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REPORT OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR EXTRA-BUDGETARY FUNDS

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 695th meeting, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds (A/3944 and Add.1) which was introduced by its Chairman, Mr. Derek Arnould (Canada).
2. In the discussion of the report, attention was drawn to the continuing shortfall of contributions to the two refugee programmes - the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and the programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The hope was expressed that the continuation of the procedure of holding ad hoc committees of the General Assembly where pledges of contributions to those two programmes were announced, which had yielded encouraging tangible results, would further assist in increasing the financial support of the programmes. Particular emphasis was placed by those taking part in the discussion on the recommendation of the Negotiating Committee that in order to ensure maximum attendance at the meetings of the ad hoc committees, as great advance publicity as possible should be given to them, and they should be so scheduled that no other meetings were held at the same time.
3. The Fifth Committee approved, by 51 votes to none with four abstentions, a draft resolution (A/C.5/L.542) which had been submitted by Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France, Lebanon, New Zealand, Pakistan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.
4. The Fifth Committee recommends the adoption by the General Assembly of the following draft resolution:

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A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds appointed at the twelfth session of the General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of determining the financial resources for activities and programmes to be financed by voluntary contributions before the reports on such activities and programmes are considered and acted upon by the General Assembly,

Decides that:

1. An ad hoc Committee of the whole Assembly, under the chairmanship of the President of the session, shall be convened as soon as practicable after the opening of the fourteenth⁴ session, where pledges of voluntary contributions for the two refugee programmes for the following year would be announced, with separate meetings dedicated to each programme;
2. States not Members of the United Nations, but members of one or more of the specialized agencies, shall be invited to attend the meetings of the ad hoc Committee for the purpose of announcing their pledges to the two refugee programmes;
3. In order to ensure maximum attendance, as great advance publicity as possible shall be given to the meetings of the ad hoc Committee and they shall be so scheduled that no other meetings are held at the same time.

B

The General Assembly,

1. Requests the President of the General Assembly to appoint a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds consisting of not more than ten members, with the same terms of reference as those laid down in Assembly resolution 693 (VII) of 25 October 1952, to serve from the close of the thirteenth session to the close of the fourteenth session of the Assembly;
2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly the item entitled "Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds".