not be able to support the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1286) and would instead abstain in the vote.

198. At its 1771st meeting, on 14 December, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1286), as orally amended, by a recorded vote of 65 to none, with 11 abstentions (see para. 223 below, draft resolution VII). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Greece, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Yugoslavia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Benin, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Congo, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

199. The comments made by delegates in the course of the discussion on this question as well as explanations of vote are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/SR.1764, 1770 and 1771).

REVISED ESTIMATES

Revised estimates for the World Food Council

200. The Fifth Committee considered the revised estimates for the World Food Council under section 1 at its 1769th meeting, on 12 December, at which time it had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1723) as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/10008/Add.21).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

201. At its 1769th meeting, on 12 December, the Fifth Committee, having noted the financial implications contained in paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/10008/Add.21), decided to recommend that the General Assembly should authorize the World Food Council to include Arabic as an official and working language of the Council beginning with the second session (see para. 224 (x) below).

Revised estimates for the International Fund for
Agricultural Development

202. When the Fifth Committee considered the revised estimates for the International Fund for Agricultural Development under section 1 at its 1772nd meeting, on 16 December, it had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1722) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/10008/Add.18).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

203. At its 1772nd meeting, on 16 December, the Fifth Committee, having noted the financial implications contained in paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/10008/Add.18), decided to recommend that the General Assembly should authorize the Meeting of Interested Countries on the Establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development to include Arabic as an official and working language (see para. 224 (y) below).

Revised estimates under section 22 G (Administrative
and Financial Services, Geneva)

204. The revised estimates under expenditure section 22 G (Administrative and Financial Services, Geneva) were submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/C.5/1725.

205. At the 1772nd meeting, on 16 December, in the course of its examination of the revised estimates of this section, with regard to staff welfare (assistance to child day-care centre at Geneva), the representative of Australia orally proposed the following draft decision for inclusion in the Committee's report to the General Assembly on behalf of Australia, Austria and Sweden:

"The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it invite the International Civil Service Commission to study the question of assistance in the provision of day-care facilities for staff of the United Nations taking into account the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 14 of its report (A/10008/Add.28) and to make proposals thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session".

206. The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland orally proposed the replacement of the words "to study the question of assistance in the" by the words "in the context of the study on salary allowances and working conditions, to examine the need for the".

207. The representative of the Philippines orally proposed the insertion of the words "the children of" after the words "provision of day-care facilities for".

208. The representative of Australia accepted the Philippine amendment on behalf of the co-sponsors. The co-sponsors were not able to accept the amendment proposed by the United Kingdom.

209. The United Kingdom requested a vote on its oral amendment and the Committee adopted the amendment by 45 votes to 16, with 29 abstentions.

210. The Committee then adopted the draft decision, as amended, by 91 votes to none, with 2 abstentions (see para. 211 below).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

211. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should invite the International Civil Service Commission, in the context of the study on salary allowances and working conditions, to examine the need for the provision of day-care facilities for the children of the staff of the United Nations, taking into account the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 14 of its report (A/10008/Add.28) and to make proposals thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-first session (see para. 224 (z) below).

FIRST READING OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES

212. At its 1703rd, 1704th, 1706th, 1707th, 1708th, 1713th, 1718th, 1719th, 1720th, 1724th, 1725th, 1730th, 1731st, 1735th, 1740th, 1745th, 1746th, 1757th, 1758th, 1762nd and 1763rd meetings, on 1 to 30 October, 5 to 24 November and 3 to 8 December 1975, the Fifth Committee voted in first reading on the budget estimates for 1976-1977.

213. The results of the decisions taken by the Committee in first reading on individual expenditure and income sections were as follows:

Expenditure section	Recommended appropriation \$	In favour	Against	Abstentions
1. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination	19 282,000	61	0	10
2. Political and Security Council affairs, peace-keeping activities	39 012 000	U N A N I M O U S		
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization activities . .	7 288 600	76	2	0
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	1 715 000	66	0	8
5A. Department of Economic and Social Affairs	42 042 800	72	7	1
5B. Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations . .	1 188 600	U N A N I M O U S		
6. Economic Commission for Europe .	13 171 600	88	0	2
7. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	15 744 600	86	0	9
8. Economic Commission for Latin America	17 995 600	83	0	8
9. Economic Commission for Africa .	18 197 600	74	0	9
10. Economic Commission for Western Asia	8 861 600	83	1	10
11. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	40 147 400	66	0	9
12. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	-			
13. United Nations Environment Programme	7 281 800	86	0	11

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<u>Expenditure section (continued)</u>	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstentions
	\$			
14. International narcotics control .	3 854 000	76	0	9
15. Regular programme of technical assistance	20 399 000	71	9	2
16. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	14 821 200	61	0	8
17. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator	1 447 600	78	8	0
18. Human rights	4 975 600	73	0	11
19. International Court of Justice .	5 080 600	71	0	10
20. Legal activities	7 868 200	62	0	8
21. Public information	30 706 400	75	1	8
22. Administration, management and general services	124 014 000	83	9	2
23. Conference and Library services .	103 989 600	70	10	3
24. United Nations Bond Issue	17 297 000	62	12	7
25. Staff assessment	98 706 000	U N A N I M O U S		
26. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	12 488 000	73	9	1
Total, expenditure section	677 576 400			
<u>Income section</u>				
1. Income from staff assessment	100 274 000	U N A N I M O U S		
2. General income	9 070 000	U N A N I M O U S		
3. Revenue-producing activities	6 580 000	U N A N I M O U S		
Total, income section	115 924 000			

214. The observations made and reservations expressed by delegations in explanation of the vote during the first reading of the budget estimates are recorded in the summary records of the meetings at which the votes were taken (A/C.5/SR.1703 and 1704, 1706 to 1708, 1713, 1718 to 1720, 1724 and 1725, 1730 and 1731, 1735, 1740, 1745 and 1746, 1757 and 1758, 1762 and 1763).

SECOND READING OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES

215. Decisions taken at the first reading by the Committee concerning certain expenditures and income sections were affected by actions taken subsequently on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding certain revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General under various sections of the budget, and on the appropriation required for the implementation of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its current session, on the recommendations of other Main Committees.

216. The relevant documentation and the amounts are listed below.

Documentation	Estimates proposed by Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
A. EXPENDITURE SECTIONS			
I. <u>Initial estimates</u>			
(A/10006, A/10008 and Corr.1) . .	737 005 000	(15 771 000)	721 234 000
II. <u>Revised estimates</u>			
(a) Honoraria payable to members of the International Law Commission, the International Narcotics Control Board and the Administrative Tribunal (A/C.5/1677 and Corr.1, A/10008/Add.3, 1727th meeting)	60 000	(60 000)	-
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty- eighth and fifty-ninth sessions (A/C.5/1682, A/10008/Add.6, 1764th meeting)	2 281 000	(830 500)	1 450 500
(c) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty- eighth and fifty-ninth sessions (A/C.5/1682/Add.1 and Corr.1, A/10008/Add.6, 1764th meeting)	210 000	-	210 000
(d) Emoluments of the Members of the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/1699, A/10008/Add.12, 1765th meeting)	464 600	(232 600)	232 000

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Documentation	Estimates proposed by Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
II. <u>Revised estimates</u> (continued)			
(e) United Nations Water Conference (A/C.5/1701, A/10008/Add.11, 1758th meeting)	210 000	-	210 000
(f) Decisions of the Trade and Development Board at its sixth special session and the first part of its fifteenth session (A/C.5/1708, A/10008/Add.17, 1771st meeting)	270 000	- ^{a/}	270 000
(g) Coverage by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund of certain staff members of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for service during the period 1950 through 1960 (A/C.5/1709, A/10008/Add.16, 1766th meeting)	700 000	-	700 000
(h) United Nations Special Fund (A/C.5/1714, A/10008/Add.13, 1764th meeting)	291 700	(140 700)	151 000
(i) United Nations Industrial Development Organization (A/C.5/1715/Rev.1, A/10008/Add.26, 1771st meeting)	1 430 400 ^{b/}	(131 000)	1 299 400
(j) United Nations Environment Programme - architectural and engineering study of the construction of a permanent headquarters (A/C.5/1718, A/10008/Add.14, 1766th meeting)	472 000	(221 000)	251 000

^{a/} Reduction of \$246,000 was not acted upon by the Fifth Committee.

^{b/} This is the difference between initially recommended estimates by the Advisory Committee in the amount of \$43,867,600 and the revised estimates of \$45,298,000.

Documentation	Estimates proposed by Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
II. <u>Revised estimates</u> (continued)			
(k) International Fund for Agricultural Development (A/C.5/1722, A/10008/Add.18, 1772nd meeting)	111 000	(22 000)	89 000
(l) World Food Council (A/C.5/1723, A/10008/Add.21, 1769th meeting)	1 379 400 ^{c/}	(134 400) ^{d/}	1 245 000
(m) Revised estimates under expenditure sections 1, 2, 3, 20, 21, 22, 25, and 26 (A/C.5/1725, A/10008/Add.28, 1772nd meeting)	3 238 400	(1 218 400)	2 020 000
(n) United Nations Cartographic Conferences, 1976 and 1977 (A/C.5/1728, A/10008/Add.27, 1772nd meeting)	160 700	(160 700)	-
(o) Statement by the Director of the Budget - savings with regard to publications and documentation approved at 1763rd meeting	(300 000)	-	(300 000)
(p) Revised estimates - current rates of exchange and reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976 (A/C.5/1737 and Corr.1, approved at 1773rd meeting) . .	10 084 500	-	10 084 500
Total, II	21 063 700	(3 151 300)	17 912 400

^{c/} Less \$62,000 already included in the initial estimates (Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/10006), vol. I, annex I, sect. 2.A (g)).

