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RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DURING ITS FIFTY-SECOND SESSION

Note by the Secretary-General

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to circulate herewith, for information, a provisional list of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its fifty-second session from 5 February to 8 September 1998 (resolutions 52/1 B, 52/8 B and C, 52/212 B and 52/225 to 52/252, and decisions 52/308 B, 52/309 B, 52/313 B and C, 52/321 B, 52/322, 52/402 B, 52/416 B and 52/460 to 52/502).

2. The resolutions listed in paragraph 1 above are being issued separately in the A/RES/- series. The provisional text of the decisions listed in paragraph 1 above appears in section IV of the present document. The final texts of those resolutions and decisions will be issued in Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/52/49, vol. III).

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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

52/308. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on  
Administrative and Budgetary Questions

B<sup>1</sup>

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 2 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>2</sup> appointed Mr. Pedro Paulo d'Escragnolle-Taunay (Brazil) as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the unexpired portion of a term of office beginning on 2 June 1998 and ending on 31 December 1998 as a result of the resignation of a member: Mr. José Antônio Marcondes de Carvalho (Brazil).

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Syed AKBARUDDIN (India),\* Ms. Denise ALMAO (New Zealand),\*\* Mr. Ammar AMARI (Tunisia),\*\* Mr. Ioan BARAC (Romania),\*\*\* Mr. Leonid E. BIDNYI (Russian Federation),\*\* Mr. Gérard Biraud (France),\*\* Mr. Pedro Paulo D'ESCRAIGNOLLE-TAUNAY (Brazil),\* Ms. Norma GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ (Cuba),\*\* Mr. Hasan JAWARNEH (Jordan),\*\*\* Mr. Mahamane Amadou MAIGA (Mali),\*\*\* Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (Barbados),\*\*\* Mr. C. S. M. MSELLE (United Republic of Tanzania),\*\*\* Mr. Klaus STEIN (Germany),\* Mr. TANG Guangting (China),\* Mr. Fumiaki TOYA (Japan)\* and Mr. Giovanni Luigi VALENZA (Italy).\*

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- \* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.  
\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.  
\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

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<sup>1</sup> Consequently, decision 52/308, in section A of the Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/308 A.

<sup>2</sup> A/52/670/Add.1, para. 4.

52/309. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

B<sup>3</sup>

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 2 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>4</sup> appointed Mr. Sergei I. Mareyev (Russian Federation) as a member of the Committee on Contributions for the unexpired portion of a term of office beginning on 2 June 1998 and ending on 31 December 1999 as a result of the resignation of a member:  
Mr. Evgueni N. Deineko (Russian Federation).

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows:  
Mr. Iqbal AKHUND (Pakistan),\*\* Mr. Pieter Johannes BIERMA (Netherlands),\*  
Mr. Uldis BLUKIS (Latvia),\*\*\* Mr. Sergio CHAPARRO RUIZ (Chile),\*  
Mr. David ETUKET (Uganda),\*\*\* Mr. Neil Hewitt FRANCIS (Australia),\*  
Mr. Alvaro GURGEL de ALENCAR (Brazil),\*\* Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (Ukraine),\*\*\*  
Mr. JU Kuilin (China),\*\* Ms. Isabelle KLAIS (Germany),\*\* Mr. David A. LEIS  
(United States of America),\*\*\* Mr. Sergei I. MAREYEV (Russian Federation),\*\*  
Mr. Atilio Norberto MOLTENI (Argentina),\* Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud OULD EL GHAOUTH  
(Mauritania),\* Mr. Ugo SESSI (Italy),\*\* Mr. Prakash SHAH (INDIA),\*\*\*  
Mr. Omar SIRRY (Egypt)\* and Mr. Kazuo WATANABE (Japan).\*\*\*

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\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

52/313. Appointment of members and alternate members of the  
United Nations Staff Pension Committee

B<sup>5</sup>

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>6</sup> appointed Mr. Nester Odaga-Jalomayo (Uganda) as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on 31 March 1998 and ending on 31 December 2000.

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<sup>3</sup> Consequently, decision 52/309, in section A of the Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/309 A.

<sup>4</sup> A/52/671/Add.1, para. 4.

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, decision 52/313, in section A of the Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/313 A.

<sup>6</sup> A/52/676/Add.1, para. 6.

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At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>7</sup> appointed Mr. Mochamad Slamet Hidayat (Indonesia) as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on 26 June 1998 and ending on 31 December 2000.

