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### PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

#### Draft report of the Fifth Committee

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#### V. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION I

#### Questions related to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

#### A

#### The General Assembly

#### I

#### International Computing Centre: 1992 budget estimates

Approves the budget estimates for the International Computing Centre for the year 1992 amounting to 18,275,000 Swiss francs or 13,053,600 United States dollars;

II

United Nations Fund for Namibia: scholarship  
programme for Namibian students

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and approves the proposals made in paragraphs 14 and 15 of the report;

III

Review of translation and interpretation services for all official  
languages in the Economic Commission for Africa

Approves the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General 2/ and the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 3/

IV

Construction of additional conference facilities  
at Bangkok and Addis Ababa

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 4/ and concurs with the recommendations and requests made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 28 and 29 of its report; 5/

V

Honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs  
of the United Nations

Decides to defer until its forty-seventh session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on this item; 6/

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- 1/ A/C.5/46/10.
  - 2/ A/C.5/46/19.
  - 3/ A/46/7/Add.1.
  - 4/ A/C.5/46/22.
  - 5/ A/46/7/Add.3.
  - 6/ A/C.5/46/12.

VI

Representation allowance for under-secretaries-general and  
assistant secretaries-general

Decides to defer until its forty-seventh session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on this item; 7/

VII

Revised estimates under section 33F, Administration, Vienna

Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to maintain the initial estimates proposed by the Secretary-General for this section, pending a more detailed review by the Advisory Committee of the proposals submitted by the Secretary-General in his report; 8/

VIII

Revised estimates under section 32D, Conference and  
library services, Vienna

Takes note of the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General to appropriate an additional amount of \$803,800 relating to the requirements for the establishment of a common interpretation service at Vienna;

IX

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of \$15,237,100 remains in the contingency fund.

B

The General Assembly

I

Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, contained in paragraphs 11 to 391 of its report on the work of its thirty-first session, including general considerations, overall resource requirements, priorities, methodology and format; 9/

7/ A/C.5/46/32.

8/ A/C.5/46/36.

9/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/46/16).

II

POSTS

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraphs 41 to 43 of its report 9/ on the changes in the staffing table of the Organization;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to review and develop procedures and norms, including workload analyses, to justify the creation, suppression, reclassification, conversion and redeployment of posts and to submit a report with proposals through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account section I, paragraph 17 of resolution 45/239 A, of 21 December 1990;

3. Takes note of the number and distribution of high-level posts in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993; 10/

4. Invites the Secretary-General to indicate his proposed changes in the organization of the Secretariat, particularly with regard to high-level posts, in revised estimates to be presented to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

5. Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 11/ with regard to the changes in the staffing table of the Organization proposed by the Secretary-General, and further decides: (a) to convert from temporary to established status four posts (one D-2, one P-5 and two General Service) in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs in South-East Asia (section 2); (b) to defer the establishment of a new P-4 post of Editor in the Office for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services (section 4); (c) to establish on a temporary basis a P-5 post for the Director of the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific at Kathmandu, Nepal, as indicated in section V of resolution B below; (d) not to endorse the downgrading of the P-4 post to the P-3 level proposed in section 9; (e) to keep for 1992 the D-2 post proposed for abolition in section 15 and also decides that the other posts under the subprogramme concerned should be treated as indicated in section IX of resolution B below; (f) and to accept the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to establish a P-5 post for an Evaluation Officer in the Economic Commission for Africa, as indicated in section XVII of resolution B below;

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10/ Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1).

11/ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/46/7).

### III

#### UNDER-UTILIZED BALANCES

1. Endorses a. an ad hoc measure the reduction of 13,343,900 dollars recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the basis of under-utilized balances;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to bear in mind that the across-the-board reductions under each section resulting from the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the under-utilized balances are indicative and to consider, in implementing these recommendations, the requirements of programmes and services of the various units in the United Nations Secretariat;
3. Further requests the Secretary-General to use the first performance report to reflect his proposed transfers of resources among sections of the programme budget, in accordance with the existing financial regulations and rules and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in the relevant part of paragraph 22 of its report; 11/