^{d/} Reduction of \$173,000 was not acted upon by the Fifth Committee.

Documentation	Estimates proposed by Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
III. Financial implications			
(a) Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (A/C.5/1680, A/10336, General Assembly resolution 3377 (XXX))	10 000	-	10 000
(b) Work programme of the International Civil Service Commission (A/C.5/1700, A/10008/Add.9, A/10423, General Assembly resolution 3418 A (XXX))	337 800	-	337 800
(c) Recommendation of the International Civil Service Commission relating to single rate of post adjustment (A/C.5/1703, A/10008/Add.9, A/10423, General Assembly resolution 3418 B (XXX))	1 143 000	-	1 143 000
(d) Question of Palestine (A/C.5/1705, A/PV.2399, General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX))	38 000	(38 000)	<u>e/</u>
(e) Policies of <u>apartheid</u> of the Government of South Africa (A/C.5/1706 and Corr.1, A/10008/Add.8, A/10380, General Assembly resolution 3411 F (XXX))	324 000	<u>f/</u>	324 000
(f) Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (A/C.5/1707/Rev.2, A/10008/Add.7, A/10368, General Assembly resolution 3412 (XXX))	66 000	(18 500)	47 500

e/ The Secretary-General would be authorized to enter into the necessary commitments initially under the terms of the General Assembly resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1976-1977 with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

f/ Reduction of \$92,000 was not acted upon by the Fifth Committee.

Documentation	Estimates proposed by Secretary- General \$	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee \$	Appropriation \$
III. Financial implications (continued)			
(g) United Nations Fund for Namibia (A/C.5/1712, A/10008/Add.10, A/10383, ^h General Assembly resolution 3400 (XXX))	200 000	-	200 000
(h) Question of Namibia (A/C.5/1713, A/10008/Add.10, A/10383, General Assembly resolution 3399 (XXX))	132 000	-	132 000
(i) United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (A/C.5/1717, A/10410, General Assembly resolution 3422 (XXX))	100 000	-	100 000
(j) Working Group on the Financing of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/C.5/1720, A/10424, General Assembly resolution 3419 D (XXX)) . . .	7 000	-	7 000
(k) United Nations Conference on Desertification (A/C.5/1719, A/10008/Add.15) .	589 000	(589 000) ^{g/}	-
(l) Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (Question of pension coverage for members of the Joint Inspection Unit) (A/C.5/1729, A/C.5/1752, A/10452)	146 900	(146 900)	<u>h/</u>

^{g/} Subject of a separate submission to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session in 1976.

^{h/} The Fifth Committee at its 1766th meeting decided to defer the question to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

Documentation	Estimates proposed by Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
III. <u>Financial implications</u> (continued)			
(m) Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security (A/C.5/1731, A/10484, General Assembly resolution 3462 (XXX))	112 000	(33 000)	79 000
(n) Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (A/C.5/1726, A/10484)	98 200	-	98 200
(o) Report of the Trade and Development Board (A/C.5/1734, A/10453, General Assembly resolution 3459 (XXX))	366 000	-	366 000
(p) Food problems (meeting of interested countries on the establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (A/C.5/1735, A/10008/Add.19, A/10451, General Assembly resolution 3503 (XXX))	660 500	(346 500)	314 000
(q) Report of the Economic and Social Council (United Nations Water Conference) (A/C.5/1736, A/10008/Add.20, A/10471, General Assembly resolution 3513 (XXX))	143 200	(21 600) ^{i/}	121 600
(r) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (A/C.5/1738 and Corr.1, A/10008/Add.23, A/10490, General Assembly resolution 3483 (XXX))	2 715 800	- ^{j/}	2 715 800

^{i/} Reduction of \$31,000 was not acted upon by the Fifth Committee.

^{j/} Reduction of \$22,200 was not acted upon by the Fifth Committee.

Documentation	Estimates proposed by Secretary- General \$	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee \$	Appropriation \$
III. Financial implications (continued)			
(s) <u>Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System</u> (A/C.5/1742, A/10008/Add.24, A/10487) . . .	74 500 ^{k/}	(64 500)	10 000
(t) Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in relation to detention and imprisonment (A/C.5/1743, A/10453, General Assembly resolution 3453 (XXX))	8 000	(8 000)	-
(u) Napalm and other incendiary weapons and all aspects of their possible use (A/C.5/1746, A/10483, General Assembly resolution 3464 (XXX))	5 400	(5 400)	-
(v) Comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects (A/C.5/1747, A/10485, General Assembly resolution 3472 (XXX))	21 000	(6 000)	15 000
(w) General and complete disarmament (A/C.5/1748, A/C.5/1750, A/10008/Add.22, A/10488, General Assembly resolution 3484 B (XXX)) . . .	34 500	(34 500)	-
(x) General and complete disarmament (A/C.5/1750, A/10008/Add.22, A/10488, General Assembly resolution 3484 D (XXX)) . . .	180 800	<u>1/</u>	180 800

^{k/} Initial request was reduced by \$16,300.

^{1/} Reduction of \$136,800 was not acted upon by the Fifth Committee.

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Documentation	Estimates proposed by Secretary- General \$	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee \$	Appropriation \$
III. <u>Financial implications</u> (continued)			
(y) Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories (A/C.5/1751, A/10008/Add.25, A/10501, General Assembly resolution 3252 C (XXX))	89 500	-	89 500
(z) Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories (A/C.5/1755, A/10008/Add.25, A/10501, General Assembly resolution 3252 A (XXX))	125 000	-	125 000
(aa) International Women's Year (A/C.5/1754, approved at 1769th meeting)	26 300	(16 300)	10 000
(bb) The role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries (A/C.5/1756, A/10491, General Assembly resolution 3488 (XXX))	18 900	(3 900)	15 000
(cc) Integration of women in the development process (A/C.5/1757 and Corr.1, A/10492, General Assembly resolution 3505 (XXX))	28 600	(18 600)	10 000
(dd) Institutional arrangements in the field of the transfer of technology (A/C.5/1758, A/10492, General Assembly resolution 3507 (XXX))	30 000	-	30 000

Documentation	Estimates proposed by Secretary- General \$	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee \$	Appropriation \$
III. <u>Financial implications</u> (continued)			
(ee) Question of Spanish Sahara (A/C.5/1740, A/10428, General Assembly resolution 3458 B (XXX)) . . .	45 000	-	45 000
(ff) Implementation of General Assembly resolution 3254 (XXIX) (A/C.5/1745, A/10487, General Assembly resolution 3463 (XXX))	82 000	(24 000)	58 000
(gg) Report of the Economic and Social Council - permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories (A/C.5/1759, A/10471, General Assembly resolution 3516 (XXX))	83 200	-	83 200
Total, III	8 042 100	(1 374 700)	6 667 400
Total, Expenditure section	766 110 800	(20 297 000)	745 813 800

Documentation	Estimates submitted by Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee	Recommended estimates
	\$	\$	\$
B. INCOME SECTIONS			
I. <u>Initial estimates</u> (A/10006, A/10008 and Corr.1) . . .	116 542 000	(618 000)	115 924 000
II. <u>Revised estimates</u>			
(a) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty- ninth sessions (A/C.5/1682, A/10008/Add.6, 1764th meeting)	318 000	(160 000)	158 000
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty- ninth sessions (A/C.5/1682/Add.1 and Corr.1, A/10008/Add.6, 1764th meeting)	35 000	-	35 000
(c) Decisions of the Trade and Development Board at its sixth special session and the first part of its fifteenth session (A/C.5/1708, A/10008/Add.17, 1770th meeting)	30 000	(30 000)	-
(d) United Nations Special Fund (A/C.5/1714, A/10008/Add.13, 1764th meeting)	51 300	(26 300)	25 000
(e) United Nations Environment Programme (A/C.5/1718, A/10008/Add.14, 1766th meeting)	21 000	-	21 000
(f) Revised estimates under income sections 1 and 2 (A/C.5/1725, A/10008/Add.28, 1772nd meeting)	303 000	(38 000)	265 000
(g) Revised estimates - current rates of exchange and reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976 (A/C.5/1737 and Corr.1 approved at 1773rd meeting) .	700 300	-	700 300
Total, II	1 458 600	(254 300)	1 204 300

Documentation	Estimates submitted by Secretary- General \$	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee \$	Recommended estimates \$
III. <u>Financial implications</u>			
(a) Work programme of the International Civil Service Commission (A/C.5/1700, A/10423, General Assembly resolution 3418 A (XXX)) . . .	242 800	-	242 800
(b) Recommendation of the International Civil Service Commission relating to single rate of post adjustment (A/C.5/1703, A/10008/Add.9, A/10423, General Assembly resolution 3418 B (XXX)) . . .	(12 000)	-	(12 000)
(c) Policies of <u>apartheid</u> of the Government of South Africa (A/C.5/1706 and Corr.1, A/10008/Add.8, A/10380, General Assembly resolution 3411 F (XXX)) . . .	41 000	<u>m/</u>	41 000
(d) United Nations Conference on Desertification (A/C.5/1719, A/10008/Add.15) .	49 000	(49 000)	-
(e) Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (A/C.5/1726, A/10484)	8 500	-	8 500
(f) Report of the Trade and Development Board (A/C.5/1734, A/10453, General Assembly resolution 3459 (XXX))	56 000	-	56 000

m/ Reduction of \$15,000 was not acted upon by the Fifth Committee.

