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Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative
and Budgetary Questions: Mr. MSELLE

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The meeting was called to order at 10.45 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 100: PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1982-1983
(continued) (A/36 (vol. I and III), A/36/7, A/36/38)

First reading (continued)

1. The Chairman said that, following informal consultations, it had been decided to consider at the current meeting the sections of the programme budget with regard to which the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination had not made any recommendations.

Section 8. Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters

2. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters), introducing the Advisory Committee's report on section 8, pointed out that the Advisory Committee was recommending an increase of \$38,500. That increase resulted from the Advisory Committee's recommendation in paragraph 4.6 of its report that travel of staff to service ACC meetings should be budgeted for under section 8 and not under section 4, as proposed by the Secretary-General. However, the Advisory Committee was not recommending approval of the entire estimate at \$76,000 for travel of staff sent to sessions of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination but recommended that the estimate of travel under section 8 should be increased by \$60,000.

3. In paragraph 8.4 of its report, the Advisory Committee set out its position regarding the reclassification of P-4 post to the P-5 level in the Meetings Servicing Branch. The Advisory Committee noted that the arguments were similar to those which had been advanced in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981. The Advisory Committee was not convinced that the same arguments would justify the reclassification of a P-4 post to the P-5 level, and had therefore been unable to recommend approval of the request. Nevertheless, as stated in paragraph 8.5, the Advisory Committee had no objection to the proposed reclassification of one P-3 post to the P-2 level for an additional editor in the Editorial Control Section. Lastly, for the reason given in chapter I, paragraph 17, the Advisory Committee recommended that the estimate for communications be reduced by \$1,700 in section 8.

4. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take a decision on the Advisory Committee's recommendation on section 8.

5. The recommendation of the Advisory Committee for an appropriation in the amount of \$3,184,400 under section 8 for the biennium 1982-1983 was approved in first reading.

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Section 20. International Drug Control

6. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that he had no comments to make on section 20.

7. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take a decision on the Advisory Committee's recommendation on section 20.

8. The recommendation of the Advisory Committee for an appropriation in the amount of \$6,822,000 under section 20 for the biennium 1982-1983 was approved in first reading.

9. Mr. PAPENDORP (United States of America) said that his country considered the activities of the United Nations in the field of international drug control to be extremely important. His delegation regretted, however, that the estimates for section 20 had been presented without giving any indication of priorities, and hoped that in the future the Secretariat would take into account the desire expressed by the General Assembly that priorities should be clearly established.

Section 22. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

10. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), introducing the report of the Advisory Committee on section 22, said that, although the Advisory Committee was recommending approval of the Secretary-General's estimate in its entirety, it had made observations in paragraphs 22.3 to 22.5 of its report concerning the question of the reclassification of posts. He wished to draw the Fifth Committee's attention to those paragraphs.

11. Mr. PALAMARCHUK (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) reaffirmed his delegation's position, which had been set forth during the general debate, with regard to increased expenditure resulting from inflation. However, the main issue to which his delegation wished to draw the attention of the Committee was the transfer to the regular budget of posts previously financed from extrabudgetary resources. It could be objected, of course, that the Secretary-General had not made any proposal to that effect in the proposed programme budget before the Committee. However, such transfers had occurred during the current biennium, and he recalled that his Government had taken a firm decision not to contribute to the financing of sections of the budget under which such transfers had occurred. His delegation could not therefore agree with the Advisory Committee's recommendation on section 22 and requested that it should be put to a vote.

12. Mr. TAKASU (Japan) said that his Government consistently supported the efforts of the UNDRO and made substantial contributions to the Trust Fund. The co-ordination of the activities of UNDRO had already been the subject of

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numerous discussions and should be considered in a forum other than the Fifth Committee.

13. It was his delegation's understanding that the Secretary-General had studied the problem of the management of UNDR0's activities and that the Administrative Management Service had been asked to carry out a study of the matter. His delegation wished therefore to inquire as to the status of the study.