### IV

#### ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN THE PROGRAMME BUDGET

1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraphs 31 to 33 and 52 of its report; 2/
2. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the possible consolidation of administrative functions in the various units of the Secretariat and to submit proposals to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;
3. Also requests the Secretary-General to review the distribution of resources between substantive central departments and offices and the regional commissions, taking into account the relevant provisions of resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 41/213 of 19 December 1986, and to reflect his recommendations in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;
4. Notes that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 does not provide a list of activities that, in the judgement of the Secretary-General, can be discontinued, and requests the Secretary-General, in the implementation of the programme budget, to take into account measures that may improve the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of the Organization, thereby enhancing its capacity and flexibility to respond effectively to needs and mandates;

5. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to develop workload standards and other management techniques, particularly in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

6. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on priority setting contained in paragraphs 45 to 47 of its report, 9/ notes that the broad priority on the economic development of developing countries pertains to a large number of sections in the programme budget, and stresses the importance of ensuring adequate resources for the implementation of mandated activities under each section of the programme budget;

7. Notes that objectives of the medium-term plan 12/ and specific mandates of the General Assembly are not always fully reflected in the programme narratives and activities of some sections of the proposed programme budget, and requests the Secretary-General to take fully into account the views expressed by Member States in implementing the programme budget and in proposing revisions to the medium-term plan;

8. Also notes the growing role of extrabudgetary resources in the implementation of the programmes of the Organization, the progress achieved in the presentation of these resources in the programme budget, the impact of voluntary contributions on a number of subprogrammes in the economic and social domains and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 71 and 72 of its report 11/ with regard to the need for greater transparency, and decides to keep this question under constant review;

9. Further notes that the estimates in the proposed programme budget do not reflect the possible consequences for the activities financed from the regular budget of the decisions taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on new successor arrangements, recognizes that for sections of the programme budget, such as those pertaining to the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the Secretariat and the regional commissions, these new arrangements are likely to affect the projected level of resources in 1993 and perhaps in 1992, and invites the Secretary-General to keep the situation under constant review and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, in the most appropriate form;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to review the costs of services provided by the United Nations to activities financed by extrabudgetary resources and to provide an analysis of appropriate sources of funding for these costs, taking into account relevant intergovernmental decisions and resolutions and existing practices in this regard;

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12/ Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1).

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to work in close collaboration with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in the preparation of the report and to take into account paragraph 37 of decision 91/46 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;

12. Requests that the two reports be reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

V

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on technological innovations, 13/ on telecommunications activities, 14/ and on optical disc storage and retrieval, 15/ and endorses the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report on these projects; 16/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure coordination among all organizational units involved in order to harmonize their activities to prevent future incompatibilities and ensure their efficient and cost-effective use;

3. Approves phase II of the optical disc storage project for 1992-1993, subject to the submission of a detailed performance report on the completion of phase I in 1992;

4. Takes note of the third progress report of the Secretary-General on the integrated management information system project, 17/ expresses concern at the delay in the implementation of the project and in the quality of the information provided to Member States, and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 45 of its first report 11/ and in paragraphs 17 to 29 of its twelfth report; 18/

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13/ A/C.5/46/1 and Corr.1.

14/ A/C.5/46/5.

15/ A/C.5/46/26.

16/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/46/7 and Add.1-15), document A/46/7/Add.12.

17/ A/C.5/46/24.

18/ A/46/7/Add.12.

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, particularly with regard to the quantifiable increase in productivity, and indicating estimated maintenance costs per year on a long-term basis as indicated in paragraph 26 of its report;

6. Requests that a report based on an independent expert study and taking into account the views expressed by Member States at the current session be submitted in 1992, no later than 15 September, to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, which will review the report and advise the General Assembly on the matter at its forty-seventh session. The purpose of this independent evaluation is to assess the approach and methodology adopted in the development and implementation of this project and to determine whether the project can be expected to provide the benefits outlined in the reports of the Secretary-General and to contribute to a more efficient and effective administrative management of the Organization; in addition, the evaluation should provide suggestions for enhanced information to Member States, inter alia, through adequate phasing of the project, with a view to enabling the Assembly to take informed decisions on the subject; the report is to be financed from the existing provision for the project;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit one comprehensive report on new technology projects, including information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account the views expressed by Member States on these matters in the Fifth Committee;