<u>Documentation</u>	Estimates submitted by Secretary- General \$	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee \$	Recommended estimates \$
III. <u>Financial implications</u> (continued)			
(g) Food problems (Meeting of Interested Countries on the Establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (A/C.5/1735, A/10008/Add.19, A/10451, General Assembly resolution 3503 (XXX))	660 500	(346 500)	314 000
(h) Report of the Economic and Social Council (United Nations Water Conference) (A/C.5/1736, A/10008/Add.20, A/10471, General Assembly resolution 3513 (XXX))	3 200	(3 200)	-
(i) <u>Ad Hoc Committee</u> on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System (A/C.5/1742, A/10008/Add.24, A/10487) . . .	5 000	(3 500)	1 500
(j) General and complete disarmament (A/C.5/1750, A/10008/Add.22, A/10488, General Assembly resolution 3484 D (XXX)) . . .	31 600	<u>n/</u>	31 600
(k) Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Arab Territories (A/C.5/1755, A/10008/Add.25, A/10501, General Assembly resolution 3252 A (XXX)) . . .	3 000	-	3 000

n/ Reduction of \$22,600 was not acted upon by the Fifth Committee.

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Documentation	Estimates submitted by Secretary- General \$	Reductions recommended by Advisory Committee \$	Recommended estimates \$
III. Financial implications (continued)			
(l) Report of the Economic and Social Council - permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories (A/C.5/1759, A/10471, General Assembly resolution 3516 (XXX))	15 000	-	15 000
(m) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (A/C.5/1738 and Corr.1, A/10008/Add.23, A/10490, General Assembly resolution 3483 (XXX))	432 600	<u>o/</u>	432 600
(n) Decisions of the Trade and Development Board at its sixth special session and the first part of its fifteenth session (A/C.5/1708, A/10008/Add.17, 1771st meeting)	30 000	<u>p/</u>	30 000
Total, III	<u>1 566 200</u>	<u>(402 200)</u>	<u>1 164 000</u>
Total B, Income sections	<u>119 566 800</u>	<u>(1 274 500)</u>	<u>118 292 300</u>

o/ Reduction of \$4,400 was not acted upon by the Fifth Committee.

p/ Reduction of \$30,000 was not acted upon by the Fifth Committee.

217. Final requirements under the various sections of the budget for 1976-1977 are enumerated below:

<u>Expenditure section</u>	Amounts approved by Fifth Committee to date	Estimated increase (decrease): current rates of exchange	Estimated decrease: reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976	Total revised estimates
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1. <u>Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1740th meeting	19 282 000	223 900	(363 600)	19 142 300
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions (A/C.5/1682, A/10008/Add.6, approved at 1764th meeting)	69 000	-	(1 300)	67 700
(c) United Nations Special Fund (A/C.5/1714, A/10008/Add.13, approved at 1764th meeting)	126 000	-	(1 300)	124 700
(d) Adjustment in single rates of post adjustment (A/C.5/1703, A/10008/Add.9, A/10423, General Assembly resolution 3418 B (XXX))	32 000	1 400	(600)	32 800
(e) International Fund for Agricultural Development (A/C.5/1722, A/10008/Add.18 and Corr.1, approved at 1772nd meeting)	89 000	-	(900)	88 100
(f) World Food Council (A/C.5/1723, A/10008/Add.21, approved at 1769th meeting)	1 245 000	-	(22 800)	1 222 200
(g) Meeting of Interested Countries on the Establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (A/C.5/1735, A/10008/Add.19, A/10451, General Assembly resolution 3503 (XXX))	294 000	-	(5 400)	288 600
(h) Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Council Sectors of the United Nations System (A/C.5/1742, A/10008/Add.24, A/10492, General Assembly resolution 3504 (XXX))	8 500	-	(100)	8 400
(i) Statement by the Director of the Budget with regard to savings concerning publications of documentation (approved at 1763rd meeting)	(300 000)	-	-	(300 000)
	20 845 500	225 300	(396 000)	20 674 800
2. <u>Political and Security Council affairs: peace-keeping activities</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1740th meeting	39 012 000	15 500	(643 300)	38 384 200
(b) Adjustment in single rates of post adjustment	32 000	-	(600)	31 400
(c) Pension coverage for certain staff members of UNRWA (A/C.5/1709, A/10008/Add.16, approved at 1766th meeting)	700 000	-	-	700 000
(d) Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA (A/C.5/1720, A/10424, General Assembly resolution 3419 D (XXX))	7 000	-	-	7 000
(e) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (A/C.5/1728 and Corr.1, A/10008/Add.23, A/10490, General Assembly resolution 3483 (XXX))	2 284 300	-	(30 600)	2 253 700

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<u>Expenditure section</u>	Amounts approved by Fifth Committee to date	Estimated increase (decrease): current rates of exchange	Estimated decrease: reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976	Total revised estimates
	\$	\$	\$	\$
(f) General and complete disarmament (A/C.5/1750, A/10008/Add.22, A/10488, General Assembly resolution 3484 D (XXX))	149 200	-	(2 800)	146 400
(g) Comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects (A/C.5/1747, A/10485, General Assembly resolution 3472 (XXX))	15 000	-	(300)	14 700
(h) Economic and social consequences of the armaments race (A/C.5/1731, A/10484, General Assembly resolution 3462 (XXX)) . .	79 000	-	(400)	78 600
(i) Revised estimates (A/C.5/1725, A/10008/Add.28 approved at 1772nd meeting)	58 000	-	(1 100)	56 900
(j) Implementation of General Assembly resolution 3254 (XXIX) (A/C.5/1745, A/10487, General Assembly resolution 3254 (XXIX))	58 000	-	(300)	57 700
	<u>42 394 500</u>	<u>15 500</u>	<u>(679 400)</u>	<u>41 730 600</u>
3. <u>Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1746th meeting	7 288 600	-	(135 300)	7 153 300
(b) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	22 000	-	(400)	21 600
(c) Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (A/C.5/1706 and Corr.1, A/10008/Add.8, A/10380, General Assembly resolution 3411 F (XXX))	248 000	-	(3 300)	244 700
(d) United Nations Fund for Namibia (A/C.5/1712, A/10008/Add.10, A/10383, General Assembly resolution 3400 (XXX)) . .	200 000	-	-	200 000
(e) Question of Namibia (A/C.5/1713, A/10008/Add.10, A/10383, General Assembly resolution 3399 (XXX))	102 000	-	-	102 000
(f) United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (A/C.5/1717, A/10410, General Assembly resolution 3422 (XXX))	100 000	-	-	100 000
(g) Revised estimates	194 000	-	(3 600)	190 400
(h) Question of Spanish Sahara (A/C.5/1740, A/10428, General Assembly resolution 3458 B (XXX))	45 000	-	-	45 000
	<u>8 199 600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(142 600)</u>	<u>8 057 000</u>
4. <u>Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1758th meeting	1 715 000 ^{a/}	-	(30 200)	1 684 800
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty- ninth sessions (A/C.5/1682, A/10008/Add.6, approved at 1764th meeting)	11 000	-	(100)	10 900
(c) Report of the Economic and Social Council (United Nations Water Conference) (A/C.5/1736, A/10008/Add.20, A/10471, General Assembly resolution 3513 (XXX))	121 600	-	(1 100)	120 500
	<u>1 847 600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(31 400)</u>	<u>1 816 200</u>

<u>Expenditure section</u>	Amounts approved by Fifth Committee to date	Estimated increase (decrease); current rates of exchange	Estimated decrease: reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976	Total revised estimates
	\$	\$	\$	\$
5A. <u>Department of Economic and Social Affairs</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1724th meeting	42 042 800	118 800	(783 000)	41 378 600
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions	80 000	-	(1 500)	78 500
(c) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	142 000	700	(2 600)	140 100
(d) International Women's Year (A/C.5/1754, approved at 1769th meeting)	10 000	-	(200)	9 800
(e) The role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries (A/C.5/1756, A/10491, General Assembly resolution 3486 (XXX))	15 000	-	(300)	14 700
(f) Integration of women in the development process (A/C.5/1757 and Corr.1, A/10492, General Assembly resolution 3505 (XXX))	10 000	-	(200)	9 800
(g) Institutional arrangements in the field of the transfer of technology (A/C.5/1758, A/10492, General Assembly resolution 3507 (XXX))	30 000	-	(300)	29 700
(h) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories (A/C.5/1759, A/10471, General Assembly resolution 3516 (XXX))	68 200	-	(1 300)	66 900
	<u>42 398 000</u>	<u>119 500</u>	<u>(789 400)</u>	<u>41 728 100</u>
5B. <u>Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1724th meeting	1 188 600	-	(22 200)	1 166 400
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty- ninth sessions	50 000	-	(900)	49 100
	<u>1 238 600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23 100)</u>	<u>1 215 500</u>
6. <u>Economic Commission for Europe</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1718th meeting	13 171 600	1 791 900	(249 800)	14 713 700
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty- ninth sessions	89 000	14 800	(1 900)	101 900
(c) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	35 000	5 800	(600)	40 200
	<u>13 295 600</u>	<u>1 812 500</u>	<u>(252 300)</u>	<u>14 855 800</u>

