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United States of America: draft resolution

Establishment of the Information Systems Unit in the Department
of International Economic and Social Affairs

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/212, section V, 33/116 A, section II, and 34/233, section I,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

1. Extends its sincere appreciation to those Member States that have generously supported through voluntary contributions the Information Systems Unit of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs;
2. Suggests that the Unit should be maintained and requests the Secretary-General to undertake studies concerning arrangements whereby the Unit would be reimbursed for the services it provides to users through voluntary contributions;
3. Recommends that future users within the United Nations system reimburse the Unit for the costs of services;
4. Decides to defer financing of the Unit from the regular budget pending the submission by the Inter-Organization Board of a report to the General Assembly on the Information Systems Unit and in particular on the co-ordination of the latter with the other information systems of the United Nations system;

1/ A/C.5/35/32 and Corr.1.

2/ A/35/7/Add.9.

5. Further decides that remuneration of staff of the Information Systems Unit during the year 1981 should be absorbed within funds already allocated to the regular budget for 1981.

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session regarding possible areas of duplication or overlap of the work of the Information Systems Unit and the United Nations Bibliographic Information System, together with suggestions regarding means of eliminating any duplication or overlap that may be found.