## VI

### PUBLICATIONS POLICY

1. Notes that in a number of sections of the proposed programme budget, notably in parts IV, V, VI, VII and VIII, there seems to be a large number of publications and an unclear distinction between publications requested by intergovernmental bodies and technical publications produced at the initiative of the Secretariat;

2. Also notes that the quality and relevance of publications appears to be uneven and that the policies for pricing and distribution of United Nations publications needs to be further refined;

3. Endorses the recommendations contained in paragraphs 27 and 32.16 to 32.19 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 11/ and emphasizes the need for the Secretariat to utilize better internal printing facilities with a view to reducing the overall cost of printing;



4. Requests the Secretary-General to review the overall publications policy of the Organization, including its technical aspects and possible coordination at the level of the system, and to present a report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

## VII

### WORKLOAD OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

1. Endorses the views contained in paragraph 85 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 11/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake a review, taking into account all aspects of the implications resulting from the increasing trend on workload of the various committees and commissions, and to submit a report, with appropriate proposals, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

3. Recognizes that the working methods of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions are within its competence, and invites the Committee to report its decisions and recommendations, as appropriate, to the General Assembly;

## VIII

### SEMINAR ON THE METHODOLOGY OF THE PROGRAMME BUDGET

1. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraph 49 of its report, 9/ on the convening by the Secretary-General of an ad hoc technical seminar to review the question of the methodology used for the preparation of the programme budget, and recommends that this seminar take place during the first part of 1992;

2. Also endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, contained in paragraphs 53, 400 and 401 of its report, 9/ concerning the submission of a prototype of a new budget format, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

## IX

### CONTINGENCY FUND

1. Recalls its resolution 45/255 of 21 December 1990, by which it provisionally established the level of the contingency fund of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 at a level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate of 2,462,400,000 dollars, i.e. 19 million dollars;

2. Takes note of the adjustment made by the Secretary-General to the preliminary estimates from 2,462,400,000 dollars to 2,366,300,000 dollars, and decides that the revised level of the contingency fund stands at 18 million dollars;

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BUDGET-RELATED STAFFING ISSUES

1. Requests the Secretary-General to review the nature and level of regular budget funding of staff union activities and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to take into account section XIII, paragraph 2, of resolution 45/241 of 21 December 1990 in the implementation of the programme budget for 1992-1993;

3. Decides that a turnover rate of 0.5 per cent shall be applied in respect of General Service staff in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

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The General Assembly

I

SECTION 1. OVERALL POLICY-MAKING, DIRECTION AND COORDINATION

Having accepted the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the posts for its secretariat, and having noted the increasing workload of the Committee,

1. Stresses the statutory nature and the importance of the functions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and invites the Secretary-General to keep under review the method of financing of posts in the secretariat of the Committee that are not part of the regular budget;

2. Decides that, starting in 1992, the travel expenses and subsistence of the members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for attendance at the joint Committee for Programme and Coordination/Administrative Committee on Coordination meetings should be authorized under the regular budget of the Organization, on the understanding that there is no increase in the total appropriation of the relevant part of section 1 and that claims related to the regular sessions of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will have first priority;

II

SECTION 2. GOOD OFFICES AND PEACEMAKING; PEACE-KEEPING;  
RESEARCH AND THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

1. Requests the Secretary-General to reflect the wording contained in General Assembly resolution 46/48 on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects, adopted by the Assembly on 9 December 1991 upon the recommendation of the Special Political Committee, in the programme budget and in the medium-term plan;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to ensure that the activities of the Office for Research and the Collection of Information fully complement the activities of other offices, including the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit appropriate information on the financial and related aspects of special missions, particularly cost absorption, in the context of the budget performance reports;

III

SECTION 3. POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Recalling its resolutions 32/71 of 9 December 1977 and 40/243 of 18 December 1985, as well as the relevant observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 19/ on the venues of meetings of subsidiary bodies,

Requests the Committee on Conferences to expedite its review of United Nations bodies meeting away from their established headquarters and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

IV

SECTION 4. POLITICAL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS AND  
SECRETARIAT SERVICES

1. Decides to consider at its forty-seventh session the report on the organization of editorial services at United Nations Headquarters, 20/ as recommended by the Committee for Programme and Coordination in paragraph 96 of its report; 2/

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19/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/44/7 and Add.1-8).