<u>Expenditure section</u>	Amounts approved by Fifth Committee to date	Estimated increase (decrease): current rates of exchange	Estimated decrease: reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976	Total revised estimates
	\$	\$	\$	\$
7. <u>Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1719th meeting	15 744 600	-	(292 200)	15 452 400
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions	25 000	-	(500)	24 500
(c) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	2 000	-	-	2 000
	<u>15 771 600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(292 700)</u>	<u>15 478 900</u>
8. <u>Economic Commission for Latin America</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1720th meeting	17 995 600	-	(335 800)	17 659 800
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions (A/C.5/1682, A/10008/Add.6, A/C.5/1682/Add.1 and Corr.1, approved at 1764th meeting).	325 500	-	(6 000)	319 500
	<u>18 321 100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(341 800)</u>	<u>17 979 300</u>
9. <u>Economic Commission for Africa</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1718th meeting	18 197 600	-	(332 500)	17 865 100
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions	378 000	-	(7 000)	371 000
(c) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	7 000	-	(100)	6 900
	<u>18 582 600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(339 600)</u>	<u>18 243 000</u>
10. <u>Economic Commission for Western Asia</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1720th meeting	8 861 600	(122 700)	(164 800)	8 574 100
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions	98 000	(1 500)	(1 600)	94 900
(c) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	6 000	(100)	(100)	5 800
	<u>8 965 600</u>	<u>(124 300)</u>	<u>(166 500)</u>	<u>8 674 800</u>
11. <u>United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1762nd meeting	40 147 400	5 204 200	(769 500)	44 582 100
(b) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	102 000	16 900	(1 900)	117 000

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Expenditure section	Amounts approved by Fifth Committee to date	Estimated increase (decrease): current rates of exchange	Estimated decrease: reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976	Total revised estimates
	\$	\$	\$	\$
(c) Revised estimates resulting from decisions of the Trade and Development Board at its sixth special session and the first part of its fifteenth session (A/C.5/1708, A/10008/Add.17, approved at 1771st meeting)	164 000	-	(3 300)	160 700
(d) Report of the Trade and Development Board (A/C.5/1734, A/10453, General Assembly resolution 3459 (XXX))	310 000	45 700	(3 600)	352 100
	40 723 400	5 266 800	(778 300)	45 211 900
12. <u>United Nations Industrial Development Organization</u>				
(a) Revised estimates approved at 1771st meeting	45 167 000	740 000	(841 100)	45 065 900
(b) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	91 000	1 800	(1 700)	91 100
	45 258 000	741 800	(842 800)	45 157 000
13. <u>United Nations Environment Programme</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1713th meeting	7 281 800	(382 100)	(116 900)	6 782 800
(b) Revised estimates (A/C.5/1718, A/10008/Add.14, approved at 1766th meeting)	230 000	(16 900)	(4 200)	208 900
(c) Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (A/C.5/1726, A/10484, approved at 1763rd meeting)	89 700 ^{b/}	-	(900)	88 800
	7 601 500	(399 000)	(122 000)	7 080 500
14. <u>International narcotics control</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1706th meeting	3 854 000	477 000	(72 500)	4 258 500
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions	27 000	-	(500)	26 500
(c) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	28 000	4 600	(500)	32 100
	3 909 000	481 600	(73 500)	4 317 100
15. <u>Regular Programme of Technical Assistance</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1735th meeting	20 399 000	85 000	(391 100)	20 092 900
16. <u>Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1703rd meeting	14 821 200	903 200	(268 100)	15 456 300
(b) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	46 000	7 600	(800)	52 800
	14 867 200	910 800	(268 900)	15 509 100

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<u>Expenditure section</u>	Amounts approved by Fifth Committee to date	Estimated increase (decrease): current rates of exchange	Estimated decrease: reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976	Total revised estimates
	\$	\$	\$	\$
17. <u>Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1745th meeting	1 447 600	135 500	(20 100)	1 563 000
18. <u>Human rights</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1704th meeting	4 975 600	627 300	(95 300)	5 507 600
(b) Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (A/C.5/1680, A/10336, General Assembly resolution 3377 (XXX))	10 000	1 300	(200)	11 100
(c) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty- ninth sessions	185 000	23 500	(3 900)	204 600
(d) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	12 000	2 000	(200)	13 800
(e) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea	(8 000)	-	-	(8 000)
(f) Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories (A/C.5/1751, A/10008/Add.25, A/10501, General Assembly resolution 3525 C (XXX)) . . .	89 500	10 400	(1 600)	98 300
(g) Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories (A/C.5/1755, A/10008/Add.25, A/10501, General Assembly resolution 3525 A (XXX)) . . .	108 000	10 200	(2 000)	116 200
	<u>5 372 100</u>	<u>674 700</u>	<u>(103 200)</u>	<u>5 943 600</u>
19. <u>International Court of Justice</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1707th meeting	5 080 600	(32 800)	(54 600)	4 993 200
(b) Emoluments of the members of the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/1699, A/10008/Add.12, approved at 1765th meeting)	232 000	-	-	232 000
(c) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	4 000	-	(100)	3 900
	<u>5 316 600</u>	<u>(32 800)</u>	<u>(54 700)</u>	<u>5 229 100</u>
20. <u>Legal activities</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1708th meeting	7 868 200	-	(141 400)	7 726 800
(b) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	16 000	-	(300)	15 700
(c) Revised estimates	126 000	-	(2 000)	124 000
	<u>8 010 200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(143 700)</u>	<u>7 866 500</u>

<u>Expenditure section</u>	Amounts approved by Fifth Committee to date	Estimated increase (decrease): current rates of exchange	Estimated decrease: reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976	Total revised estimates
	\$	\$	\$	\$
21. <u>Public information</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1730th meeting	30 706 400	243 700	(557 600)	30 392 500
(b) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	71 000	-	(1 300)	69 700
(c) Policies of <u>apartheid</u> of the Government of South Africa	35 000	-	(600)	34 400
(d) Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (A/C.5/1707/Rev.2, A/10008/Add.7, A/10368, General Assembly resolution 3412 (XXX))	47 500	-	(900)	46 600
(e) Question of Namibia	30 000	-	(600)	29 400
(f) Revised estimates	40 000	-	-	40 000
(g) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea	6 900	-	(100)	6 800
	<u>30 936 800</u>	<u>243 700</u>	<u>(561 100)</u>	<u>30 619 400</u>
22. <u>Administration, management and general services</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1725th meeting	124 014 000	4 927 700	(2 262 900)	126 678 800
(b) Work programme of the International Civil Service Commission (A/C.5/1700, A/10008/Add.9, A/10423, General Assembly resolution 3418 A (XXX))	286 000	-	(5 300)	280 700
(c) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	108 000	3 600	(2 000)	109 600
(d) Revised estimates	1 437 000	30 300	(2 000)	1 465 300
	<u>125 845 000</u>	<u>4 961 600</u>	<u>(2 272 200)</u>	<u>128 534 400</u>
23. <u>Conference and Library Services</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1763rd meeting	103 989 600	4 606 700	(1 972 800)	106 623 500
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions	130 000	3 600	(2 500)	131 000
(c) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	387 000	22 700	(7 100)	402 600
(d) Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories	14 000	2 300	(300)	16 000
(e) Revised estimates resulting from decisions of the Trade and Development Board	76 000	-	(1 500)	74 500
	<u>104 596 600</u>	<u>4 635 300</u>	<u>(1 984 200)</u>	<u>107 247 700</u>
24. <u>United Nations bond issue</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1731st meeting	17 297 000	-	-	17 297 000

<u>Expenditure section</u>	Amounts approved by Fifth Committee to date	Estimated increase (decrease): current rates of exchange	Estimated decrease: reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976	Total revised estimates
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>25. Staff assessment</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1740th meeting	98 706 000	1 984 900	(1 685 100)	99 005 800
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions	193 000	-	(2 600)	190 400
(c) Work programme of the International Civil Service Commission	51 800	-	(1 000)	50 800
(d) Policies of <u>apartheid</u> of the Government of South Africa	41 000	-	(800)	40 200
(e) United Nations Special Fund	25 000	-	(500)	24 500
(f) Revised estimates for section 13 (United Nations Environment Programme)	21 000	(3 000)	(400)	17 600
(g) Revised estimates - various sections	45 000	-	(800)	44 200
(h) Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements	8 500	-	(100)	8 400
(i) Report of the Trade and Development Board	56 000	9 300	(1 200)	64 100
(j) Meeting of Interested Countries on the Establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development	20 000	-	(400)	19 600
(k) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea	432 600	-	(5 800)	426 800
(l) Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of The Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System	1 500	-	-	1 500
(m) General and complete disarmament	31 600	-	(600)	31 000
(n) Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories	3 000	500	(100)	3 400
(o) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories	15 000	-	(200)	14 800
(p) UNCTAD Board decisions	30 000	-	-	30 000
	99 681 000	1 991 700	(1 699 600)	99 973 100
<u>26. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1730th meeting	12 488 000	1 146 000	(44 800)	13 589 200
(b) Revised estimates	120 000	8 300	-	128 300
	12 608 000	1 154 300	(44 800)	13 717 500
Total, expenditure section	735 729 300	22 899 500	(12 815 000)	745 813 800