14. With regard to the possibility of amending the programme budget proposals in the light of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the UNDR0 programme, which was to be considered by the relevant intergovernmental bodies (see para. 22.9 of the proposed programme budget), his delegation considered that it would be better to improve the co-ordination of UNDR0 activities through a more prudent use of existing staff resources rather than by establishing new posts.

15. As could be seen from table 22.1 in the proposed programme budget, extra-budgetary resources, which accounted for a substantial share of the UNDR0 budget, were expected to increase by some 10 per cent over the level for the current biennium. It was difficult to estimate with any accuracy the amount of extrabudgetary resources that would become available, and forecasts should be extremely realistic. In any event, his delegation was opposed to the inclusion in the regular budget of items of expenditure previously financed from extrabudgetary sources, even if voluntary contributions were to fall short of expectations.

16. Lastly, his delegation would welcome clarifications from the representative of the Secretary-General concerning the reclassification of the post referred to in paragraph 22.3 of the Advisory Committee's report and on the redeployment of posts referred to in paragraph 22.5.

17. Mr. BUNC (Yugoslavia) said that his Government fully supported the activities of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator but was opposed to the transfer to the regular budget of posts previously financed from extrabudgetary sources.

18. Mr. MOHAMMED (Nigeria) asked how the estimate for consultants had been arrived at.

19. Mr. BEGIN (Director, Budget Division) said that the Budget Division endeavoured to provide as realistic as possible estimates of expected extrabudgetary resources, but that the figures given in the proposed programme budget were sometimes rather rough estimates, for two reasons. When the figures had been drawn up, the Division had not been in a position to know

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with any certainty what commitments and payments might be made during the two years ahead, which was not the case with the regular budget. In addition, the figures included in the proposed programme budget had been arrived at in the spring of 1981, and it was quite possible that in some cases they were already out of date. He hoped that the Deputy Co-ordinator might be able to provide additional details on the matter.

20. Replying to the question asked by the representative of Japan, he said that the Administrative Management Service had made a study of UNDR0 and that its report, which had not yet been finalized, was expected to be issued shortly.

21. Mr. TAKASU (Japan) asked whether the Fifth Committee would have an opportunity to consider the AMS report during the current session or whether it would only consider the relevant section of the proposed budget.

22. Mr. PAPENDORP (United States of America) said that it was improper to include in the regular budget posts previously financed with extrabudgetary resources. Moreover, pending a decision on the reorganization of UNDR0, his delegation was unable at the current stage to take a position on section 22 and would, for that reason, abstain in the vote.

23. Mr. BEGIN (Director, Budget Division) replying to the representative of Japan, said that the Committee would consider at a later stage, under agenda item 104 entitled "Joint Inspection Unit: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit," a study on the Office of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the observations of the Secretary-General on that report (A/36/73 and A/36/73Add.1). The reports of the Administrative Management Service were internal Secretariat documents and the Advisory Committee was the only body outside of the Secretariat proper entitled to receive copies.

24. Mr. BUNC (Yugoslavia) asked whether a decision on section 22 might not be deferred in order to allow delegations more time to study the documents.

25. The CHAIRMAN said that there were many other sections to be considered and that it was preferable for the Committee to take a decision on section 22 as soon as possible and to take the section up again at a later stage.

26. Mr. BUNC (Yugoslavia) said that his delegation would vote in favour of the Advisory Committee's recommendation but that it was opposed to the inclusion in the regular budget of posts financed from extrabudgetary sources to the detriment of programme activities, as had been occurring year after year.

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27. Mr. YOUNIS (Iraq) said this country, which made substantial voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund, attached special importance to the activities of the United Nations in the field of disaster relief. His delegation would therefore vote in favour of the appropriation requested under section 22.

28. Mr. TAKASU (Japan) said that his delegation would vote in favour of the Advisory Committee's recommendation since it had received replies to its question that, were on the whole, satisfactory and an assurance from the Deputy Co-ordinator that, should the expected level of extrabudgetary resources not be reached, the shortfall would not be included in the regular budget.

29. Mr. PEDERSEN (Canada) said that his delegation would vote in favour of the appropriation requested, subject to any adjustments which might be made as a result of the reorganization of UNDR0.

30. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take a decision on the Advisory Committee's recommendation on section 22.

31. The recommendation of the Advisory Committee for an appropriation in the amount of \$5,251,300 under section 22 for the biennium 1982-1983 was approved in first reading by 82 votes to 9 with two abstentions.

32. Mr. EINHAUS (Deputy Co-ordinator, Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator), replying to the representative of Japan, who had asked how the amount of \$1,609,300 for extrabudgetary resources had been arrived at, said that the figure included the financing of 13 posts for which the Trust Fund had already received contributions. It also included an extrapolated figure for the travel and communications expense not covered by the regular budget for the preceding biennium. Of course, if contributions to the Trust Fund fell short of that amount, the Office of the Co-ordinator would reduce expenditure currently financed from the Trust Fund. The Office of the Co-ordinator had not granted long-term contracts for the 13 posts in question.

33. Replying to the representative of Nigeria, he indicated the estimate of \$65,000 for consultancy services would complement the modest amount earmarked for that purpose under the regular budget and should be used for studies to be undertaken by the Office of the Co-ordinator in pursuance of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, which had been held recently in Paris, in the context of a disaster relief strategy. The General Assembly had instructed the Office of the Co-ordinator to prepare a proposal to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly for their consideration.

34. Mr. LAHLOU (Morocco) said that, in voting for the Advisory Committee's

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recommendation, his delegation had prescinded from budgetary orthodoxy to focus solely on the Organization's responsibility in the field of disaster relief.

35. Mr. HAND (United Kingdom), speaking on behalf of the 10 Member States of the European Community, said that the delegations of the 10 had voted in favour of the Advisory Committee's recommendation, on the understanding that the estimates might be adjusted as a result of the review of UNDR0 activities which was being carried out during the current session.

36. Mr. MONTHE (United Republic of Cameroon) said that his delegation had voted in favour of the Advisory Committee's recommendation and appealed to programme managers in the field of disaster relief to reduce administrative costs to the fullest extent possible, especially personnel costs, in order to give priority to programmes.

37. Mr. KABONGO TUNSALA (Zaire) endorsed the comments made by delegations which had voted against the Advisory Committee's recommendation and said he shared their concerns. His delegation had, however, voted in favour of the appropriation requested in view of the urgent nature of the request.

38. Mr. HICKEY (Australia) said that his delegation had voted in favour of the appropriation but shared the reservations expressed by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States.

39. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) pointed out that the Secretary-General's estimate under section 22 did not involve the transfer to the regular budget of posts financed from extrabudgetary resources. If such a proposal had been made, it would have been studied in detail and drawn to the attention of the Fifth Committee. But the estimates for 1982-1983 contained no proposal of that kind.

40. Mr. PALAMARCHUK (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that, even though the Secretary-General had not proposed to transfer to the regular budget posts financed from extrabudgetary resources, section 22 included amounts relating to posts that had previously been transferred, in particular at the thirty-fourth session. His delegation had therefore voted against the appropriation under section 22.

Section 25. International Court of Justice

41. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), introducing the report of the Advisory Committee, said

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that the requirements for the International Court of Justice were estimated at \$9,755,200. The Committee was recommending a reduction of \$36,300.

42. The Committee had considered the proposal to reclassify from P-5 to D-1 the post of the senior First Secretary, who was responsible for planning the work of the Registry, organizing meetings and supervising linguistic services. Since there was already a D-1 post, the Committee considered that the senior functions could be regrouped so as to require only one official at the D-1 level. It therefore did not accept the proposed reclassification and recommended a reduction of \$9,400 in the estimate. As to the General Service post - that of the secretary of the Deputy Registrar - whose reclassification from G-4 to G-5 was requested, the Committee considered that it was properly graded and accordingly recommended that the estimate be reduced by \$26,900.

43. Regarding the four new General Service posts proposed, whose functions were currently performed by staff charged to general temporary assistance, the Committee was not convinced of the need to convert the four posts into established posts, in view of the variations in the Court's workload. It therefore recommended approval of the conversion of only two General Service posts and an increase in temporary assistance funds by an amount equivalent to the other two posts. The increased amount for general temporary assistance would thus be offset completely by the reduced estimate for established posts. In conclusion, he said that the Advisory Committee was recommending an appropriation of \$9,718,900.

44. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take a decision on the Advisory Committee's recommendation on section 25.

45. The recommendation of the Advisory Committee for an appropriation in the amount of \$9,718,900 under section 25 for the biennium 1982-1983 was approved in first reading.

Section 30 - United Nations bond issue

46. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), presenting the Advisory Committee's report, said that the Secretary-General had submitted an estimate of \$17,220,300 for payment of interest on outstanding bonds and repayment of principal. The Advisory Committee recommended that the estimate be transmitted to the General Assembly for consideration and decision.

47. Mr. PALAMARCHUK (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had expressed its dissatisfaction during the general debate at the fact that the programme budget continued to provide for expenditure that was at variance with the Charter. The planned expenditure in respect of the United

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Nations bond issue was the result of illegal activities carried out in the past. At that time, his country has opposed those activities and it therefore refused to accept any financial obligations arising therefrom, full responsibility for which should be borne by the countries which had foisted them on the organization. He requested that the appropriation should be put to a vote.

49. Mr. MAJOLI (Italy) said that the bonds had been issued in order to alleviate the Organization's cash flow problems. Some 20 States, including Italy, had taken the bonds on terms that were very favourable to the Organization since the bonds bore an annual rate of interest of two per cent and were to be paid up over a period of 25 years. Those States, which had acted to preserve the Organization's financial stability, were entitled to be repaid and to the interest which had accrued.

49. At a time when the Organization was once again experiencing cash flow problems, the matter assumed special significance. Creating uncertainty with regard to the repayment of the bonds issued by the United Nations would have an unfavourable effect on world public opinion and would deprive the Organization of the possibility of resorting to a bond issue once again, as many countries and international organizations did, to meet cash flow requirements. In order to preserve the credit standing of the United Nations, the appropriation requested should be approved.

50. Mr. GUBSCI (Hungary) and Mr. RICHTER (German Democratic Republic) said that the expenditure relating to the United Nations bond issue was at variance with the Charter and that they would vote against the appropriation.

51. Mr. NICULESCU (Romania) said that there was no legal basis for the expenditure planned under section 30. Like many other countries, Romania could not accept that such expenditure should be borne by Member States. His delegation would therefore vote against the appropriation.

52. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to take a decision on the appropriation requested under section 30.

53. An appropriation in the amount of \$17,220,300 under section 30 for the biennium 1982-1983 was approved in first reading by 73 votes to 14 with one abstention.

54. Mr. TOUGOU (Mongolia) said that his delegation had brought it against the appropriation because the expenditure in question was illegal and in contravention of the Charter.

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55. Ms. CONWAY (Ireland) said that her delegation had voted in favour of the appropriation because of her country's traditional support for United Nations peace-keeping operations.

Section 28. Administration, finance and management

56. Mr. MSELLE (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) recommended a reduction of \$2,934,600 in the Secretary-General's estimate of \$283,892,900.

57. With respect to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Administration, Finance and Management (section 28A), for the reason given in chapter I, paragraph 17, of its report (A/36/7), the Advisory Committee was recommending a small reduction of \$2,000 in the estimate for communications (para. 28.7).

58. The Secretary-General estimated the requirements of the Office of Financial Services (section 28B) at \$13,528,400, and the Advisory Committee was recommending a reduction of \$33,100. The Committee was not convinced that the reclassification from G-4 to G-5 of two posts for senior accounting clerks in the Accounts Division was fully justified (para. 28.13). Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the proposed reclassifications should not be approved and that the estimate should be reduced by \$30,600. Moreover, it was recommending a reduction of \$2,500 in the estimate for communications.

