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PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

United States of America: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the Report of the Expert Committee on United Nations Public Information (A/3928) dated 20 September 1958, and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/3945) dated 16 October 1958,

Noting further the statements made by the Secretary-General at the 682nd and 689th meetings of the Fifth Committee, concerning the public information activities of the United Nations, in particular his statements that it is his "intention to act upon the many excellent recommendations" included in paragraph 227 of the report of the Expert Committee in the light of the basic principles as interpreted in his statement made at the 682nd meeting,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 13 (I) dated 13 February 1946, as modified by General Assembly resolution 595 (VI) dated 4 February 1952, setting forth the basic policy of the United Nations Public Information programme and the principles for the implementation thereof,

Considering that, pursuant to the above-mentioned resolutions, the Secretary-General should, within budgetary limitations imposed by the General Assembly, make available objective and factual information concerning the United Nations and its activities to all the peoples of the world through any appropriate media,

Believing, particularly in view of past recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee of the Assembly for the imposition of a limitation upon expenditures for public information activities, that the Secretary-General should, consistent with the basic information policy and principles, give priority to the use of all media of information which ensure a maximum of effectiveness at the lowest possible cost,

Considering that the Secretary-General should place greater emphasis than heretofore upon enlisting the co-operation of member Governments, privately owned mass media of information, private institutions, non-governmental organizations, and educators in the programme of informing the peoples of the world of the United Nations and its activities,

Considering that greater emphasis should be placed upon the operations and the effectiveness of Information Centres without impairing the effectiveness of important information activities at United Nations Headquarters and the over-all central direction of the United Nations information programme,

Decides:

1. To request the Secretary-General to give careful consideration, in conformity with the basic policy and principles of the United Nations public information, to the implementation during 1959 of specific recommendations in the Report of the Expert Committee on Public Information, giving particular attention to the considerations and views mentioned in the preambular paragraphs above;

2. To request the Secretary-General to consult with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the financial implications of such action as he proposes to take in implementing the recommendations mentioned in operative paragraph 1;

3. To request the Secretary-General to report to the Fourteenth Session of the General Assembly concerning the progress he has made in implementing the recommendations mentioned in operative paragraph 1, and concerning savings achieved by such implementations.

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APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF  
SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS

Note by the Secretariat

The following persons have been proposed for appointment to the Committee on Contributions, in whose membership three vacancies for a three-year term will occur on 1 January 1959, as a result of the expirations of the terms of Mr. Robert E. Merriam (United States of America), Mr. Jiri Nosek (Czechoslovakia) and Mr. Agha Shahi (Pakistan) (A/3841).

Mr. Raymond T. Bowman (United States of America)

Born 1902. Bachelor of Science 1925, Doctor of Philosophy 1933, University of Pennsylvania. Instructor in Economics; 1925-27, Washington and Jefferson College; 1927-28, Carnegie Institute of Technology; 1928-34, University of Pennsylvania; Assistant Professor of Economics, 1934-45, University of Pennsylvania; Associate Professor and Professor of Economics, 1945-57, University of Pennsylvania; Chairman, Department of Economics, 1948-55, University of Pennsylvania. Economic Analyst, Work Projects Administration, National Research Project, 1937-38; Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1938-39; Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance, 1939-42; Chief of Staff, Division of Stock Piling and Transportation, War Production Board, 1942-44; Chief, Division of Progress Reporting, Office of Contract Settlement, 1944-45; Assistant Administrator, Surplus Property Administration, 1945-56; Assistant Director for Statistical Standards, Bureau of the Budget, 1955. United States Representative on

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United Nations Statistical Commission, 1955 --; United States Delegate to Third Inter-American Statistical Conference, 1955; United States Delegate to twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions of the International Statistical Institute 1955 and 1957; United States Delegate and Chairman of the fourth and fifth sessions of the Committee on Improvement of National Statistics of the Inter-American Statistical Institute, 1956-57. Has published numerous books and articles on statistical and economic questions; Assistant Director for Statistical Standards, Bureau of the Budget.

Mr. F. Nouredin Kia (Iran)

Born 1918. Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1938; Member of Economic Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Vice-Consul in Palestine and Jordan, (Jerusalem) 1942-47; Assistant in the United Nations Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1947-1949; Adviser and Counsellor of Permanent Delegation of Iran to the United Nations, 1949-1953; Member of Iranian Delegation to the Economic and Social Council, 1950-1953; Delegate of Iran to the General Assembly, 1949-1953; Iranian Representative on the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly; Member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee since 1953; Head of Fourth Political Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1954-1956; Iranian Consul General in Istanbul since 1956.