As a result, the United Nations Staff Pension Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Mochamad Slamet HIDAYAT (Indonesia), Mr. Tadanori INOMATA (Japan), Mr. Gerhard KUNTZLE (Germany), Mr. Vladimir V. KUZNETSOV (Russian Federation), Mr. Nester ODAGA-JALOMAYO (Uganda), Mr. Philip Richard Okanda OWADE (Kenya), Mr. Carlos Dante RIVA (Argentina) and Ms. Susan SHEAROUSE (United States of America).

52/321. Appointment of members of the United Nations  
Administrative Tribunal

B<sup>8</sup>

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>9</sup> appointed Mr. Kevin Haugh (Ireland) as a member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a term of office beginning on 31 March 1998 and ending on 31 December 1998 as a result of the death of a member: Mr. Francis Spain (Ireland).

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Chittharanjan Felix AMERASINGHE (Sri Lanka),\*\*\* Mr. Julio BARBOZA (Argentina),\*\* Mr. Mayer GABAY (Israel),\*\* Mr. Kevin HAUGH (Ireland),\* Mr. Victor Yenyi OLUNGU (Democratic Republic of the Congo),\*\*\* Ms. Deborah TAYLOR ASHFORD (United States of America)\* and Mr. Hubert THIERRY (France).\*\*\*

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- \* Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
  - \*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
  - \*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

52/322. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 23 March 1998, the General Assembly, pursuant to article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit,

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<sup>7</sup> A/52/676/Add.2, para. 4.

<sup>8</sup> Consequently, decision 52/321, in section A of the Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/321 A.

<sup>9</sup> A/52/674/Rev.1/Add.1, para. 4.

contained in the annex to Assembly resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976, and on the recommendation of the President,<sup>10</sup> appointed Mr. Armando Duque González (Colombia) a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 and expiring on 31 December 2003.

As a result, the Joint Inspection Unit is composed as follows:  
Mr. Andrzej Abraszewski (Poland),\*\* Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha (Algeria),\*\*\*  
Mr. Armando Duque González (Colombia),\*\*\*\* Mr. John D. Fox (United States of America),\*\* Mr. Homero Luis Hernández Sánchez (Dominican Republic),\*\*\*  
Mr. Eduard Kudriavtsev (Russian Federation),\*\*\* Mr. Sumihiro Kuyama (Japan),\*  
Mr. Francesco Mezzalama (Italy),\*\*\* Mr. Wolfgang M. Münch (Germany),\*\*  
Mr. Kahlil Issa Othman (Jordan),\*\*\* Mr. Louis Dominique Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso).\*\*

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- \* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
  - \*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
  - \*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.
  - \*\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.

## B. OTHER DECISIONS

### 1. Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee

#### 52/402. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

B<sup>11</sup>

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 23 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,<sup>12</sup> decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal", and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,<sup>13</sup> decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 97, entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership", and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

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<sup>10</sup> A/52/111, para. 4.

<sup>11</sup> Consequently, decision 52/402, in section B of the Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/402 A.

<sup>12</sup> A/52/105/Add.1.

<sup>13</sup> A/52/836.

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 27 April 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,<sup>14</sup> decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 15 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,<sup>15</sup> decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions", and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,<sup>16</sup> decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions", and to allocate it the Fifth Committee.

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 2 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Pakistan,<sup>17</sup> decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 95, entitled "Science and technology for development", and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretariat,<sup>18</sup> decided to consider agenda item 106, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women", directly in plenary meeting.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,<sup>19</sup> decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session an additional item entitled "Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

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<sup>14</sup> A/52/235.

<sup>15</sup> A/52/101/Rev.1/Add.1.

<sup>16</sup> A/52/102/Rev.1/Add.1.

<sup>17</sup> A/52/910.

<sup>18</sup> A/52/918.

<sup>19</sup> A/52/236.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,<sup>20</sup> decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session an additional item entitled "Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

52/460. Solemn appeal made by the President of the General Assembly on 2 February 1998 in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 4 February 1998, the General Assembly took note of the solemn appeal made by the President of the General Assembly on 2 February 1998 in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce.<sup>21</sup>

52/477. United Nations reform: measures and proposals

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At its 84th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,<sup>22</sup> requested the Fifth Committee to consider at its resumed session in May 1998 the note by the Secretary-General on the utilization of the Development Account<sup>23</sup> and to consider as soon as possible the report of the Secretary-General on a Revolving Credit Fund<sup>24</sup> and the note by the Secretary-General on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures<sup>25</sup> and to make recommendations to the General Assembly on the proposals of the Secretary-General described in those documents.