59. The Advisory Committee recommended that the Secretary-General's estimate of \$14,287,200 for the Office of Personnel Services (section 28C) should be reduced by \$41,300. For the reason given in chapter I, paragraph 17, of its report, the Committee believed that the estimate for communications in the Office of the Assistant Secretary-General could be pruned by \$6,000 (para.28.24). It considered that prudent management of the resources available to the Division of Recruitment should make it possible to achieve economies in the amount of \$20,000 and thus reduce the Secretary-General's estimate for the Division to \$228,000 (para. 28.29). The Secretary-General was requesting the reclassification to G-5 of three General Service posts in the Division of Personnel Administration. According to information provided to the Advisory Committee, one of the G-5 posts in the Division had been lent to the Office of the Assistant Secretary-General for a personal assistant to the Assistant Secretary-General. As the Committee was recommending approval of the Secretary-General's request for anew General Service post at the principal level (G-5) for a personal assistant to the Assistant Secretary-General (para 28.22), it recommended approval of only two of the three reclassifications proposed and the return to the Division of Personnel Administration of the G-5 post currently on loan to the Office of the Assistant Secretary-General. He drew the Fifth Committee's attention to paragraph 28.23 of the Advisory Committee's

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report, in which the latter approved the Secretary-General's request for the continuation of a temporary G-5 post for an administrative assistant in the Office of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations International School; it recommended, however, that the need for the regular budget to continue to provide such support to UNIS should be reviewed by the Secretary-General in the context of his programme budget proposals for 1984-1985. Finally, the Committee recommended that only the P-5 post of Chief, Classification Section, should be converted into an established post in the Division for Policy Co-ordination and that the other two Professional posts should remain temporary posts (para. 28.25).

60. The Advisory Committee was recommending a total reduction of \$1,331,400 in the estimate for the Office of General Services, Headquarters (section 28D). Regarding the proposed reclassification from P-5 to D-1 of the post of the Chief of the Security and Safety Service, he said that the previous incumbent had occupied a "borrowed" D-1 post, which, when that staff member retired, had been transferred and was no longer available. While the Committee had no objection to the provision of a D-1 post for the Chief of Security, it recommended that the Secretary-General should endeavour to achieve that result by means other than reclassification, perhaps through redeployment (para. 28.40). The Advisory Committee noted that it had previously rejected the request for the reclassification from P-4 to P-5 of the Chief Field Service Officer in the Field Operations Division when considering the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981. As no new element had been presented in support of that request, the Committee again recommended that the reclassification should be denied, with a consequential reduction of the estimate by \$19,800 (para. 28.49). It recommended a further reduction of \$2,900 in the estimate for the Division, because it had been informed that administrative and logistical support to the United Nations information centres was being entrusted to the Department of Public Information (para. 28.50). Since the representatives of the Secretary-General had informed the Committee that the requirement for utilities had been overstated, the Committee recommended approval of the services of only on first-class electrician, instead of the two requested (para. 28.53). The Committee also recommended that the estimate for communication as a whole should be reduced by \$163,400 since requirements had been overstated (para. 28.55). It would be noted that the request for \$1,032,900 for renting the New York-Geneva circuit included resource growth of \$392,300 at 1982-1983 rates owing to the proposal to rent an additional voice/data line between New York and Geneva. The Advisory Committee was convinced that the proposal should be justified by a more detailed analysis and recommended that the Secretary-General should undertake a further study of the proposal and resubmit it in the context of the proposed programme budget for 1984-1985. In the meantime, the Committee recommended that the estimate of \$392,300 for the proposed second line should be deleted (para. 28.57).

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61. In paragraphs 28.60, 28.62 and 28.63 of its report, the Advisory Committee recommended that various estimates should be pruned, including a reduction of \$289,800 in the amount for the acquisition of furniture and equipment.

62. The Advisory Committee had been unable to approve the requested reclassification of a P-5 post to D-1 in the Administrative Management Service (section 28E). The Service's staffing table would comprise eleven posts at the Professional level and above: the post of the Director and three D-1, 3 P-4 and 1 P-3 posts. Since the staff resources of the Service were utilized in a flexible manner, the Committee saw no need for an additional D-1 post and accordingly recommended against approval of the proposed reclassification (para. 28.67).