20/ A/C.5/46/47.

2. Also decides to postpone its decision on the proposal of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the establishment of a P-4 post of Editor, pending final decision on the results of the above-mentioned review on editorial services at its forty-seventh session;

3. Accepts the reclassification of the post of Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination from the P-4 to the P-5 level;

4. Notes the responsibilities currently attached to this post and the inconsistencies in the levels of secretaries of various intergovernmental policy-making organs, and requests the Secretary-General to keep under review the levels of these posts, bearing in mind the other responsibilities associated to the posts, and to present proposals as appropriate to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

V

SECTION 5. DISARMAMENT

1. Accepts the proposal of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the granting of a subvention of 440,000 dollars to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, recalls its resolution 44/201 B of 21 December 1989, and reiterates its request contained in section IV of that resolution, and endorses the observations and recommendations contained in paragraphs 5.9 and 5.10 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stressing the need for the eventual self-sufficiency of the Institute and urging that every effort should be made to encourage donors to make additional unrestricted contributions which could be used to defray the administrative costs of the Institute;

2. Decides to establish a P-5 post for the Director of the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific at Kathmandu, Nepal, effective 1 January 1992, on a temporary basis, subject to a review for the need to establish this post on a permanent basis for the next biennium;

VI

SECTION 9. LEGAL AFFAIRS

1. Recalls the concerns expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the persistent backlog in the publication of the United Nations Treaty Series and invites the Secretary-General to take innovative and cost-effective measures to address this problem;

2. Endorses the comments and observations made by the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 9.6 and 9.7 of its report, on the questions of travel and publication policy in the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

3. Notes the proposals of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee regarding the reclassification of two posts in the Codification Division, and decides not to endorse these proposals;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in administering the staffing table of section 9, to take fully into account the views expressed by Member States on the proposed reclassifications;

## VII

### SECTION 11A. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

1. Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed reclassification of a D-1 post, and decides, in the light of the increasing importance of a system-wide coordination in the economic and social domains, to keep this question under constant review;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to review the programme narrative under section 11A, taking into account all relevant mandates adopted by the General Assembly;

### SECTION 11B. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

Endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 11B.7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the question of the rental of office space for the secretariat of the World Food Council, and urges the Secretary-General to make every effort to obtain premises at a lower cost for this secretariat;

### SECTION 11C. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and encourages the Secretary-General to redeploy resources from within section 11C to provide for any additional consultancy requirements.

VIII

SECTION 13. DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
AFFAIRS

1. Notes the different presentation of the activities on non-governmental organizations in section 13, and stresses that the functions of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs in this regard remain unchanged;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to examine activities related to "centrally planned economies" in the light of global economic developments and to report to the General Assembly in the context of the revisions to the medium-term plan to be submitted at the forty-seventh session;

3. Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the administrative and financial arrangements of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, 21/ endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to provide regular budget funding for the Conference, and requests the Secretary-General to make all necessary efforts to seek voluntary contributions funding for the Conference;

IX

SECTION 15. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Notes the negative growth proposed for this section over the revised estimates for 1990-1991, stresses the importance of the Programme on Trade and Development in relation with the broad priorities of economic development for developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the activities proposed under this section including, if necessary, through the redeployment of resources in accordance with established procedures;

2. Also notes the proposals of the Secretary-General to abolish a D-2 post and to redeploy the 12 other posts of subprogramme 5, and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. Recognizes that new mandates and new activities might emerge under section 15;

4. Decides that the 13 posts under subprogramme 5 mentioned above should be retained for 1992, with the corresponding appropriation;

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21/ A/C.5/46/25 and Corr.1.

5. Requests the Secretary-General to make proposals on these posts for 1993 to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account the results of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other mandates of relevant intergovernmental bodies, and also taking into account the possibility for curtailing activities under this subprogramme mentioned in relation to the statement of programme budget implications for the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s; 22/

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SECTION 16. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE

Requests that the detailed recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on section 16 of the proposed programme budget should be made available to the budget committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at its October session in the odd-numbered year before the beginning of the budgetary biennium;

XI

SECTION 17. UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

1. Endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 265 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 9/ that all non-mandated activities should be excluded from the programme narrative of section 17;

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the conference servicing of intergovernmental bodies convened at Nairobi, 23/ endorses the relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, stresses that interpretation services should be available for all official languages of the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to report on possible additional financial requirements under section 17 in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1992-1993;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to study the possibility of alternative arrangements for the secretariat of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, including its possible merger with the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to report to the General Assembly at its next session;

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22/ A/C.5/45/69.

23/ A/C.5/46/29.

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SECTION 18. CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Notes the negative growth proposed for this section, stresses the importance of the Programme on Science and Technology for Development in relation with the broad priority of economic development for developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the activities proposed under this section, including enhanced coordination with the regional commissions and, if necessary, through the redeployment of resources in accordance with established procedures;

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SECTION 19. UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS  
(Habitat)

1. Endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 276 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 9/ and stresses that the activities envisaged under subprogrammes 1, 6 and 8 should be fully responsive to the needs of the various regions, including Latin America and the Caribbean;

2. Also endorses the relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the translation of documentation into Chinese, and invites the Secretary-General to reflect any related additional appropriation in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1992-1993 under section 19;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to ensure that all publications of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements are translated into all official languages in a timely manner;

XIV

SECTION 20. UNITED NATIONS CENTRE ON TRANSNATIONAL  
CORPORATIONS

Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed reclassification of the General Service post of Managing Editor, CTC Reporter Magazine, pending the completion of the review of the publication policy of the Organization;



XV

SECTION 21. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

1. Stresses the importance of the preparation of the World Conference on Women, to be held in 1995, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are provided for such preparation during the biennium 1992-1993;

2. Also stresses the importance of the appropriate servicing of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and requests the Secretary-General to ensure such servicing including through the redeployment of resources;

XVI

SECTION 22. INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL

Endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 301 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 9/ and stresses the need for allocation of adequate resources for activities undertaken pursuant to this recommendation.

Administrative and financial arrangements regarding the  
United Nations International Drug Control Programme

1. Decides to establish, as from 1 January 1992, under the direct responsibility of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as a fund for financing operational activities mainly in developing countries and to transfer to it the financial resources of the former United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;

2. Authorizes the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control issues, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/38 of 21 June 1991 and General Assembly resolution 46/104 of 16 December 1991, to approve, on the basis of the Executive Director's proposals, both the budget of the Fund's programme and the administrative and programme support costs budget, other than expenditures borne by the United Nations regular budget, and requests the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the ways in which it plans to carry out the administrative and financial functions;

3. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its comments and recommendations on the administrative and programme support costs budget of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

4. Invites the Secretary-General to consider ways to streamline the proposed structure for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, taking into account, inter alia, the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the views expressed in the Fifth Committee, including the need to promote regional cooperation under the coordination of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in consultation with the regional commissions and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

5. Decides to consider the arrangements relating to personnel for the United Nations International Drug Control Programme funded by the United Nations regular budget at a later stage during the current session of the General Assembly, and meanwhile requests the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary to expedite the recruitment of such personnel;

6. Notes that the paramount consideration in the employment of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and that due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible;

7. Notes the intention of the Secretary-General to promulgate financial rules for the Fund, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, it being understood that the references in the said financial rules to the role and functions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall be consistent with the role of the Commission given in paragraph 2 above;

8. Decides that, notwithstanding regulations 11.1 and 11.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the Programme shall maintain the accounts of the Fund of the Programme and shall be responsible for presenting the said accounts and related financial statements, not later than 31 March following the end of the financial period, to the Board of Auditors and for submitting financial reports to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and to the General Assembly;

## XVII

### SECTION 23. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

1. Accepts the proposals of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the multinational programming and operational centres, taking into account the relevant evaluation report, 24/ the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 2/ the report of the Secretary-General, 25/

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24/ E/AC/1991/3.