B

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,<sup>22</sup> decided to defer consideration of the note by the Secretary-General on core resources for development,<sup>26</sup> with a view to the Second Committee's examining, and making recommendations to the Assembly at its fifty-

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<sup>20</sup> A/52/237.

<sup>21</sup> A/52/782.

<sup>22</sup> A/52/L.73/Rev.3 and A/52/PV.84.

<sup>23</sup> A/52/848.

<sup>24</sup> A/52/822.

<sup>25</sup> A/52/852.

<sup>26</sup> A/52/847.

third session on, the proposals described therein, taking into account the discussion in other relevant bodies.

C

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,<sup>22</sup> decided to defer to its fifty-third session consideration of the note by the Secretary-General on a new concept of trusteeship.<sup>27</sup>

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At its 84th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,<sup>22</sup> welcomed the proposal of the Secretary-General to designate the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly in the year 2000 as the Millennium Assembly and decided to continue its consideration of the note by the Secretary-General on a Millennium Assembly, the United Nations system (Special Commission) and a Millennium Forum<sup>28</sup> at its fifty-third session.

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At its 84th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,<sup>22</sup> welcomed the efforts of the Secretary-General in proposing time limits of new initiatives and decided to continue consideration of the note by the Secretary-General on that subject<sup>29</sup> during its fifty-second session.

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At its 90th plenary meeting, on 30 July 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President,<sup>30</sup> decided to continue consideration of the proposal of the Secretary-General contained in his note entitled "Time limits of new initiatives ('sunset' provisions)"<sup>31</sup> at its fifty-third session.

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<sup>27</sup> A/52/849.

<sup>28</sup> A/52/850.

<sup>29</sup> A/52/851.

<sup>30</sup> A/52/L.79.

<sup>31</sup> A/52/851 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

52/479. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 4 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President<sup>32</sup> recalling its resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994 and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly,<sup>33</sup> welcomed the views of the Presidents of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first sessions reproduced therein<sup>34</sup> and expressed its appreciation to them for imparting their experience to the members of the Assembly, commended the efforts made by the Main Committees in the streamlining of their agendas and methods of work<sup>35</sup> and, on the basis of the work already accomplished in that field and the suggestions made by the Presidents, decided to continue its consideration of the process of revitalization of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

52/480. Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 4 June 1998, the General Assembly took note of 3two letters dated 13 March 1998<sup>36</sup> and 27 May 1998<sup>37</sup> from the Chairman of the Second Committee to the President of the General Assembly.

52/490. Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 24 August 1998, the General Assembly, having considered the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council,<sup>38</sup> established pursuant to its resolution 48/26 of 3 December 1993:

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<sup>32</sup> A/52/L.76.

<sup>33</sup> A/52/856.

<sup>34</sup> A/52/856, sect. II.

<sup>35</sup> See A/52/856, sect. III.

<sup>36</sup> A/52/832.

<sup>37</sup> A/52/919.

<sup>38</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 47 (A/52/47), para. 24.

(a) Took note of the report of the Working Group on its work during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly;

(b) Decided that the Working Group should continue its work, taking into account the progress achieved during the forty-eighth, forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first and fifty-second sessions of the Assembly, as well as the views expressed during the fifty-third session, and submit a report to the Assembly before the end of its fifty-third session, including any agreed recommendations.

52/491. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly took note of the letter dated 21 August 1998 from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the President of the General Assembly.<sup>39</sup>

52/494. The situation in Burundi

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Burundi".

52/495. Question of Cyprus

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Question of Cyprus".

52/496. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Improving the financial situation of the United Nations".

52/497. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II".

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<sup>39</sup> A/52/1022.

52/498. Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda".

52/499. Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala".

52/500. Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly was informed that the Security Council had not been in a position to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-second session the nominations for judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda in accordance with article 12 of the Statute of the Tribunal, that the item entitled "Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994" had been included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session and decided to conclude its consideration of that item.

52/501. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly decided, as it had not been possible to duly consider the nine nominations for judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia transmitted by the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly

in a letter dated 27 August 1998,<sup>40</sup> to defer consideration of the item entitled "Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.

52/502. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the fifty-third session

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,<sup>41</sup> decided that the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-third session.

2. Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee

52/416. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee

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At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,<sup>43</sup> recalling its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 and bearing in mind the need to enhance the efficient functioning of the First Committee:

(a) Decided that, as from the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, the First Committee would:

- (i) Make every effort to conduct and conclude its substantive work with the most efficient use of time in not less than thirty meetings and in a time-frame not exceeding five weeks;
- (ii) Conduct its work by combining the existing phases of the programme of work: "Structured discussion of specific subjects on the adopted thematic approach on disarmament and international security agenda items" and "Consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all agenda items", provided that sufficient time was allowed for informal consultations and discussions on all draft resolutions;

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<sup>40</sup> A/52/1023.

<sup>41</sup> A/52/340/Add.2.

<sup>42</sup> Consequently, decision 52/416, in section B of the Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/52/49), vol. II, becomes decision 52/416 A.

<sup>43</sup> A/52/612/Add.1, para. 4.

(b) Decided that the Chairman of the First Committee would continue consultations with regard to the revitalization, rationalization and streamlining of the work and reform of the agenda of the Committee in all its aspects and report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

(c) Decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee".

#### 52/492. Report of the Disarmament Commission

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,<sup>44</sup> recalling its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 and bearing in mind the need to enhance the efficient functioning of the Disarmament Commission, decided that:

(a) The Disarmament Commission should continue to play a unique role within the mechanism on disarmament as the only body with universal membership for in-depth deliberations on relevant disarmament issues;

(b) As of the 2000 substantive session, the substantive agenda of the Disarmament Commission should normally comprise two agenda items per year from the whole range of disarmament issues, including one on nuclear disarmament; the possibility of a third agenda item would be retained if there was a consensus to adopt such an item; parallel meetings of its subsidiary bodies should be avoided;

(c) Annual substantive sessions of the Disarmament Commission should last for three weeks;

(d) Substantive agenda items should be considered in the Disarmament Commission for three years; other options for the duration of the consideration of an item, according to its specificity, could be adopted by consensus on an ad hoc basis;

(e) The regional groups should be urged to make possible the early election of the chairmen of the subsidiary bodies, preferably at the organizational session of the Commission in the autumn, so as to allow them to conduct inter-sessional consultations on the respective subjects; it is desirable that continuity of chairmanship of the subsidiary bodies be maintained throughout the consideration of a substantive item;

(f) Further optimization of the procedures of the Disarmament Commission, according to circumstances, could be a continuing consensus-based process, inter alia, in the context of the review of United Nations disarmament machinery.

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<sup>44</sup> A/52/602/Add.1, para. 4.

3. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee

52/478. Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 2 June 1998, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>45</sup>

4. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

52/461. Proposed United Nations Code of Conduct

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>46</sup> having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed United Nations Code of Conduct<sup>47</sup> and taking into account the views expressed by Member States:

(a) Invited the International Civil Service Commission to examine the proposed Code of Conduct, as a matter of priority, at its forthcoming session;

(b) Requested the Fifth Committee, in the light of the comments and observations of the International Civil Service Commission, to revert to the question of the proposed United Nations Code of Conduct at its resumed fifty-second session, with a view to taking a decision on it.

52/462. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:<sup>48</sup>

(a) Took note of the unspent balance of 9,326,600 United States dollars from the regular budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

(b) Decided to allocate:

(i) An amount of 2.5 million dollars to the Integrated Management Information System for 1998;

(ii) An amount of 1.3 million dollars for improving and refurbishing conference facilities;

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<sup>45</sup> A/52/626/Add.5/Rev.1.

<sup>46</sup> A/52/746/Add.1, para. 10.

<sup>47</sup> A/52/488.

<sup>48</sup> A/52/743/Add.1, para. 4.

(c) Also decided to retain the balance amount with a view to financing the activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, taking into account the recommendations of the Secretary-General in this regard.

52/463. Interim study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:<sup>49</sup>

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on an interim study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations;<sup>50</sup>

(b) Endorsed the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>51</sup>

(c) Decided to consider the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on this question at its fifty-third session.

52/464. Reduction and refocusing of non-programme costs

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>49</sup> decided to defer consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the reduction and refocusing of non-programme costs,<sup>52</sup> together with the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>53</sup> pending the submission of the detailed report of the Secretary-General on the sustainability of the development account, the modalities of its implementation, the specific purposes and associated performance criteria for the use of resources, as requested by the Assembly in paragraph 24 of its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, to the second part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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<sup>49</sup> A/52/744/Add.2, para. 16.

<sup>50</sup> A/52/699.

<sup>51</sup> A/52/7/Add.7.

<sup>52</sup> A/52/758.

<sup>53</sup> A/52/7/Add.10.

