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

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, Ghana,
Guyana, Kenya, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, United Republic of
Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia and Zambia: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3043 (XVII) in which it approved on an experimental basis the new form of presentation of the United Nations Budget and a biennial budget cycle,

Having considered the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 1974/75 and medium-term plan for the period 1974/1977,

Taking into account the views expressed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in its report on its fourteenth session (E/5364),

Taking note of resolution 1801 (LV) of the Economic and Social Council, and the comments and proposals in chapter XXVA of the report of the fifty-fifth session of ECOSOC,

Recalling resolution 1768 (LIV) of the Economic and Social Council and bearing in mind the consideration being given by ECOSOC to the rationalization of the Council's methods, work and structure, and resolution on the "Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to development and economic co-operation",

Taking note also of the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1974/1975 (A/9008, paras. 9-22) in particular that the existing machinery of intergovernmental and expert organs concerned with formulating, reviewing and approving programmes and budgets should be reappraised,

Considering that the budget format initiated for 1974/1975 was designed primarily to permit the analytical and integrated appraisal of the cost, content, significance and priority of each programme,

Recalling its resolution 2748 (XXV) on harmonization and growth of programmes and budgets in the United Nations system,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to implement the programme of work contained in the 1974/1975 programme budget and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session on any impediments he may foresee in completing the programmed work during the biennium within the approved level of resources;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council of any changes which might be required in the objectives of programmes and programme components within the approved programme budget for 1974/1975 in the economic, social and human rights fields;

3. Requests the Secretary-General in preparing the medium-term plan for 1976/1979 and proposed programme budgets for that period to continue to evaluate the effectiveness of programmes, redeploying resources where necessary, and to ensure that there is a meaningful element of real growth in important programmes;

4. Requests the Economic and Social Council to indicate clearly the order of priorities in the economic, social and human rights fields to be reflected by the Secretary-General in his medium-term plan for 1976/1979 and proposed programme budget for 1976/1977;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to put special emphasis in the future on the preparation of the medium-term plan, which should provide the framework for the biennial programme budget, and to ensure that the plan is presented by programme rather than by organizational unit so as to give a clear and integrated picture of each programme;

6. Requests the Secretary-General in preparing the programme budget for 1976/1977 to take into account the views of the Fifth Committee and other competent organs on ways and means to improve the form, content and structure of the programme budget and in particular to (a) ensure programme co-ordination among major organizational units; (b) provide information on the allocation of indirect costs of programmes to which they relate; (c) provide information on extra-budgetary resources by source of funds; and, (d) give relative weight in terms of percentages of each programme and programme component in relation to the other;

7. Decides to place on the provisional agenda of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Review of the Inter-Governmental and Expert Machinery dealing with the Formulation, Review and Approval of Programmes and Budgets".
