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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1974-1975 AND
MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1977

Use of travel funds

Cuba and Sudan: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962, 2128 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2245 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, and 3048 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972,

Mindful of the current financial situation of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the need to institute administrative economies where possible as a means of providing the maximum volume of funds for programmes, especially those designed to assist the developing countries,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit of July 1972 and the report of the Secretary-General thereon providing information on the use of travel funds in the United Nations,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 2128 (XX) amending its resolution 1798 (XVII), which restates the principles governing the payment of travel and subsistence allowances to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations;
2. Decides that payment by the United Nations of travel expenses of staff members shall be limited to the cost of economy class accommodations by air or its equivalent by recognized public transportation via a direct route, except for the Secretary-General and Under-Secretaries-General, provided that, when special circumstances warrant, the Secretary-General may, at his discretion, allow first class travel;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly all instances in which the special circumstances mentioned in paragraph 2 of this resolution are invoked to authorize first class travel.