52/465. Office accommodation at the Palais Wilson

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:<sup>49</sup>

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on office accommodation at the Palais Wilson,<sup>54</sup> the comments and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>55</sup> and the oral statement made by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on 16 March 1998;<sup>56</sup>

(b) Approved the proposal of the Secretary-General to accept the offer of the Swiss authorities to place the office accommodation at the Palais Wilson in Geneva at the disposal of the United Nations;

(c) Noted that the cost estimate of the move to the Palais Wilson would amount to 5,805,000 United States dollars, of which the contribution from the Government of Switzerland would amount to 3,846,000 dollars and the balance of 1,959,000 dollars would be covered from existing resources available under section 27F of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 for the provision of accommodation at Geneva;

(d) Expressed appreciation to the Government of Switzerland for its offer to grant rent-free accommodation at the Palais Wilson to the year 2000;

(e) Requested the Swiss authorities to ensure the extension of the rent-free agreement beyond the year 2000, and invited the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to have the assurance of the Swiss authorities in that regard;

(f) Decided that a cost-benefit analysis on the use of the existing conference facilities available at the Palais des Nations in Geneva should be submitted to the General Assembly at the next part of its resumed fifty-second session;

(g) Also decided to consider the proposal to build two additional conference rooms at the Palais Wilson in the light of the above-mentioned report;

(h) Further decided to consider the issue of office accommodation at its fifty-fourth session in the light of the decision to be taken in respect of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

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<sup>54</sup> A/C.5/52/19 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

<sup>55</sup> A/52/7/Add.4.

<sup>56</sup> A/C.5/52/SR.52.

52/466. United Nations International Partnership Trust Fund

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>49</sup> took note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the United Nations International Partnership Trust Fund,<sup>57</sup> and requested the Secretary-General, taking into account the comments made in the Committee,<sup>58</sup> to report to the General Assembly, on a regular basis, on the activities of the Trust Fund and other related matters.

52/467. Joint Inspection Unit

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At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>59</sup> decided to defer consideration of agenda item 118, entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" to the second part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>60</sup> decided to defer consideration of agenda item 118, entitled "Joint Inspection Unit", to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>61</sup> decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session.

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<sup>57</sup> A/52/7/Add.9.

<sup>58</sup> See A/C.5/52/SR.56.

<sup>59</sup> A/52/842, para. 6.

<sup>60</sup> A/52/842/Add.1, para. 5.

<sup>61</sup> A/52/842/Add.2, para. 5.

52/468. Implementation of General Assembly resolution  
52/214 A, paragraphs 5 and 6

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee<sup>62</sup> and reiterating its resolution 52/214 A of 22 December 1997, decided that the United Nations official holidays shall be set at ten days, in order to observe the two holidays of Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha at United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations duty stations.

52/469. Upgrading of conference rooms and interpretation booths

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>62</sup> took note of the report of the Secretary-General on measures to ensure the necessary resources for the upgrading of conference rooms and interpretation booths.<sup>63</sup>

52/470. Documentation related to the United Nations Conference  
on the Standardization of Geographical Names

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>62</sup> decided, without prejudice to the relevant rules of procedure governing the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, that the documents related to the Conference that were issued by the Secretariat should be translated into the six official languages of the United Nations.

52/471. Implementation of General Assembly resolution  
52/214 B, paragraphs 24 and 25

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>62</sup> noted that documents were not being submitted as required under paragraphs 24 and 25 of its resolution 52/214 B of 22 December 1997, and emphasized that the provisions of those paragraphs should be fully implemented.

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<sup>62</sup> A/52/734/Add.1, para. 20.

<sup>63</sup> A/52/829.

52/472. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>64</sup> took note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.<sup>65</sup>

52/473. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions  
49/249 and 50/224

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>66</sup> took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 49/249 and 50/224.<sup>67</sup>

52/474. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities  
of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

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At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>68</sup> decided to defer consideration of agenda item 143, entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services", to the second part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>69</sup> decided to defer consideration of agenda item 143, entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services", to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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<sup>64</sup> A/52/845, para. 5.

<sup>65</sup> A/52/818.

<sup>66</sup> A/52/453/Add.2, para. 10.

<sup>67</sup> A/C.5/52/38.

<sup>68</sup> A/52/846, para. 5.

<sup>69</sup> A/52/846/Add.1, para. 5.

52/475. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the use of consultants

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>70</sup> decided to consider at its fifty-third session the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the use of consultants<sup>71</sup> in the context of its consideration of the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the engagement and the use of consultants, as requested by the Assembly in paragraph 4 of section VI of its resolution 51/226 of 3 April 1997, under the agenda item entitled "Human resources management".