25/ A/C.5/45/57.

the relevant decisions of the Economic and Social Council, paragraph 23.9 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 11/ and further views expressed by the Secretariat during the consideration of this question at the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the multinational programming and operational centres with the remaining Professional and General Service category posts and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the self-evaluation capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa 26/ and the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish the P-5 post of Evaluation Officer for the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1992-1993, and to review the functions of this post in the context of the preparation of the 1994-1995 programme budget;

3. Accepts the proposals of the Secretary-General and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the situation of this Institute, in the light of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/72 of 27 July 1990;

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#### SECTION 24. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

1. Notes the proposed priorities among subprogrammes, invites the Secretary-General to be guided by the work programme and the priorities recommended by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in implementing the programme budget, and stresses the importance of submitting new proposals in the context of the revisions to the medium-term plan for 1992-1997;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to assess the capacity of the Commission to fulfil its role for the strengthening of multilateral regional and subregional cooperation, having regard to the resources available in the Commission, and to propose measures for the strengthening of the Commission in the context of the revised estimates of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, taking into account the work programme of the Commission;

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SECTION 28. HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Accepts the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with regard to posts, and requests the Secretary-General to provide complete information concerning management and workload analysis, as indicated by the Advisory Committee, to enable the Committee to make appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session in the context of the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995 on the establishment of these temporary posts on a permanent basis, on the understanding that the arrangements on temporary posts will be included in a long-term solution for the resources of the Centre for Human Rights;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, with regard to the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on the level of general temporary assistance for section 28, to ensure that adequate resources are available during the biennium 1992-1993;

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SECTION 29A. OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding the financing of additional posts from the regular budget, requests the Secretary-General to review with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees the current arrangements for the financing of administrative and other posts at the Office, taking into account the financial situation of the Office and the United Nations and all relevant intergovernmental decisions, and to make proposals, as appropriate, in the context of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

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SECTION 29B. UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

1. Takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General, and requests him to review the resource requirements of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East under the regular budget, taking into account resolution 3331 B (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, subsequent practices and the reasons which led the Secretary-General to put forward the proposals contained in paragraph 29B.8 of the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to make recommendations in this regard, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

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SECTION 31. PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Notes that the Trust Fund for Information Support for African Economic Recovery and Development should have been mentioned in section 11A, stresses the importance of the Fund for the implementation of the activities mandated under programme 45, and invites the Secretary-General to mobilize resources for the Fund and requests him to report in the most appropriate form to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

2. Stresses the importance of ensuring cultural diversity and equality of languages in the activities of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, particularly with regard to audiovisual materials and radio programmes;

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SECTION 32. CONFERENCE SERVICES

Requests the Secretary-General to keep under review workload standards in the Department of Conference Services, taking into account technological innovations and the need for further progress in productivity, and to report in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

A

Budget appropriations for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1992-1993:

1. Appropriations totalling 2 389 234 900 United States dollars are hereby voted for the following purposes:

Section	(Thousands of US dollars)
<b>PART I. <u>Overall policy-making, direction and coordination</u></b>	
1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination .....	35 545.5
Total, Part I .....	35 545.5
<b>PART II. <u>Political affairs</u></b>	
2. Good offices and peacemaking; peace-keeping; research and the collection of information .....	97 580.6
3. Political and Security Council affairs .....	15 822.8
4. Political and General Assembly affairs and Secretariat services .....	12 486.3
5. Disarmament .....	13 264.4
6. Special political questions, regional cooperation, trusteeship and decolonization .....	9 499.1
7. Elimination of apartheid .....	8 300.3
Total, Part II .....	156 953.5

Section	(Thousands of US dollars)
<b>PART III. <u>International justice and law</u></b>	
8. International Court of Justice .....	17 606.5
9. Legal activities .....	21 821.8
10. Law of the sea and ocean affairs .....	9 088.3
Total, Part III .....	48 516.6
<b>PART IV. <u>International cooperation for development</u></b>	
11. Development and international economic cooperation ....	19 047.0
12. Regular programme of technical cooperation .....	42 285.9
13. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	54 828.1
14. Department of Technical Cooperation for Development ...	27 482.7
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development ....	90 477.1
16. International Trade Centre .....	17 916.2
17. United Nations Environment Programme .....	12 927.4
18. Centre for Science and Technology for Development .....	4 851.0
19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) .	11 500.5
20. United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations ...	12 839.5
21. Social development and humanitarian affairs .....	13 898.8
22. International drug control .....	13 651.4
Total, Part IV .....	321 705.6
<b>PART V. <u>Regional cooperation for development</u></b>	
23. Economic Commission for Africa .....	74 959.3
24. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	51 887.5
25. Economic Commission for Europe .....	41 242.9