63. The Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Secretary-General's estimate of \$3,891,000 for the Internal Audit Division (section 28F). He drew attention to the Committee's request to the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, in the context of the proposed programme budget for 1984-1985, on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning the improvement of internal audit services (para. 28.72).

64. Regarding the Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Division (section 28G), the Advisory Committee's only objection concerned the reclassification of a P-4 post to the P-5 level for a senior systems analyst, the reasons for which were given in paragraph 28.79 of its report.

65. In line with its recommendation in paragraph 28.25, the Advisory Committee recommended that the temporary P-4 post of classification officer in the Division of Administration, Geneva (section 28H) should be continued as a temporary post (para. 28.90).

66. The Advisory Committee recommended a total reduction of \$284,100 in the estimate for the General Services Division, Geneva (section 28I). It recommended approval of the request for an additional post for a radio technician and, since that would generate substantial savings in overtime, a consequential reduction of \$30,000 in the estimate for overtime had been recommended by the Advisory Committee (para. 28.95). It did not support the proposals to reclassify the posts of the Chief of the Building, Parks and Gardens Unit and the Chief of the Transport, Travel, and Housing Unit. Those proposals had originally been made in the proposed programme budget for 1980-1981; they had not received the support of the Advisory Committee at that time and the Committee had not been given any new information which would enable it to change its view. Accordingly, it was again recommending against approval of the proposed reclassifications which would mean a savings of \$41,800. It was also

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recommending a reduction of \$12,300 in the estimate for rental and maintenance of equipment and \$200,000 in the requirements under Common Services (28.105).

67. With respect to section 28J, Staff training activities (Headquarters, Geneva and the regional commissions), he said that the Advisory Committee approved the Secretary-General's estimate, with the exception of the provision for travel of staff in connexion with competitive examinations, in which it recommended a reduction of \$29,900. Staff language training had also been reported on separately by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/36/2) and the Advisory Committee (A/36/7/Add.2) and those reports would be considered later.

68. The Advisory Committee supported the estimate for miscellaneous expenses (section 28K).

69. In connexion with section 28L, Jointly financed administrative activities, he said that the requirements of the International Civil Service Commission would be submitted subsequently (para 28.121). The Advisory Committee did not support the requests for the reclassification of one P-4 post to P-5 and one P-2 post to P-3 in the secretariat of the Joint Inspection Unit (para. 28.124). It recommended approval of the amount of \$350,600 requested by the Secretary-General for the secretariat of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (para. 28.125).

70. Regarding Administrative Services, Vienna (section 28M), he said that the Advisory Committee had submitted a separate report on the Vienna International Centre (A/36/7/Add.1), which would be considered later. On page 169 of its report, the Committee showed the distribution of costs in respect of services provided by the United Nations and UNIDO at the Vienna International Centre. Common services costs amounted to \$28,800,600 and costs for the Buildings Management Service, Security and Safety Service and language training were \$9,055,900, making a grand total of \$37,856,500. Of that amount, the United Nations share was \$22,779,900, and the balance would be reimbursed by IAEA (\$12,336,400), UNRWA (\$2,416,600) and other organizations (\$323,600); that balance was shown in income section 2.

71. The Advisory Committee recommended acceptance of the estimates for the United Nations Office at Vienna and the Security and Safety Service. However, it did not support the request for conversion to an established basis of two General Service posts and fourteen Manual Worker posts in the Buildings Management Service and recommended that they should continued to be charged to temporary assistance. That recommendation did not affect the estimate as a whole (para. 28.133). The Committee was convinced that it would be possible

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to achieve economies during peak workload periods and was accordingly recommending that the estimate for general temporary assistance for the Buildings Management Services be reduced by \$86,600. With respect to Other general services, the Committee recommended approval of only three of the four posts requested and a consequential reduction of the estimate under that heading by \$37,700 (para. 28.135)

72. Estimates for Common Services were discussed in paragraphs 28.136 to 28.138 in the report. The Committee had decided that economies could be achieved and was recommending a reduction of \$1 million from the Secretary-General's estimates for Common Services. As a consequence of this reduction, the estimate of income under income section 2 (General income) would have to be reduced by \$701,300.

The meeting rose at 1.00 p.m.