52/476. Report submitted by the Secretary-General on behalf of and with the approval of the members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 31 March 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>70</sup> decided to defer to its fifty-third session consideration of the report submitted by the Secretary-General on behalf of and with the approval of the members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations.<sup>72</sup>

52/481. Guidelines for Internal Control Standards

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>73</sup> decided to defer consideration of the question of the Guidelines for Internal Control Standards pending a report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.

52/482. Strengthening of external oversight mechanisms

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>73</sup> decided to defer consideration of the question of the strengthening of external oversight mechanisms to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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<sup>70</sup> A/52/739/Add.1, para. 6.

<sup>71</sup> A/52/814, annex.

<sup>72</sup> A/C.5/52/2.

<sup>73</sup> A/52/746/Add.2, para. 10.

52/483. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>73</sup> decided to defer consideration of the following thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and related documents to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session:

(a) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the programme and administrative practices of the secretariat of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO<sup>74</sup> and the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon;<sup>75</sup>

(b) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into alleged conflict of interest in the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)<sup>76</sup> and the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit thereon;<sup>77</sup>

(c) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audits of the regional commissions;<sup>78</sup>

(d) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of programme management in the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division;<sup>79</sup>

(e) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements.<sup>80</sup>

52/484. Proposed United Nations Code of Conduct

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>81</sup> decided to defer consideration of the question of the proposed United Nations Code of Conduct to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

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<sup>74</sup> A/51/933, annex.

<sup>75</sup> A/52/575, annex.

<sup>76</sup> A/52/339, annex.

<sup>77</sup> A/52/339/Add.1, annex.

<sup>78</sup> A/52/776, annex.

<sup>79</sup> A/52/777, annex.

<sup>80</sup> A/52/821, annex.

<sup>81</sup> A/52/955, para. 6.

52/485. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee<sup>82</sup> and having considered the reports of the Secretary-General<sup>83</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:<sup>84</sup>

(a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Peace Forces<sup>85</sup> and requested the Board of Auditors to examine the report in the light of the views expressed by Member States thereon;<sup>86</sup>

(b) Took note of the concern of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions expressed in paragraph 6 of its report<sup>87</sup> regarding the use of gratis personnel as negotiators for the United Nations for wet-lease arrangements;

(c) Decided that in future detailed information on and justification of written-off and lost items should be provided in reports on the final disposition of assets of all peacekeeping operations;

(d) Decided also to defer consideration of the treatment of the unencumbered balance arising in respect of the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 pending the submission of the final performance report for the United Nations Peace Forces.

52/486. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>88</sup> and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti<sup>89</sup> and

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<sup>82</sup> A/52/935, para. 6.

<sup>83</sup> A/52/792 and A/52/815.

<sup>84</sup> A/52/868.

<sup>85</sup> A/52/792.

<sup>86</sup> See A/C.5/52/SR.63.

<sup>87</sup> A/52/868.

<sup>88</sup> A/52/939, para. 6.

<sup>89</sup> A/52/833.

the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>90</sup> decided to defer consideration of the treatment of the unencumbered balance arising in respect of the period from 1 to 31 July 1996 pending the submission of the final performance report for the Mission.

52/487. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>91</sup> decided to defer consideration of agenda item 137 entitled "Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994" to the third part of its resumed fifty-second session.

52/488. Budgetary requirements for peacekeeping operations

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>92</sup> took note of the notes by the Secretary-General containing updated information on the proposed budgetary requirements of each peacekeeping operation for the periods from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998<sup>93</sup> and from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999.<sup>94</sup>

52/489. Death and disability benefits

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 26 June 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>92</sup> took note of the second and third

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<sup>90</sup> A/52/905.

<sup>91</sup> A/52/726/Add.1, para. 5.

<sup>92</sup> A/52/453/Add.3, para. 11.

<sup>93</sup> A/C.5/52/44 and Corr.1.

<sup>94</sup> A/C.5/52/52.

quarterly reports of the Secretary-General on progress made in clearing the backlog of claims for death and disability benefits.<sup>95</sup>

52/493. Improving the methods of work of the Fifth Committee

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,<sup>96</sup> decided to resume consideration of the question of improving the methods of work of the Fifth Committee at its fifty-third session.

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<sup>95</sup> See A/C.5/52/37 and 50.

<sup>96</sup> A/52/746/Add.4, para. 5.