	Amounts approved by Fifth Committee to date	Estimated increase (decrease): current rates of exchange	Estimated decrease; reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976	Total revised estimates
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Income section</u>				
1. <u>Income from staff assessment</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1740th meeting	100 274 000	2 014 900	(1 703 100)	100 585 800
(b) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions	193 000	-	(3 500)	189 500
(c) Work programme of the International Civil Service Commission	51 800	-	(1 000)	50 800
(d) Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa	41 000	-	(800)	40 200
(e) United Nations Special Fund	25 000	-	(500)	24 500
(f) Revised estimates for section 13 (United Nations Environment Programme)	21 000	(3 000)	(400)	17 600
(g) Revised estimates - various sections	45 000	-	(800)	44 200
(h) Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements	8 500	-	(100)	8 400
(i) Report of the Trade and Development Board	56 000	9 300	(1 200)	64 100
(j) Meeting of Interested Countries on the Establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development	20 000	-	(400)	19 600
(k) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea	432 600	-	(5 800)	426 800
(l) Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System	1 500	-	-	1 500
(m) General and complete disarmament	31 600	-	(800)	30 800
(n) Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories	3 000	500	(100)	3 400
(o) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories	15 000	-	(200)	14 800
(p) UNCTAD Board decisions	30 000	-	-	30 000
	<u>101 249 000</u>	<u>2 021 700</u>	<u>(1 718 700)</u>	<u>101 552 000</u>
2. <u>General income</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1740th meeting	9 070 000	269 000	(78 000)	9 261 000
(b) Work programme of the International Civil Service Commission	191 000	-	(3 500)	187 500
(c) Revised estimates	220 000	-	(4 100)	215 900
(d) Meeting of Interested Countries on the Establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development	294 000	-	(5 400)	288 600
	<u>9 775 000</u>	<u>269 000</u>	<u>(91 000)</u>	<u>9 953 000</u>

<u>Income section</u>	Amounts approved by Fifth Committee to date	Estimated increase (decrease): current rates of exchange	Estimated decrease: reduction by 2 per cent to average annual rate of inflation assumed for 1976	Total revised estimates
	\$	\$	\$	\$
3. <u>Revenue-producing activities</u>				
(a) Approved in first reading at 1740th meeting	6 580 000	(50 000)	269 000	6 799 000
(b) Adjustment in single rate of post adjustment	(12 000)	-	300	(11 700)
	<u>6 568 000</u>	<u>(50 000)</u>	<u>269 300</u>	<u>6 787 300</u>
Total, income section	<u>117 592 000</u>	<u>2 240 700</u>	<u>(1 540 400)</u>	<u>118 292 300</u>

a/ Including \$210,000 for United Nations Water Conference, A/C.5/1701, A/10008/Add.11.
b/ Rounded to the nearest hundred.

218. At its 1773rd meeting, on 16 December, the Committee considered the second reading of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977. The result of the voting was as follows:

Expenditure section	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstaining
	\$			
1	20,674,800	70	0	9
2	41,730,600	78	0	0
3	8,057,000	77	1	0
4	1,816,200	72	0	8
5A	41,728,100	71	8	2
5B	1,215,500	80	0	1
6	14,855,800	78	0	2
7	15,478,900	72	0	9
8	17,979,300	73	0	9
9	18,243,000	73	0	9
10	8,674,800	72	1	9
11	45,211,900	73	0	9
12	45,157,000	73	8	1
13	7,080,500	73	0	9
14	4,317,100	71	0	10
15	20,092,900	69	9	2
16	15,509,100	73	0	8
17	1,563,000	74	8	0
18 a/	5,943,600	57	2	21 (recorded vote)
19	5,229,100	72	8	1
20	7,866,500	73	0	9
21	30,619,400	70	1	10
22	128,534,400	70	8	2
23	107,247,700	70	9	2
24	17,297,000	65	13	2
25	99,973,100	Adopted without objection		
26	13,717,500	71	8	1
	745,813,800	71	8	3 (recorded vote)

a/ A separate vote was taken on the following items:

18 (b)	11,100	57	2	18 (recorded vote)
18 (f)	98,300	60	2	17 (recorded vote)

Income section	Recommended appropriation	In favour	Against	Abstaining
	\$			
1	101,552,000		Adopted without objection	
2	9,953,000		Adopted without objection	
3	6,787,300		Adopted without objection	
	118,292,300			

219. The views and reservations expressed in explanation of vote during the second reading of the budget estimates are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/SR.1773).

220. The decisions of the Committee under the various expenditure and income sections involved the approval for the biennium 1976-1977 of established posts for the programmes covered by these sections, as follows:

ESTABLISHED POSTS

Organizational unit	Category and level																
	I. Professional and above									II. General Services and others							
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2/1	Total I	Principal level	Other levels	Security Service	Field Service	Manual Worker	Local level	Total II	GRAND TOTAL
<u>Expenditure section</u>																	
1. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions - secretariat	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	6
United Nations Board of Auditors - secretariat	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	6
United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation - secretariat	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	4
Executive Office of the Secretary-General	-	1	4	4	4	3	3	4	23	6	23	1	-	1	-	31	54
Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs	1	-	1	1	1	3	2	2	11	2	5	-	-	-	-	7	18
Office of the Under-Secretaries-General for Special Political Affairs	2	-	1	2	-	1	-	1	7	3	5	-	-	-	-	8	15
Office for Inter-Agency Affairs and Co-ordination	1	-	1	1	2	2	3	1	11	2	5	-	-	-	-	7	18
Office of the Assistant Secretary-General for Special Political Questions	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	5
Office of the Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva	1	-	2	1	3	1	1	2	11	3	11	-	-	-	-	14	25
World Food Council - secretariat	-	1	-	-	4	3	1	-	9	3	7	-	-	-	-	10	19
2. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs	1	-	3	9	16	23	14	7	73	7	34	-	-	-	-	41	114
Special missions: United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine	-	1	-	2	2	1	-	-	6	1	4	-	236	-	176	417	423
United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	32	-	34	66	69
United Nations Supply Depot at Pisa	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	8	11	12
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	-	1	2	10	16	34	16	1	80	-	-	-	-	-	9	9	89

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Organizational unit	Category and level																GRAND TOTAL
	I. Professional and above								II. General Services and others								
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2/1	Total I	Prin- cipal level	Other levels	Security Service	Field Service	Manual Worker	Local level	Total II	
<u>Expenditure section</u>																	
3. Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization	1	-	1	3	11	9	9	8	42	5	22	-	-	-	-	27	69
Namibia	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	4	9	1	7	-	-	-	3	11	20
Centre against Apartheid	-	-	1	-	2	4	3	3	13	1	7	-	-	-	-	8	21
5A. Department of Economic and Social Affairs	1	2	13	31	70	119	96	66	398	59	281	-	-	-	-	340	738
5B. Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations	-	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	12	4	8	-	-	-	-	12	24
6. Economic Commission for Europe . .	-	1	1	11	22	29	32	20	116	8	103	-	-	-	-	111	227
7. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	-	1	1	10	25	50	49	32	168	-	-	-	-	-	327	327	495
8. Economic Commission for Latin America	-	1	1	11	30	47	46	32	168	-	-	-	-	-	356	356	524
9. Economic Commission for Africa . .	-	1	1	11	25	40	61	33	172	-	-	-	-	-	362	362	534
10. Economic Commission for Western Asia	-	1	1	6	17	27	28	8	88	-	-	-	-	-	142	142	230
11. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	1	1	9	15	39	46	55	27	193	15	159	-	-	-	-	174	367
12. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	1	1	6	22	67	95	96	38	326	19	341	-	-	69	-	429	755
13. United Nations Environment Programme	1	2	3	3	8	11	3	3	34	-	4	-	-	-	60	64	98
14. Narcotics control, Division of Narcotics Control	-	-	1	2	2	5	4	4	18	3	12	-	-	-	-	15	33
International Narcotics Control Board	-	-	-	1	1	4	3	4	13	1	10	-	-	-	-	11	24
16. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	1	-	2	8	29	27	16	12	95	4	61	-	-	-	120	185	280
17. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator . .	1	-	1	-	3	2	1	-	8	-	7	-	-	-	-	7	15
18. Human rights	-	-	1	2	8	11	12	8	42	2	28	-	-	-	-	30	72
19. International Court of Justice . .	-	1	1	1	3	3	2	5	16	-	19	-	-	-	-	19	35

Organizational unit	Category and level																GRAND TOTAL
	I. Professional and above									II. General Services and others							
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2/1	Total I	Principal level	Other levels	Security Service	Field Service	Manual Worker	Local level	Total II	
Expenditure section																	
20. United Nations Administrative Tribunal (secretariat)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	
Office of Legal Affairs	1	-	2	6	11	16	10	5	51	7	34	-	-	-	41	92	
21. Office of Public Information (Headquarters)	-	1	4	11	20	27	42	31	136	31	90	-	-	-	121	257	
Information Service (Geneva)	-	-	-	1	2	7	1	2	13	3	12	-	-	-	15	28	
Information centres	-	-	-	5	12	28	4	2	51	-	-	-	-	283	283	334	
22. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	2	2	-	-	-	4	7	
International Civil Service Commission	-	-	1	1	2	9	2	1	16	2	20	-	-	-	22	38	
Administrative Management Service	-	-	1	2	3	3	2	-	11	2	5	-	-	-	7	18	
Internal Audit Service:																	
Headquarters	-	-	1	-	2	5	6	7	21	4	3	-	-	-	7	28	
Geneva	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	3	8	-	6	-	-	-	6	14	
Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Services																	
Office of Financial Services	-	1	4	8	12	13	14	12	64	22	56	-	-	-	78	142	
Office of Personnel Services	-	1	3	4	11	19	12	3	53	13	72	-	-	-	85	138	
Administrative and Financial Services (Geneva)	-	-	1	3	8	4	11	7	34	9	71	-	-	-	80	114	
Technical Assistance Recruitment Services:																	
Headquarters	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	-	6	5	13	-	-	-	18	24	
Geneva	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	5	-	8	-	-	-	8	13	
Staff-training activities:																	
Headquarters	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	8	15	3	9	-	-	-	12	27	
Geneva	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	4	6	
Office of General Services:																	
Headquarters	-	1	3	5	11	14	15	22	71	51	260	219	22	184	736	807	
Geneva	-	-	-	1	4	3	2	10	20	12	201	-	-	107	320	340	

