

sources when preparing and presenting the outline and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

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C

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of technological innovations in relation to the search for efficiency in the Organization,

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, a report on the status of the introduction of electronic data-processing and new technologies in the United Nations, which should include:

(a) A review and assessment of current policies and processes;

(b) A review and assessment of co-ordinating mechanisms, including those between the Department of Conference Services of the Secretariat and other units within the United Nations system;

(c) A preliminary assessment of the results obtained with the introduction of technological innovations, including cost-benefit analyses, utilization capacity and budgeting and accounting practices;

(d) An outline of future plans and anticipated results for the efficiency of the Organization.

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44/201. Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991

A

The General Assembly

I

REPORT OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

Takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia¹⁰¹ and the related comments of the Secretary-General;¹⁰²

II

PUBLICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Takes note of the comments of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 11 of his note on the publications of the International Court of Justice;¹⁰³

III

INTERNATIONAL COMPUTING CENTRE: 1990 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Approves the budget estimates for the International Computing Centre for the year 1990 amounting to 11,260,400 United States dollars;

IV

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT

Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the integrated management information system project;¹⁰⁴

V

CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE FACILITIES AT ADDIS ABABA

1. *Takes note* of the revised estimates, submitted by the Secretary-General, of the total cost of the construction project at Addis Ababa;¹⁰⁵

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the approved project as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 6 of its report;¹⁰⁶

VI

REPORTS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ON THE REVIEW OF UNITED NATIONS PUBLIC INFORMATION NETWORKS

Takes note of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of United Nations public information networks¹⁰⁷ and the related comments of the Secretary-General;¹⁰⁸

VII

HONORARIA FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Decides that the emoluments for members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child shall be payable, on an exceptional basis, at the rates of honoraria authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/218 of 17 December 1980;

VIII

CONFERENCE SERVICES AT VIENNA

1. *Endorses* the view of the Secretary-General that a single conference-servicing facility at the Vienna International Centre would represent the ideal solution from the standpoint of cost efficiency and that a unified service operated by the United Nations would be best equipped to

¹⁰⁴ A/C.5/44/8.

¹⁰⁵ See A/C.5/44/7, sect. I.C.

¹⁰⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/44/7/Add.1-8)*, document A/44/7/Add.2.

¹⁰⁷ See A/44/329 and A/44/433.

¹⁰⁸ See A/44/329/Add.1 and A/44/433/Add.1.

¹⁰¹ See A/44/206 and Corr.1.

¹⁰² See A/44/206/Add.1.

¹⁰³ A/C.5/44/13.

promote the most efficient and effective use of scarce resources;¹⁰⁹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures with a view to expediting consultations with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other interested parties on the subject and to making practical arrangements for the establishment of a unified conference-servicing facility at the Vienna International Centre, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 4 of its report;¹¹⁰

IX

CONTINGENCY FUND

Notes that a balance of 13,120,500 United States dollars remains in the contingency fund.

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B

The General Assembly

I

HIGH-LEVEL POSTS IN THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 43/213 of 21 December 1988;
2. *Accepts* the proposals of the Secretary-General concerning high-level posts as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991;¹¹¹
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to identify, as soon as possible in the course of the biennium 1990-1991, in accordance with resolution 43/213, four additional high-level posts for reduction;

II

FUNCTIONS AND POSTS RELATED TO GLOBAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN SECTIONS 6 AND 8 OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

1. *Decides* that the activities related to global social development issues identified in paragraphs 6.14 and 8.2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 and the corresponding resources shall be in section 6 of the programme budget;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the functions and administrative support of the departments having mandates relating to global social development issues, bearing in mind the need for an integrated approach to development;
3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit proposals, as appropriate, to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session for the strengthening of the United Nations Office at Vienna;

III

VENUE OF THE SESSIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE AND OF THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

1. *Decides* to accept the related estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in sections 2A and 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 and to reinstate the related provision in section 28F of the proposed programme budget;
2. *Requests* the Human Rights Committee and the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to take fully into account the recommendations contained in paragraphs 23.5, 23.6, 2A.6 and 2A.7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹¹² including the need for optimum use of resources, as well as the provisions of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, and article 37 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,¹¹³ when deciding on the venue of their future sessions and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session through the Committee on Conferences;

IV

SUBVENTION FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET TO THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH

Requests the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the provisions of the statute of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, to intensify his efforts to attract voluntary contributions to the Institute in order to obviate the need for a subvention from the regular budget, to review the question of programme support costs, and to report annually to the General Assembly on the situation of the Institute;

V

SECTION 3 POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION

1. *Accepts* the estimate and proposal of the Secretary-General for section 3C (Namibia) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, as endorsed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, notes that the Secretary-General will submit revised estimates for that section and requests him to do so no later than at the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking full account of the priority attached by the General Assembly to activities against *apartheid* and of the views expressed by Member States at the forty-fourth session, to ensure optimum utilization of resources within section 3, including the possibility of redeployment of staff resources, when submitting revised estimates and priorities for section 3 to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

¹⁰⁹ See A/C.5/44/24, para. 24.

¹¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/44/7/Add.1-8)*, document A/44/7/Add.4.

¹¹¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1).