Mr. Jerzy Michalowski (Poland)

Born 1909. Studied law at the University of Warsaw; Active in the Polish Cooperative movement and member of the Institute of Social Sciences in Warsaw. Prisoner-of-War, 1939-1945. Counsellor to the Polish Embassy in London, 1945; Ambassador in London, 1946-1953; Departmental Head in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1953; Under-Secretary of State in the Ministry of Education, 1954-1955; Delegate of Poland to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Viet-Nam since 1955. Alternate delegate to the first part of the first session of the General Assembly in London and second part of the first session in New York, 1946; Alternate delegate on the Security Council and alternate representative on the United Nations Commission on Atomic Energy; Delegate to the 1950, 1951 and 1952 sessions of the General Assembly. Head of the Polish delegation to the 1954 Conference of UNESCO in Montevideo. At present, Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Polish People's Republic to the United Nations.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:  
draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous considerations of the work and effectiveness of the information activities of the United Nations culminating in its resolution 1177 (XII) of 26 November 1957,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Expert Committee on United Nations Public Information (A/3928), and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/3945),

Considering that the United Nations should, within its budgetary limitations, provide objective and factual information concerning the United Nations and its activities,

Believing that the Office of Public Information should concentrate on those media of information which ensure a maximum of effectiveness at the lowest possible cost,

Being of the opinion that, in the United Nations information programme greater emphasis should be placed upon the operations and effectiveness of Information Centres in relation to the Office of Public Information at United Nations Headquarters,

Being further of the opinion that the Office of Public Information should place greater and increasing emphasis on co-operation with governments, privately owned mass media of information, private institutions, non-governmental organizations, and educators, in its programme of informing the peoples of the world of the aims and activities of United Nations,

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1. Endorses, in the light of the considerations set out in the preambular paragraphs above, the general recommendations in paragraph 227 of the Expert Committee's Report as guidance to the Office of Public Information in planning and organizing its work in accordance with the policy directives laid down from time to time by the General Assembly;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to reconsider, in the light of paragraphs 228 to 245 of the Report, the organization of the Office of Public Information at Headquarters and in the field, the planning of information programmes, and the co-ordination between Headquarters, the Information Centres, and the Specialized Agencies;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and having regard to the Recommendation endorsed by the General Assembly in 1956 that over-all expenditure might be limited within a period of three years to a maximum annual figure of \$4.5 million, to implement in 1959 those recommendations in the Report which will best ensure that media activities are employed with maximum effectiveness at the lowest possible cost;

4. Invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its Fourteenth Session a report on the progress made in implementing this resolution.

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France: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling

(1) Its resolutions 13 (I), of 13 February 1946, and 595 (VI), of 4 February 1952, setting forth the basic policy of the United Nations public information programme;

(2) The principles enunciated in General Assembly resolution 1086 (XI), of 21 December 1956, and the recognized need to extend the activities of the Information Centres;

(3) The recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as contained in its report to the eleventh session of the General Assembly and approved by the Fifth Committee, to the effect that the over-all expenditure for information activities should be reduced in three years to \$4,500,000;

Expressing its appreciation to the Expert Committee on United Nations Public Information for the conscientious manner in which it accomplished its task;

Taking note of the Secretary-General's comments and observations on the need to provide effective, objective and complete information;

Believing, therefore, that the Office of Public Information should provide strictly objective and factual information and particulars concerning the United Nations and its activities, while not overlooking the opportunities offered by Governments and private or public institutions for the dissemination of information and documentation,

1. Endorses, in the light of the considerations set out in the preambular paragraphs above, the general recommendations in paragraph 227, and particularly in sub-paragraphs (c) and (e), of the Expert Committee's Report;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and taking into account the comments and suggestions made in the Fifth Committee debates, to give effect in 1959 to those recommendations in the Expert Committee's Report and to all other means designed to keep expenditure on information within reasonable bounds;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session a report on the measures taken to implement this resolution and on the results of those measures.

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SCHEDULE OF WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE AT THE THIRTEENTH SESSION

Note by the Chairman

1. The following lists the items still before the Fifth Committee for this session.
2. The listing is not intended to suggest the order in which items will be brought forward for discussion. The actual scheduling will depend upon availability of documentation and the development of the consideration of certain of the items. The Chairman suggest, however, that it will be necessary for the Committee to make full use of all the meetings which can be placed at its disposal and that **it** may thus be necessary at times to bring forward new items even though the Committee may not have completed its action on an item before it.

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Public information activities of the United Nations (55).

Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1958 (43).

- Second report of the Secretary-General (A/3922/Add.1).
- Cost estimates for the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon and for expenditures arising from the resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 21 August 1958 (Resolution ES-III).

Budget estimates for the financial year 1959 (44).

- Organization of the Secretariat: the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Technical Assistance Administration.
- Estimates for the Economic Commission for Africa.

- Major maintenance and capital improvement programmes at Headquarters.
- Programme of Conferences - 1959.
- Second reading of the estimates.

Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (45).

- Committee on Contributions.
- United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds (46).

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (48).

Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies (50).

Personnel questions: pensionable remuneration of the staff (53).

United Nations International School and Delegation office facilities (54).

United Nations Emergency Force: Cost estimates for the maintenance of the Force (65).

Report of the Economic and Social Council (Chapter X) (12).

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In addition to the above, the Committee will also have to act on the financial implications of decisions taken by other main Committees which have or will be referred to the Fifth Committee for a report under rule 15<sup>4</sup> of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

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