Section	B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE	In US dollars
33.	Part XI. International Court of Justice International Court of Justice	617,000
	TOTAL, PART XII	617,000
	Grand Total	48,807,650

2. The appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above shall be financed by contributions from Members after adjustment as provided by the Financial Regulations, subject to the provision of paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 1085 (XI) of 21 December 1956 relating to the Working Capital Fund. For this purpose, miscellaneous income for the financial year 1957 is estimated at \$US 2,531,010;

3. The Secretary-General is authorized:

- (a) To administer as a unit the following appropriations:
 - (i) Provisions under section 3a; section 18, chapter III; and section 25, chapter I, article (v);
 - (ii) Provisions under section 10; section 18, chapter II; section 20; and section 25, chapter IV;

(b) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to transfer credits between sections of the budget;

4. In addition to the appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$US 13,000 is hereby appropriated from the income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized, in accordance with the Financial Regulations, to charge against the income derived from the sale of publications, the catering and related services, the United Nations Postal Administration, the Visitors' Service and the Gift Centre, the direct expenses of those activities; income in excess of those expenses shall be treated as miscellaneous income under the terms of financial regulation 7.1 and of paragraph 2 above.

632nd plenary meeting, 21 December 1956.

1084 (XI). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1957

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the financial year 1957:

1. 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, is authorized to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$ US 2 million, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security or to urgent economic rehabilitation;

(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, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$24,000;
- (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 \$25,000;
- (iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 2), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;

(c) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$12,000 as may be required in the event of the coming into force during 1957 of the Protocol for Limiting and Regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium;¹⁸

2. The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly, at its twelfth session, all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the General Assembly in respect of such commitments.

> 632nd plenary meeting, 21 December 1956.

1085 (XI). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1957

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year ending 31 December 1957 at an amount of \$US 22 million to be derived from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present resolution;

2. Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 above in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the twelfth annual budget,¹⁴

3. There shall be set off against this new allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1956, under General Assembly resolution 981 (X) of 16 December 1955, provided that, should such advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial

¹⁰ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1953.XI.6.

¹⁴ See resolution 1087(XI).

year 1956 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of contributions payable by that Member in respect of the twelfth annual budget, or any previous budget;

4. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending 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 General Assembly resolution 1084 (XI) of 21 December 1956 relating to the unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purposes, do not exceed \$125,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total of \$125,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; the Secretary-General shall submit, with the annual accounts, an explanation of the outstanding balance of the revolving fund at the end of each year;

(d) Loans to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions of agencies to be established by intergovernmental agreement under the auspices of the United Nations to finance their work, pending receipt by the agencies concerned of sufficient contributions under their own budgets; in making such loans, which shall normally be repayable within two years, the Secretary-General shall have regard to the proposed financial resources of the agency concerned, and shall obtain the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for any cash issues which would increase the aggregate balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) at any one time to an amount in excess of \$1,500,000 and for any issue which would increase the balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) in respect of any one agency to an amount in excess of \$500,000;

(e) Such sums not exceeding \$35,000 as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the financial year in which payment is made; this amount may be increased with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each such year;

(f) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund.

> 632nd plenary meeting, 21 December 1956.

1086 (XI). Public information activities of the **United Nations**

The General Assembly.

Having examined sections 10 and 20 of the budget estimates for the financial year 1957,18

Noting with satisfaction the Secretary-General's proposal to extend the network of information centres to the new Member States,

Considering the desirability of the establishment of information centres, on the basis of the regional and linguistic distribution referred to in the basic principles underlying the public information activities of the United Nations¹⁶ approved by the General Assembly in resolution 595 (VI) of 4 February 1952,

Considering that the new Member States should be treated, by means of a flexible administrative policy, on a footing of equality with other Members in the matter of the provision of information services,

1. Recommends the Secretary-General to continue to give favourable attention to the establishment of information offices in the new Member States, giving priority to those countries which, for linguistic or other reasons, cannot be adequately served through existing centres or through the information services of the specialized agencies and which have informed him of their interest in that regard;

2. Recommends the Secretary-General to keep the structure of the information centres under constant review and to renew his efforts to co-ordinate the information services of the United Nations with those of the specialized agencies in order to avoid duplication of work and to make it possible-by means of savings which may be made in other sections of the budget without prejudice to existing services, or by other administrative means within the competence of the Secretary-General-to set aside funds for the progressive establishment of the necessary information centres in new Member States;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to take into consideration the views expressed in the debate on this item in the Fifth Committee, both in the distribution of the funds appropriated for 1957 and in the preparation of the budget estimates for the financial year 1958.

> 632nd plenary meeting. 21 December 1956.

1087 (XI). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly

Resolves:

1. That the scale of assessments for Members' contributions to the United Nations budget for the financial years 1956 and 1957, contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 970 (X) of 15 December 1955, shall be revised to include assessments for the sixteen States admitted to membership in the United Nations on 14 December 1955;17

¹⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/3126). ¹⁹ Ibid., Sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 41, document

A/C.5/L.172, annex. ¹⁷ See General Assembly resolution 995 (X) of 14 December

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