Category and level

	I. Professional and above								Total I	Prin- cipal level	II. General Services and others						Total II	GRAND TOTAL
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2/1			Other levels	Security Service	Field Service	Manual Worker	Local level			
<u>Expenditure section</u>																		
23. Department of Conference Services (Headquarters)	1	-	4	10	39	168	334	84	640	114	566	-	-	21	-	701	1 341	
Office of Conference Services (Geneva)	-	-	1	3	20	77	130	19	250	12	351	-	-	-	-	363	613	
Library:																		
Headquarters	-	-	1	2	2	7	33	21	66	8	71	-	-	9	-	88	154	
Geneva	-	-	-	1	2	2	4	9	18	3	25	-	-	-	-	28	46	
<u>Income section</u>																		
3. United Nations Postal Administration:																		
Headquarters	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	3	9	15	45	-	-	-	-	60	69	
Geneva	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	3	3	17	-	-	-	-	20	23	
Garage operation (Headquarters)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	4	4	
Commercial Management Service (Headquarters)	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	5	1	4	-	-	-	-	5	10	
Sale of publications:																		
Headquarters	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	6	3	21	-	-	-	-	24	30	
Geneva	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	10	-	-	-	-	11	12	
Visitors' Service:																		
Headquarters	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	5	-	12	-	-	-	-	12	17	
Geneva	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	5	5	
TOTAL	16	23	87	241	595	1 029	1 207	585	3 783	487	3 187	222	293	391	1 880	6 460	10 243	

221. The distribution of additional established posts approved above for 1976-1977 is analysed in the following table.

Classification of changes: (a) New posts. (c) Conversion from temporary assistance.
 (b) Reclassifications. (d) Conversion from Arabic Trust Fund (in 1977 only).

Organizational unit	Category and level																
	I. Professional and above									II. General Service and others							
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2/1	Total I	Prin- cipal level	Other levels	Security Service	Field Service	Manual Worker	Local level	Total II	GRAND TOTAL
<u>Expenditure section</u>																	
1. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions - secretariat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Nations Board of Auditors - secretariat (c) -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation - secretariat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Executive Office of (a) - the Secretary-General .(b) -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	(1)	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Office of the Under- Secretary-General for Political and General (a) - Assembly Affairs . . .(b) -	-	-	1	(1)	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Office of the Under- Secretaries-General for Special Political Affairs(b) -	-	-	-	1	(1)	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office for Inter-Agency Affairs and Co-ordination(a) -	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of the Assistant Secretary-General for Special Political (b) - Questions(c) -	-	-	1	(1)	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	5
Office of the Director- General, United Nations Office at (a) - Geneva(b) -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
World Food Council - secretariat(a) -	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	8
2. Department of Political and Security Council (a) - Affairs(b) -	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	5

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Category and level

Organizational unit	Category and level																
	I. Professional and above									II. General Service and others							
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2/1	Total I	Principal level	Other levels	Security Service	Field Service	Manual Worker	Local level	Total II	GRAND TOTAL
<u>Expenditure section</u>																	
Special missions:																	
United Nations Truce Supervision Organization																	
in Palestine(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3)	-	-	-	-	(3)	(3)
United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan																	
United Nations Supply Depot at Pisa(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East																	
(a)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
(b)	-	-	-	-	3	(3)	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization																	
Namibia(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	3	5
(b)	-	-	-	-	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Centre against Apartheid(a)	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	5
(b)	-	-	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5A. Department of Economic and Social Affairs																	
(a)	-	-	-	1	2	5	6	-	14	3	3	-	-	-	-	6	20
(b)	-	-	-	-	1	(1)	-	-	-	3	(3)	-	-	-	-	-	-
5B. Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations																	
6. Economic Commission for Europe																	
(a)	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	6
(b)	-	-	-	-	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific																	
(a)	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	25	25	32
(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9	9	
8. Economic Commission for Latin America																	
(a)	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	20
(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	(2)	2	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)	-	-
(c)	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	7	7	9	
9. Economic Commission for Africa																	
(a)	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	22	22	30
(b)	-	-	-	-	-	3	(3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79	79	79	
10. Economic Commission for Western Asia																	
(a)	-	-	-	-	1	6	8	2	17	-	-	-	-	-	22	22	39

Organizational unit	Category and level																
	I. Professional and above								II. General Service and others								
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2/1	Total I	Prin- cipal level	Other levels	Security Service	Field Service	Manual Worker	Local level	Total II	GRAND TOTAL
Expenditure section																	
11. United Nations	(a)	-	-	-	4	2	2	3	11	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	17
Conference on Trade	(b)	1	(1)	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
and Development	(c)	-	-	1	-	2	2	-	5	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	11
12. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	(a)	1	-	1	7	6	(2)	(5)	8	2	1	-	-	(7)	-	(4)	4
13. United Nations Environment Programme .	(b)	-	-	-	2	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Narcotics control, Division of Narcotics Control	(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(b)	-	-	-	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15. International Narcotics Control Board	(a)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18. Human rights	(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19. International Court of Justice	(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
	(b)	-	-	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20. United Nations Administrative Tribunal (secretariat)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of Legal Affairs	(a)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21. Office of Public Information (Headquarters)	(a)	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	4	1	4	-	-	-	-	5	9
Information Service (Geneva)	(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Information centres	(a)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	13
	(b)	-	-	-	-	4	(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Organizational unit	Category and level																	
	I. Professional and above									II. General Service and others								
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2/1	Total I	Principal level	Other levels	Security Service	Field Service	Manual Worker	Local level	Total II	GRAND TOTAL	
<u>Expenditure section</u>																		
23.																		
Office of Conference Services (Geneva) . . .	(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	
	(b)	-	-	-	-	-	2	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	(c)	-	-	-	1	6	7	-	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	14	28	
Library:																		
Headquarters	(a)	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	3	-	-	-	3	5		
	(b)	-	-	1	(1)	1	(1)	-	-	-	1	-	-	(1)	-	-		
	(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2		
	(d)	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	3	5		
Geneva	(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	(b)	-	-	-	1	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1		
<u>Income section</u>																		
3. United Nations Postal Administration:																		
Headquarters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Geneva	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Garage operation (Headquarters)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Commercial Management Service (Headquarters)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Sale of publications:																		
Headquarters	(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	(2)	-	-	-	-	-		
Geneva	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Visitors' Service:																		
Headquarters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Geneva	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	(a) New posts	-	1	-	3	25	55	47	17	148	12	62	1	-	(1)	95	169	317
	(b) Reclassifications	-	$-\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{(1)5}{4}$	$\frac{(5)5}{-}$	$\frac{(5)7}{2}$	$\frac{(7)12}{5}$	$\frac{(12)14}{2}$	$\frac{(14)7}{(7)}$	$\frac{(44)51}{7}$	$\frac{(4)10}{6}$	$\frac{(11)1}{(10)}$	-	(2)	(1)	-	(7)	-
	(c) Conversion from Temporary Assistance	-	-	-	2	2	10	12	-	26	2	1	-	3	22	95	203	229
	(d) Conversion from Arabic Trust Fund	-	-	-	1	2	11	26	2	42	11	44	3	-	-	-	58	100
	GRAND TOTAL	-	2	4	6	31	81	87	12	223	31	177	4	1	20	190	423	646

Draft resolutions relating to the proposed programme
budget for the biennium 1976-1977

222. At its 1774th meeting, on 17 December, the Committee adopted the draft resolutions contained in paragraph 223 below. The voting was as follows:

	<u>In favour</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Draft resolution VIII			
A	83	8	3
B	Adopted without objection		
C	84	9	2
Draft resolution VIII (as a whole) . .	83	9	3
Draft resolution IX	85	9	2
Draft resolution X	87	0	11

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator:
financing of emergency relief assistance and technical
co-operation activities

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of emergency relief assistance and technical co-operation activities 19/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 20/

1. Decides to establish two new subaccounts, within the existing voluntary Trust Fund established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on strengthening the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, with separate target figures for the biennium 1976-1977 of:

(a) \$400,000 to augment the funds available under the regular budget for emergency assistance;

19/ A/C.5/1688 and Corr.1.

20/ A/10008/Add.5.

(b) \$600,000 for programme costs of technical assistance in disaster prevention and pre-disaster planning assistance to Governments;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General, subject to the availability of voluntary funds as referred to above, to increase, progressively up to a maximum of \$30,000, the amount of emergency assistance per country for any one disaster;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly on the status of the Trust Fund.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Revised estimates for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, in which it endorsed the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation, 21/

Recognizing the vital significance and importance of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action for the industrialization of the developing countries,

Noting with regret that the submission made by the Secretary-General in his revised estimates for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization 22/ provides insufficient information on the relationship between the resources therein requested and the programmes stemming from the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action,

1. Accepts the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding the estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in his report;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, revised estimates for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, taking fully into account all elements of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation and indicating clearly the resulting programme requirements and the related resources.

21/ A/10112, annex.