Section	(Thousands of US dollars)
26. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	67 753.7
27. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia .....	50 660.6
Total, Part V .....	286 504.0
<b>PART VI. <u>Human rights and humanitarian affairs</u></b>	
28. Human rights .....	23 391.2
29. Protection of and assistance to refugees .....	60 823.0
30. Disaster relief operations .....	7 824.6
Total, Part VI .....	92 038.8
<b>PART VII. <u>Public information</u></b>	
31. Public information .....	100 977.0
Total, Part VII .....	100 977.0
<b>PART VIII. <u>Common support services</u></b>	
32. Conference services .....	422 414.6
33. Administration and management .....	421 935.4
Total, Part VIII .....	844 350.0
<b>PART IX. <u>Special expenses</u></b>	
34. Special expenses .....	45 035.0
Total, Part IX .....	45 035.0
<b>PART X. <u>Capital expenditures</u></b>	
35. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance .....	96 815.6
Total, Part X .....	96 815.6



Section	(Thousands of US dollars)
<b>PART XI. <u>Staff assessment</u></b>	
36. Staff assessment .....	374 137.2
Total, Part XI .....	374 137.2
GRAND TOTAL .....	2 402 578.8
Reduction from underutilized balances .....	13 343.9

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. The appropriations for the regular programme of technical cooperation under part IV, section 12, 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 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 151,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1992-1993 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.

## B

Income estimates for the biennium 1992-1993The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1992-1993:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 449,213,300 dollars are approved as follows:

Income section	(Thousands of US dollars)
1. Income from staff assessment .....	379 926.0
Total, Part I .....	379 926.0
2. General income .....	62 444.8
3. Services to the public .....	6 842.5
Total, Part II .....	69 287.3
GRAND TOTAL .....	449 213.3

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, garage operations, 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 1992

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1992:

1. Budget appropriations in a total amount of 1,228,519,850 United States dollars, consisting of 1,007,548,870 dollars, being half of the appropriations approved for the biennium 1992-1993 by the General Assembly under paragraph 1 of resolution A above plus 33,902,400 dollars, being the increase in revised appropriations for 1990-1991 approved by the General Assembly in resolution 46/ A, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) 33,804,950 dollars, being the net of half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1992-1993 under resolution B above decreased by 838,700 dollars, being the decrease in estimated income other than staff assessment for 1990-1991 approved by the General Assembly in resolution 46/ B;

(b) 1,007,386,500 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/ of December 1991 on the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993;

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 the total amount of 187,328,400 dollars consisting of:

(a) 167,587,300 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1992-1993 under resolution B above;

(b) Plus 19,741,100 dollars, being the increase in the revised income from staff assessment for the biennium 1990-1991 approved by the General Assembly in resolution 46/ B.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1992-1993

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 in the biennium 1992-1993 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to

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that biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of US\$ 3 million in any one year of the biennium 1992-1993, 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 250,000 dollars;
- (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 75,000 dollars;
- (iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from the Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 100,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments, in an amount not exceeding 500,000 dollars, in the biennium 1992-1993, as the Secretary-General certifies are required for interorganizational security measures pursuant to section IV of General Assembly resolution 36/235 of 18 December 1981;

2. Resolves that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh and forty-eighth 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, for the biennium 1992-1993, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of that decision, the matter shall be brought to the General Assembly or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

##### Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1992-1993

##### The General Assembly

##### Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 1992-1993 in the amount of 100 million dollars;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 1992;

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 an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1990-1991 under General Assembly resolution 44/204 of 21 December 1989;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1990-1991 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 1992-1993;

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 46/ of December 1991 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 may be necessary, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total of 200,000 dollars 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 1992-1993, 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.

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