¹¹² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 and corrigenda (A/44/7 and Corr.1 and 2).

¹¹³ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

VI

SECTION 5A. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Notes that the reference to "peace-keeping" in section 5A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 refers only to humanitarian assistance activities related to peace-keeping operations;

VII

SECTION 6. DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS: PROGRAMMATIC CONTENT OF PROGRAMME B.3 (ANALYSIS OF THE WORLD POPULATION)

Requests the Secretary-General to implement programme B.3 (Analysis of the world population) of section 6 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, within the framework of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, 1984,¹¹⁴ and the World Population Plan of Action,¹¹⁵ and in this context to give special attention to the question of the relationship between population and development, taking into account paragraph 6.9 and noting that the word "sustainable" should not be part of paragraph 6.42;

VIII

SECTION 13. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in paragraphs 181 to 183 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination⁶⁴ and requests the Secretary-General to review the adequacy of resources for the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,¹¹⁶ and to intensify his efforts to reduce the currently high vacancy rate in the Economic Commission for Africa, including the preparation of a specific plan to that end, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the translation and interpretation services for all official languages in the Economic Commission for Africa, including the question of the retention of trained personnel and the possibility of restoration of the Training Centre, and to report on the results of this review to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

3. *Decides* that the post proposed by the Secretary-General for a Chief, Office Automation, in the Economic Commission for Africa should be an established post in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, and that the post of evaluation officer should be restored on a non-recurrent basis, subject to renewal;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the question of the resources for the evaluation function in the regional commissions, prior to the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

IX

SECTION 18. UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Invites the Secretary-General to ensure that all efforts are made in the United Nations system for the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to be held in 1992, and the implementation of other new mandates, including provisions for adequate resources for effective co-ordination in the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme;

X

SECTION 20. INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL

Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in paragraphs 20.4 and 20.7 to 20.9 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹¹² and the conclusions and recommendations contained in paragraph 217 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;⁶⁴

XI

SECTION 23. HUMAN RIGHTS

1. *Decides* that additional requirements for those new mandates emanating from decisions of the Economic and Social Council which are outside the scope of the perennial activities included in section 23 are to be treated in accordance with the provisions for the use and operation of the contingency fund¹¹³;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include the question of the relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund in the report that he is to prepare in the light of the experience gained with regard to the contingency fund during the implementation of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991;

XII

SECTION 27. PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the new structure of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, provides for full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the activities carried out by the United Nations information centres, including, if required, through the redeployment of resources within section 27, and to ensure that the activities and outputs of the information centres fully reflect the mandates of the General Assembly;

XIII

SECTION 28D. OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES, HEADQUARTERS

Requests the Secretary-General to devise a more satisfactory system for the reimbursement to the regular budget of the cost of accommodation for posts related to ex-

¹¹⁴ See *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda).

¹¹⁵ *Ibid.*, chap. I, sect. B.

¹¹⁶ Resolution S-13/2, annex.

¹¹² Resolution 42/217, annex.

trabudgetary activities and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

XIV

SECTION 28G. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a comprehensive review of the after-service health insurance programme, taking into account the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 28G.4 of its report;¹¹²

XV

SECTION 28I. DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMON SERVICES, VIENNA

1. *Concurs* with the view of the Secretary-General expressed in his report on conference services at Vienna, that, following the first several years of experience of the operation of common services at Vienna, an in-depth review of such services is needed during the biennium 1990-1991;¹¹⁸

2. *Welcomes* the intention of the Secretary-General to conduct consultations with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other interested parties with a view to making necessary improvements;

3. *Invites* the executive heads of the organizations located at the Vienna International Centre to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the process of these consultations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report at the most appropriate time on the progress of these consultations;

¹¹⁸ See A/C.5/44/24, para. 23.

XVI

SECTION 29. CONFERENCE AND LIBRARY SERVICES

I

1. *Expresses deep concern* at the delay in the completion of the reports on work-load statistics and work-load standards requested by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 29.19 and 29.22 of its report;¹¹²

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the above-mentioned reports to the Advisory Committee at its spring 1990 session and to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

II

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "From the optical disc pilot project at the United Nations Office at Geneva to an optical disc system for the United Nations",¹¹⁹ of the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,¹²⁰ and of the information provided by the Secretariat;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement the optical disc system, as outlined by the Joint Inspection Unit, in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and taking into account the views expressed by Member States at the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report containing a comprehensive plan on a full implementation of this system, including at the regional commissions and other duty stations, its impact on the availability of documents to Member States, a cost-benefit analysis and other relevant technical and financial issues, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

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¹¹⁹ See A/44/684.

¹²⁰ See A/44/684/Add.1.

44/202. Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991

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BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1990-1991:

1. Appropriations totalling 1,974,634,000 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

<i>Section</i>	<i>(US dollars)</i>
<i>PART I. Overall policy-making, direction and co-ordination</i>	
1. Overall policy-making, direction and co-ordination	<u>59 705 000</u>
TOTAL, PART I	<u>59 705 000</u>
<i>PART II. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities</i>	
2A. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities	88 089 300
2B. Disarmament affairs activities	11 184 500
2C. Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea	<u>8 196 900</u>
TOTAL, PART II	<u>107 470 700</u>