22/ A/C.5/1715/Rev.1.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Presentation of the United Nations programme budget

The General Assembly,

Desirous of improving the presentation of the United Nations programme budget, in order to make optimum use of available financial resources and to create a more solid comparison base and well-founded justification in proposing possible growth of such resources, and of finding budgetary means to finance the new programmes by utilizing the resources released,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, information including the relevant authorization and budgetary appropriations for programmes, projects or activities within the United Nations which are already completed, nearly completed, or which have been considered by appropriate intergovernmental bodies, in particular when they were examining the medium-term plan, as obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective;

2. Requests further the Secretary-General to include in the above-mentioned information specific examples of steps taken towards reorganizing, merging, eliminating or otherwise, units within the Secretariat which had been established for the foregoing programmes, projects or activities;

3. Decides to take into account the above-mentioned information in considering the medium-term plan for the period 1978 to 1981 at its thirty-first session;

4. Decides further to include in future United Nations programme budgets information as to the anticipated duration of all new programmes, projects or activities;

5. Decides also to include in the performance reports on the United Nations programme budgets relevant information on the staff and resources released as a result of completion, reduction, reorganization, merging, elimination or otherwise of the United Nations programmes, projects or activities.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Public information policies and activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and noting the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations and the commemorations thereof,

Recognizing the achievements of the United Nations,

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Taking note of the statement of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 1 of his report on public information policies and activities, 23/ in which he emphasized that the United Nations, in order to succeed in its formidable task, required a large measure of public support and understanding, which would in turn have an influence on national policies,

Taking note of the statement of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 22 of the report to the effect that new efforts are needed to gain broader public understanding of, and support for, the aims and activities of the United Nations,

Noting the prevailing attitude of the media and the public opinion of some of the Member States towards the United Nations system and the possibility of a resultant decline of public support and confidence in the activities of the Organization,

Determined to improve the public image of the United Nations system,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to make new efforts in the field of information activities of the Organization and convey to the general public comprehensive information regarding the political, economic, social, cultural and humanitarian achievements and undertakings of the United Nations system, including the principles and aims related to the new international economic order;
2. Calls upon the Secretary-General to collaborate closely in this effort with the national media, the United Nations associations and other non-governmental organizations concerned throughout the world;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a report on the activities of the Office of Public Information of the Secretariat and decides to consider the question at that session as a separate item entitled "United Nations public information policies and activities".

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Honoraria payable to members of the International Law Commission,
the International Narcotics Control Board and the United Nations
Administrative Tribunal

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 24/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 25/

23/ A/C.5/1679.

24/ A/C.5/1677 and Corr.1.

25/ A/10008/Add.3.

Recalling the basic principle to the effect that neither a fee nor any other remuneration in addition to subsistence allowances and travel expenses shall normally be paid to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations,

Being convinced of the pressing need for a clearer definition of uniform criteria applicable to exceptions to the general rule mentioned above,

1. Decides until further notice to maintain at their present level the amounts of honoraria paid to members of the International Law Commission, the International Narcotics Control Board and the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for consideration at its thirty-first session a comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, taking account, inter alia, of the following factors:

(a) The practice that may be applied by other organizations within the United Nations system;

(b) The need to secure the services of competent and independent experts;

(c) The implications of introducing uniformity into the conditions for the payment of honoraria to full-time members and part-time members of the organs and subsidiary organs concerned or likely to be concerned;

(d) The possible implications of discontinuing honoraria for part-time members with regard, inter alia, to retaining qualified experts in those organs.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Pension scheme and emoluments of the members of the International Court of Justice

A

Pension scheme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1562 (XV) of 18 December 1960, 1925 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 2367 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2890 A (XXVI) of 22 December 1971 and 3193 A (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 on the pension scheme for members of the International Court of Justice,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 26/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 27/

26/ A/C.5/1699.

27/ A/10008/Add.12.

Decides that, with effect from 1 January 1976 and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in the Pension Scheme Regulations for members of the International Court of Justice, the annual value of all pensions in course of payment as at 31 December 1975, including the pensions of any members of the Court who retire on or before that date, shall be increased by 11.11 per cent, and that the maximum child's benefit payable under article IV, paragraph 1 (a), of the Regulations shall be increased from \$770 to \$860.

B

Emoluments

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1562 (XV) of 18 December 1960, 1925 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 2367 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2890 B (XXVI) of 22 December 1971 and 3193 B (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 on the emoluments of the members of the International Court of Justice,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 26/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 27/

Decides that, with effect from 1 January 1976, the emoluments of the members of the International Court of Justice shall be as follows:

(US dollars)

President:

Annual salary	50,000
Special allowance	12,200

Vice President:

Annual salary	50,000
Allowance of \$76 for every day on which he acts as President, up to an annual maximum of	7,600

Other members:

Annual salary	50,000
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Ad hoc judges referred to in Article 31 of the Statute of the Court:

Fee of \$84 for each day on which ad hoc judges exercise their functions, plus, as appropriate, a daily subsistence allowance of \$53.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Financial problems of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Noting with deep concern the Secretary-General's statement of 25 September 1975 drawing attention to the critical financial situation of the Organization, 28/

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General 29/ in reply to the questionnaire addressed by 27 delegations to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee on the financial problems of the United Nations, 30/

Desirous of ensuring the long-term financial security of the United Nations with a view to enabling it to cope effectively with the growing needs of its Member States, including, inter alia, the complex tasks envisaged for the Organization under General Assembly resolution 3662 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Commending those Member States that duly make prompt payment of their assessed contributions, thereby helping to relieve financial pressure on the Organization,

Recalling voluntary contributions made on the basis of the provisions of the consensus of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations 31/ adopted by the General Assembly 32/ as well as other measures undertaken by Member States designed to provide orderly and adequate financing of programmes and activities in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the collective responsibility of the Member States for the sound financial condition of the Organization,

Determined to arrive at a lasting solution of the financial problems of the Organization,

1. Calls upon all Member States to make their best efforts to overcome constraints to the prompt payment early in each year of full assessed contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund;

28/ A/C.5/1685.

29/ A/C.5/1730 and Add.1.

30/ A/C.5/L.1240.

31/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 21, document A/5916, para. 2 and ibid., Plenary Meetings, 1331st meeting, paras. 3 and 4.

32/ General Assembly resolution 2053 (XX) of 15 December 1965.

2. Decides to establish a Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations, consisting of 54 Member States;

3. Requests the President of the General Assembly, after consultation with the chairmen of the regional groups, to designate Member States, on the basis of an equitable geographical balance, to serve on the Committee;

4. Further decides that the mandate of the Committee shall be to bring about a comprehensive settlement of the critical financial situation of the United Nations, taking into account, inter alia:

(a) The need to implement the consensus of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth session on 1 September 1965 regarding the financial difficulties of the Organization;

(b) Paragraphs 11 and 19 of the report of the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations 33/ and the terms of General Assembly resolution 3049 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972;

(c) Progress which has been achieved on the basis of paragraph 4 of resolution 3049 (XXVII) and as a result of changes in announced policy;

(d) The elimination of certain differences between Member States as a result of supervening action by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

5. Further requests the Committee to examine the appropriate level of the Working Capital Fund as well as the financial regulations governing its operation in the light of the changing requirements of the Organization;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary assistance and facilities to the Committee for the conduct of its work;

7. Requests the Committee to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on progress achieved, with recommendations on further steps that should be undertaken to solve the financial problems of the United Nations;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled "The financial emergency of the United Nations" and to consider it on a priority basis.

33/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/8729).

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977

A

Budget appropriations for the biennium 1976-1977

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1976-1977:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 745,813,800 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

Section	US dollars
Part I. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination	
1. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination	20,674,800
TOTAL, part I	20,674,800
Part II. Political and peace-keeping activities	
2. Political and Security Council Affairs; peace-keeping activities	41,730,600
TOTAL, part II	41,730,600
Part III. Political, trusteeship and decolonization activities	
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization activities . .	8,057,000
TOTAL, part III	8,057,000
Part IV. Economic, social and humanitarian activities	
4. Policy-making organs	1,816,200
5A. Department of Economic and Social Affairs	41,728,100
5B. Information and Research Centre on Transnational Corporations .	1,215,500
6. Economic Commission for Europe	14,855,800
7. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	15,478,900
8. Economic Commission for Latin America	17,979,300
9. Economic Commission for Africa	18,243,000

Section	US dollars
Part IV. Economic, social and humanitarian activities (continued)	
10. Economic Commission for Western Asia	8,674,800
11. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	45,211,900
12. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	45,157,000
13. United Nations Environment Programme	7,080,500
14. International narcotics control.	4,317,100
15. Regular programme of technical assistance	20,092,900
16. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.	15,509,100
17. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator.	1,563,000
TOTAL, part IV	<u>258,923,100</u>
Part V. Human rights	
18. Human rights	5,943,600
TOTAL, part V	<u>5,943,600</u>
Part VI. International Court of Justice	
19. International Court of Justice	5,229,100
TOTAL, part VI	<u>5,229,100</u>
Part VII. Legal activities	
20. Legal activities	7,866,500
TOTAL, part VII	<u>7,866,500</u>
Part VIII. Common services	
21. Office of Public Information	30,619,400
22. Administration, management and general services.	128,534,400
23. Conference and library services.	107,247,700
TOTAL, part VIII	<u>266,401,500</u>
Part IX. Special expenses	
24. United Nations bond issue.	17,297,000
TOTAL, part IX	<u>17,297,000</u>

Section	US dollars
Part X. Staff assessment	
25. Staff assessment	99,973,100
TOTAL, part X	99,973,100
Part XI. Capital expenditures	
26. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	13,717,500
TOTAL, part XI	13,717,500
GRAND TOTAL	745,813,800

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 in a total amount of \$9,460,000 shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. The appropriations for technical assistance programmes under part III, 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 twenty-four 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 above, an amount of \$27,000 is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1976-1977 from 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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B

Income estimates for the biennium 1976-1977

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1976-1977:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling \$US 118,292,300 are approved as follows:

Income section	US dollars
Part I. Income from staff assessment	
1. Income from staff assessment	101,552,000
TOTAL, part I	101,552,000
Part II. Other income	
2. General income	9,953,000
3. Revenue-producing activities	6,787,300
TOTAL, part II	16,740,300
GRAND TOTAL	118,292,300

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.

