



## General Assembly

Distr.  
GENERAL

A/C.5/45/55  
29 November 1990

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Forty-fifth session  
FIFTH COMMITTEE  
Agenda items 118 and 76

### PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

#### COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS

##### Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/SPC/44/L.26

##### Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 27th meeting, on 28 November 1990, the Special Political Committee adopted without a vote draft resolution A/SPC/45/L.26. A statement of programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee in document A/SPC/45/L.36.

##### A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 14, 16, 18, 21, 29 and 31 of draft resolution A/SPC/45/L.26, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to prepare a detailed report on the successfully concluded operation of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG);

(b) Again encourage Member States to establish training programmes for personnel for peace-keeping operations and look forward to the completion by the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/49 of 8 December 1989, of training manuals, which Member States might wish to use as guidelines for their training programmes;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to prepare for Member States a factual report describing the responsibilities, functions and structures of the various Secretariat units dealing with peace-keeping operations, including details of overload posts;

(d) Invite the Secretary-General to consider appropriate ways of honouring the services of United Nations peace-keepers, bearing in mind that the United Nations peace-keeping forces were awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1988;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to prepare, within existing resources, a compilation of the observations and suggestions mentioned in operative paragraph 28 of the draft resolution and to submit it to the Special Committee by [30 March] 1991;

(f) Request the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

B. Relationship of the requests to the approved programme of work

3. The requests contained in paragraph 2 (a), (b), (c) and (d) above are related to chapter 2, programme 1 (Special political affairs, special political questions and special mandates) of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, as extended through 1991. 1/ As indicated therein, however, the nature of the Organization's involvement in this area is determined by the deliberative organs of the United Nations, especially the Security Council, in the light of developments and it would not be appropriate to speculate on the course of events. Consequently, although resources are identified under section 1.B.4 (Office of the Under-Secretary General for Special Political Affairs) of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, 2/ which are intended to provide management and support to peace-keeping activities, these activities are not programmed.

4. In connection with the request contained in paragraph 2 (b) above, a report was provided to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session in document A/45/572 in response to the similar request contained in Assembly resolution 44/49.

5. The requests contained in paragraph 2 (e) and (f) above relate to subprogramme 1 (Security Council and political committee activities) of programme 1 (Political and Security Council Affairs activities (excluding activities of the Department for Disarmament Affairs)) of chapter 1 (Political and Security Council Affairs activities) of the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, as extended through 1991. 1/ Provision is made for substantive services to the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and for its reports to the General Assembly in output (iii) of programme element 1.3 (Main Committees of and subsidiary organs established by the General Assembly) of subprogramme 1 under section 2A.B (Department of Political and Security Council Affairs) of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. 2/

/...

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

6. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would:

(a) With respect to paragraph 2 (a) and (c) above, prepare the reports requested;

(b) With respect to paragraph 2 (b) above, complete the guidelines for the preparation of training manuals and make these available to Member States;

(c) With respect to paragraph 2 (d) above, consider ways and means of honouring the services of United Nations peace-keepers;

(d) With respect to paragraph 2 (e) and (f) above, provide the necessary substantive services to the Special Committee.

D. Modifications required in the programme of work for 1990-1991

7. With regard to activities under paragraph 6 (a) to (c) above, as noted in section B above, activities in this area are not programmed in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. With regard to activities under paragraph 6 (d) above, relevant provisions are already made in section 2A of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. Consequently, no modification would be required should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution.

E. Additional requirements

8. Financial provision for activities under paragraph 6 (d) above is made in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. Consequently, no additional requirements would arise in that context.

9. The activities under paragraph 6 (a) to (c) above would be carried out by the staff of the Office for Special Political Affairs in consultation with other concerned Secretariat offices.

F. Potential for absorption

10. As indicated in section B above, activities carried out by the Office for Special Political Affairs relating to management and support of peace-keeping operations are not programmed. Activities outlined in paragraph 6 (a) to (c) above are clearly within the scope of the work of the Office, for which financial provision is made in section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. Consequently, it is anticipated that requirements in this respect can be absorbed within the resources included in the programme budget.

/...

G. Summary

11. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/SPC/45/L.26, no additional appropriations would be required under sections 1 or 2A of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6 and Corr.1); *ibid.*, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/43/6); and *ibid.*, Supplement No. 16 (A/43/16).

2/ *Ibid.*, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

-----