

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.

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32/203. Use of experts and consultants in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision of 18 December 1974,⁵⁵ taken at its twenty-ninth session, by which it outlined principles and guidelines for the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations, and its decision of 17 December 1975,⁵⁶ taken at its thirtieth session, in which it reaffirmed the aforesaid principles and guidelines, which should be implemented promptly, fully and effectively,

Recalling further its resolution 31/205 of 22 December 1976, in which it reaffirmed the decision taken at its twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a report on the implementation of the aforementioned decisions,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,⁵⁷

Expressing the view that the above-mentioned report does not adequately respond to the requirements of the relevant decisions of the General Assembly and still reflects deficiencies in the implementation of the principles and guidelines on the use of experts and consultants,

Taking note of the assurances of the Secretary-General that future reports will fully and adequately reflect the existing practice in the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a full and comprehensive report, showing his efforts to eliminate existing deficiencies in the implementation of principles and guidelines on the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations;

2. *Requests further* that such a report should contain detailed comparative data as well as a statement evaluating the status of implementation of the principles and guidelines set by the General Assembly.

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32/204. Organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat

The General Assembly,

Emphasizing the need for logical and coherent organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat in the in-

⁵⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631)*, pp. 136 and 137, item 73.

⁵⁶ *Ibid., Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034)*, p. 145, item 96, para. (i).

⁵⁷ A/C.5/32/7.

terest of a more rational and functional hierarchical structure,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Secretary-General⁵⁸ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵⁹ on the question of organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat;

2. *Endorses* the general direction of reform in nomenclature proposed by the Secretary-General in his report and encourages him to proceed expeditiously with the application of the measures envisaged, taking into account the observations made by the Advisory Committee and the views expressed in the Fifth Committee;

3. *Welcomes* the intention of the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the application of the measures proposed in his report;

4. *Decides* to consider this question at its thirty-third session on the basis of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General;

5. *Urges* intergovernmental bodies to avoid recommendations giving particular designations to organizational units or their heads which may not be in conformity with the nomenclature proposed by the Secretary-General.

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32/205. Arabic language services in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/159 of 21 December 1976, in paragraph 18 of which it decided to include Arabic among the official and working languages of the machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, particularly all sessions of the Conference, the Trade and Development Board and its main committees,

Noting that the rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,⁶⁰ the Trade and Development Board⁶¹ and some of its main committees have already been amended accordingly,

Recalling that, in section VIII of its resolution 31/208 of 22 December 1976, it approved the organizational arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General in his report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session⁶² with a view to providing an initial target level of Arabic language services to the United Nations

⁵⁸ A/C.5/32/17.

⁵⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 8A (A/32/8/Add.1-30)*, document A/32/8/Add.5.

⁶⁰ TD/63/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.68.I.17) and Amend.1 and 2.

⁶¹ TD/B/16/Rev.2 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.11 and Corr.1 and 2) and Amend.1.

⁶² A/C.5/31/60 and Corr.1.

Conference on Trade and Development while simultaneously alleviating some of the chronic problems facing the provision of such services to the Assembly and its Main Committees,

Noting, however, that, as far as Arabic translation services are concerned, the Secretary-General in his progress report⁶³ makes it clear that those organizational arrangements have not sufficiently achieved their purported objectives with regard to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to the General Assembly and its Main Committees, while admitting the uncertain nature of their future prospects,

Recognizing the great importance which the Arab States Members of the United Nations attach to the work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as well as their expressed need for having its documentation issued in Arabic in time to enable their delegations to participate constructively in its deliberations and activities,

Convinced that an efficient, timely and less costly provision of Arabic translation services to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development can be achieved only by the installation of an adequately staffed service at its headquarters,

Bearing in mind the magnitude and urgency of the efforts needed to enable such a service to meet adequately the Arabic translation requirements of the fifth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to be held in 1979,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General⁶³ concerning Arabic language services in the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, while continuing the speedy implementation of the organizational arrangements contained in paragraphs 15 to 21 of his report,⁶² to replace the present arrangement set out in paragraph 25 of his report by establishing, as from 1 January 1978, on a permanent basis, an Arabic Translation Section in the United Nations Office at Geneva primarily to serve the bodies of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and, as an initial step, to provide the staff requirements for the biennium 1978-1979 for this Section by transferring to it the posts already established under section VIII of General Assembly resolution 31/208, with the addition of a post of Chief of Section;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in close consultation and co-operation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, proposals aimed at the full implementation of Conference resolution 86 (IV) of 28 May 1976,⁶⁴ endorsed by the General Assembly in paragraph 18 of its resolution 31/159, and to submit those proposals to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue his search for and to apply adequate methods, including advance translation of appropriate documentation and provision of temporary assistance when necessary, to ensure the timely provision of Arabic

translation services to the General Assembly and its Main Committees, and to report on the results to the Assembly as appropriate.

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32/206. Recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in the annex to its resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976, set out the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, in paragraph 2 (a) (ii) of which it is stated that the Committee shall recommend an order of priorities among United Nations programmes as defined in the medium-term plan,

Recalling also paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976 on the medium-term plan,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 2098 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977 dealing with the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its seventeenth session,⁶⁵

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implications of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination⁶⁶ and the relevant comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶⁷

I

1. *Confirms* that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, by virtue of its review of both the medium-term plan and the programme aspects of the programme budget, is the main subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly for planning, programming and co-ordination with the perspective necessary to make recommendations on the relative priorities of United Nations programmes;

2. *Urges* subsidiary bodies to refrain from making recommendations on the relative priority of the major programmes, as outlined in the medium-term plan;

3. *Requests* such bodies to propose, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, relative priorities to be accorded to the various subprogrammes within their respective fields of competence;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give all assistance to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in its work, *inter alia* in connexion with the recommendation in paragraph 2 of the report of the Committee on its seventeenth session,⁶⁵ in particular to enable the Committee to assess the implications of its recommendations;

II

1. *Notes* the methodology described by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in paragraph 3 of the report on its seventeenth session⁶⁵ for improving its determination of relative growth rates;

⁶⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/32/38)*.

⁶⁶ A/C.5/32/26 and Corr.1.

⁶⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 8A (A/32/8/Add.1-30)*, document A/32/8/Add.14.

⁶³ A/C.5/32/9.

⁶⁴ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.