C

Financing of appropriations for the year 1976

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1976:

1. Budget appropriations totalling \$US 379,423,900 consisting of \$US 372,906,900, being one half of the appropriations approved for the biennium

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1976-1977, under resolution A above, together with supplementary appropriations for 1974-1975 totalling \$US 6,517,000 ^{34/} shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

- (a) \$8,370,150 being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1976-1977 under General Assembly resolution ;
- (b) \$1,242,000 being the reduction in the revised income other than staff assessment for 1974-1975;
- (c) \$365,902 being contributions of new Member States for 1974-1975;
- (d) \$369,445,848 being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3062 (XXVIII) of 9 November 1973 on the scale of assessments for the years 1974, 1975 and 1976;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in a total amount of \$US 49,125,000 consisting of:

- (a) \$50,776,000 being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1976-1977 under General Assembly resolution ;
- (b) Less \$1,651,000 being the revised income from staff assessment for 1974-1975.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1976-1977

The General Assembly

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses in the biennium 1976-1977, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

- (a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$US 2 million in any one year of the biennium 1976-1977, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;
- (b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:
 - (i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the Court, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$100,000;

^{34/} General Assembly resolution (XXX).

- (ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$50,000;
- (iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$150,000;
- (iv) The maintenance in office of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, para. 3), not exceeding a total of \$60,000 in 1976;
- (v) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges, and travel and removal expenses of new members of the Court, not exceeding a total of \$137,000 in 1976, and the payment of pensions of retiring judges not exceeding a total of \$113,000 in 1977;

2. Resolves that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its thirty-first and thirty-second sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. Decides that if, as a result of a decision of the Security Council, commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security should arise in an estimated total exceeding \$10 million before either the thirty-first or the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, a special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

DRAFT RESOLUTION X

Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1976-1977

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

- 1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 1976-1977 in the amount of \$US 40 million;
- 2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the budget for the biennium 1976-1977;
- 3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:
 - (a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in a total amount of \$1,079,158;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1974-1975 under General Assembly resolution 3197 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1974-1975 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 1976-1977;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution (XXX) of 1975 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed \$200,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total of \$200,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 1976-1977, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved in General Assembly resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

224. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

(a) The General Assembly considers it vitally important that the tasks of the Africa Division should be related more closely to questions concerning the decolonization of southern Africa, in view of the new political situation prevailing in the region.

(b) The General Assembly decides to adopt the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under section 7 on the understanding that, in the event that the recruitment situation improves beyond the present projection, the Assembly, at its thirty-first session, will consider supplementary requests for additional credits for the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific based on a new turnover factor calculated on the basis of such improvement in the recruitment situation.

(c) The General Assembly approves the appropriation recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the Economic Commission for Latin America on the understanding that, if progress is made in recruiting personnel to fill vacant posts and in executing the programme, the Secretary-General will submit, at the thirty-first session of the Assembly, a request for additional appropriations.

(d) The General Assembly approves the appropriation for the Economic Commission for Western Asia, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, on the understanding that the Secretary-General will report to the Assembly at its thirty-first session, on the implementation of the Commission's programmes and, if in the light of that report, additional resources should be required, the Fifth Committee will consider the approval of supplementary estimates for the Commission.

(e) The General Assembly:

- (i) Takes note of the comments and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 13.5 and 13.7-13.10 of its report; 35/
- (ii) Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to take account of these recommendations and observations in the administration and management of its programmes;
- (iii) Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to follow up on this matter as indicated in its report. 35/

(f) The General Assembly:

- (i) Concurs with the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 14.12 of its report; 35/

- (ii) Requests the Economic and Social Council to examine the programme aspects of the present secretariats of the International Narcotics Control Board and the Division of Narcotic Drugs with a view to identifying any duplication and overlapping of activities that may exist, and to consider, within this context, the possibility of streamlining or combining both secretariats in the interest of economy and expeditious administration and management.

(g) The General Assembly concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions appearing in paragraphs 22.34, 22.38, 22.54, 22.60, 22.82 and 22.91 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977. 35/

(h) The General Assembly decides that, having in mind the Secretary-General's appeal to Member States to help ease the cash-flow position of the United Nations Organization by forwarding their assessed contributions more promptly, 36/ and in view of the complex tasks envisaged for the Organization under General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, the Secretary-General be requested to resume, from 31 December 1975 and on a biannual basis thereafter, publication of a document showing, for each Member State, amounts assessed, paid and owing to the regular budget and on continuing operations for which there is a special assessment; the document should be made available to all Member States and should contain essentially the same information as that published in document A/5822, last issued on 30 November 1964.

(i) The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General:

- (i) To consult with the other members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination with respect to the impact of inflation on budgets of the organizations of the United Nations system, with a view towards considering the possibility of reaching a common methodology

a For estimating the cost of inflation on proposed programme budgets;

b For including such costs in proposed programme budgets;

- (ii) To report as appropriate on this matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

36/ A/C.5/1685.

(j) The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General, in light of the results of the studies called for in paragraphs 22.34, 22.54, 22.82 and 22.91 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 37/ to include in his progress report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 to the thirty-first session of the General Assembly proposals regarding a more equitable distribution of the costs of services provided by the United Nations to activities financed from extrabudgetary funds as well as the method to be used, where necessary, in making adjustments in the appropriate sections of the programme budget for 1976-1977.

(k) The General Assembly endorses the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions set forth in paragraphs 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54 of its report. 37/

(l) The General Assembly, being concerned with regard to making the work of the Secretariat more efficient and economical, decides:

- (i) To consider at its thirty-first session action taken over the past five years on the recommendations of the Administrative Management Service and to assess the results achieved with a view to taking remedial measures, if necessary;
- (ii) To request for that purpose, in addition to the requisite factual information, the views of the Secretary-General and the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

(m) The General Assembly, taking note of the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 69 and 70 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, 37/ requests the Secretary-General:

- (i) To make a maximum effort towards adopting a standardized and uniform organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat with a view to establishing a greater order and clarity in the structure of the Secretariat;
- (ii) To submit a progress report on the matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;
- (iii) To issue an up-to-date version of an organization manual covering all organizational units financed in full or in part under the regular budget as soon as possible and not later than the thirty-first session of the General Assembly.

(n) The General Assembly:

- (i) Decides that the item on public information policies and activities will normally be considered in off-budget years;
- (ii) Requests the Secretary-General to explore ways and means of ensuring a more timely publication of the Yearbook of the United Nations without impairing its quality and high standards as an objective reference work and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

(o) The General Assembly:

- (i) Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 38/
- (ii) Approves the exchange of properties between the Etat de Genève and the United Nations in accordance with the terms set out in the exchange of letters between the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Etat de Genève, as described in the report of the Secretary-General. 39/

(p) The General Assembly takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the programme of major maintenance of and improvements to the Palais des Nations, Geneva, and extension of the Palais des Nations. 40/

(q) The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations accommodation in Addis Ababa, Bangkok and Santiago. 41/

(r) The General Assembly:

- (i) Decides to postpone comprehensive consideration of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the utilization of office accommodation in the United Nations system 42/ to its thirty-first session;
- (ii) Requests the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to submit its report on office accommodation provided for the extraordinary staff in the United Nations system to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

38/ A/10008/Add.1.

39/ A/C.5/1674, annexes II, III and IV.

40/ A/C.5/1690 and A/C.5/1694.

41/ A/C.5/1673.

42/ A/9854, A/10279 and A/10280.

- (s) The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on standard of accommodation of official travel of United Nations staff by air. 43/
- (t) The General Assembly:
- (i) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations; 44/
 - (ii) Reaffirms the conviction that the decision taken by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, contained in paragraph 30 of document A/9960, on the use of experts and consultants should be implemented promptly, fully and effectively;
 - (iii) Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a report on the implementation of its decision on the use of experts and consultants.
- (u) The General Assembly:
- (i) Concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 8 of its report; 45/
 - (ii) Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to \$700,000 on the basis suggested in paragraph 10 of his report. 46/
- (v) The General Assembly:
- (i) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the effect of continuing currency instability on the budgets of the organizations in the United Nations system; 47/
 - (ii) Concurs with the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its related report. 48/

43/ A/C.5/1675.

44/ A/C.5/1681.

45/ A/10008/Add.16.

46/ A/C.5/1709.

47/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/10008 and Corr.2).

48/ A/C.5/1692.

(w) The General Assembly:

- (i) Decides to request the Secretary-General, in preparing the final revised estimates for the programme budget 1976-1977, to base his assumptions with regard to the rate of inflation in each year of the biennium, on his latest available forecasts and, with regard to currency alignments, on the actual rates prevailing at the time the documents are prepared;
- (ii) Further decides that consequential adjustments shall be made in the performance reports of 1976 and 1977 to take into account actual rates of inflation and currency fluctuations.

(x) The General Assembly, having noted the financial implications contained in paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 49/ authorizes the World Food Council to include Arabic as an official and working language of the Council beginning with the second session.

(y) The General Assembly, having noted the financial implications contained in paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 50/ authorizes the Meeting of Interested Countries on the Establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development to include Arabic as an official and working language.

(z) The General Assembly invites the International Civil Service Commission, in the context of the study on salary allowances and working conditions, to examine the need for the provision of day-care facilities for the children of the staff of the United Nations, taking into account the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 14 of its report 51/ and to make proposals thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-first session.

49/ A/10008/Add.21.

50/ A/10008/Add.18.

51/ A/10008/Add.28.