

37/130. Impact of inflation and monetary instability on the regular budget of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/230 of 18 December 1981,

Deeply concerned at the increased cost of the goods and services associated with the operation of the United Nations and the United Nations system as a whole as a result of the persistence of inflation and monetary instability in those developed countries in which the United Nations makes its expenditures,

Convinced that many Member States are not responsible for the losses that the budget of the United Nations experiences as a result of the monetary phenomena referred to in the preceding paragraph,

Stressing that, in order to cover the substantial losses caused by inflation and monetary instability, there is a need for a continuing review of procedures that could help meet the above-mentioned budget costs in the most appropriate way,

Having considered the study prepared by the Secretary-General on the impact of inflation and monetary instability on the regular budget of the United Nations, contained in his report on the subject,⁴⁸

Convinced of the need to analyse more thoroughly all aspects of the increased costs of the goods and services associated with the operation of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of inflation and monetary instability on the regular budget of the United Nations;⁴⁸

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a more penetrating, extensive and detailed study on the impact of inflation and monetary instability on the regular budget of the United Nations, taking duly into consideration the content of the preambular paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 36/230 and the present resolution, together with the opinions of the Member States concerned, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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17 December 1982*

37/131. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board⁴⁹

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for 1982,⁵⁰ chapter III of the report of the International Civil Service Commission⁵¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵²

Noting, in particular, the unanimous proposals made by the Board⁵³ in response to the request of the General Assembly to undertake a comprehensive analysis of all possible measures to improve the actuarial balance of the Fund, bearing in mind the views expressed in the Fifth Committee,

Noting further that a co-operative effort by member organizations, participants and beneficiaries—sharing equitably the burdens such measures may impose on them—is required if the actuarial imbalance is to be reduced significantly,

I

MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE ACTUARIAL BALANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND

1. *Approves* the measures designed to improve the actuarial balance of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund which are contained in section III.A of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;⁵⁰

2. *Requests* the International Civil Service Commission, in co-operation with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, to undertake the study of the age of separation and of retirement in all member organizations, bearing in mind all the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly together with the views expressed in the Fifth Committee, and to submit proposals based thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

3. *Amends*, with effect from 1 January 1983, the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, without retroactive effect, as set forth in annex XII of the report of the Board, and the pension adjustment system in accordance with annexes IX and X thereof;

II

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND OF THE EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION

Decides to admit the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, in accordance with article 3 of the Regulations of the Fund, with effect from 1 January 1983;

III

EMERGENCY FUND

Authorizes the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund, for a further period of one year, by an amount not exceeding \$100,000;

IV

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Approves expenses, chargeable directly to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, totalling \$5,955,300 (net) for 1983 and reductions of \$205,400 (net) for 1982 for the administration of the Fund;

V

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF PENSIONERS TO THEIR SPOUSES OR FORMER SPOUSES

1. *Takes note* of section III.F of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board concerning the absence of effective measures for dealing with the financial obligations of a pensioner to his or her spouse or former spouse which, in some cases, might give rise to serious hardship;

2. *Requests* the Board to pursue the search for such measures along the lines indicated in paragraph 84 of its report or by any other methods and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

⁴⁸ A/C.5/37/39.

⁴⁹ See also sect. X.B.7, decision 37/429.

⁵⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/37/9 and Corr.1-4).*

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 30 (A/37/30).

⁵² A/37/674.

⁵³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/37/9 and Corr.1-4), sect. III.A.*

3. *Also requests* the Board to examine the effects of the dissolution of a marriage on survivors' entitlements, together with the possibility of granting such benefits to spouses whose marriage was contracted after the service of a participant had ceased, and to report thereon to the General Assembly not later than at its thirty-ninth session;

4. *Further requests* the Board, in formulating proposals with regard to the above, to bear in mind that these should have no financial implications for the Fund;

VI

ELIMINATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF EXCLUDING OR PREVENTING STAFF MEMBERS FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND

1. *Takes note* of the views expressed by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board in paragraphs 24 and 25 of its report;

2. *Requests* member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund to furnish to the Board, without delay, information regarding exclusions of members of their staff from participation in the Fund;

3. *Requests* the Board, in the light of such information, to submit proposals to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session for removing the exclusion provision from article 21 of the Regulations of the Fund.

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37/234. Programme planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3043 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, in which it approved the new form of presentation of the United Nations budget,

Recalling also its resolutions 3199 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 31/93 of 14 December 1976, 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 32/206 of 21 December 1977, 33/118 of 19 December 1978, 34/224 of 20 December 1979, 35/9 of 3 November 1980 and 36/228 of 18 December 1981, in which it elaborated further on the establishment of an integrated programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation system in the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-second session,⁵⁴ chapter VI, section C, of the report of the Economic and Social Council for the year 1982,⁵⁵ and the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the draft regulations and rules governing programme planning, the programme aspects of the budget, the monitoring of implementation and methods of evaluation and on the review of the Financial Rules and Regulations in the light of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations⁵⁶ and on the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989,⁵⁷

Having also considered the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989,⁵⁸ the reports of the Secretary-General on the draft regulations and rules governing programme planning, the programme aspects of the budget,

the monitoring of implementation and the methods of evaluation,⁵⁹ on the review of the Financial Rules and Regulations in the light of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations,⁶⁰ on the procedures for the proposed programme budget review,⁶¹ on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1980-1981⁶² and on the updating of the special review of the ongoing work programme of the United Nations,⁶³ and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Elaboration of regulations for the planning, programming and evaluation cycle of the United Nations",⁶⁴

Having also considered the note by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee reporting on the review of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 by the other Main Committees of the General Assembly,⁶⁵

Recalling that the Secretary-General, at the resumed thirty-sixth session and at the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, had expressed the intention to improve the effectiveness of the programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation system,

Bearing in mind the observations contained in the report of the Committee of Governmental Experts to Evaluate the Present Structure of the Secretariat in the Administrative, Finance and Personnel Areas on the need to integrate the whole system of programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and reporting, taking into account modalities existing in other organizations of the United Nations system,⁶⁶

Noting the establishment of the Programme Planning and Budgeting Board and of the Central Monitoring Unit,

I

MEDIUM-TERM PLAN

1. *Adopts* the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989,⁵⁸ as revised by the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-second session⁶⁷ and the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982,⁶⁸ taking into account the views of Main Committees of the General Assembly,⁶⁵ with the exception of subprogramme 5 of programme 1 of chapter 21, which requires further revision and approval;

2. *Considers* the medium-term plan, as adopted, to be the principal policy directive of the United Nations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to issue the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, as adopted, as a single-volume printed document;⁵⁸

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary methodological improvements to the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 in the context of its first revision and in the light of the observations at the second regular session of 1982 of the Economic and Social Council⁶⁹ and by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-second session,⁷⁰ as well as the views expressed during the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly;

⁵⁹ A/37/206 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

⁶⁰ A/C.5/37/25.

⁶¹ A/37/207.

⁶² A/37/154 and Corr.1 and 2.

⁶³ A/C.5/37/51.

⁶⁴ See A/37/460.

⁶⁵ A/C.5/37/53.

⁶⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 44 (A/37/44)*, para. 31.

⁶⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 38 (A/37/38), paras. 310-358.

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (A/37/3), chap. VI, sect. C.

⁶⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Plenary Meetings, 50th meeting*.

⁷⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/37/38)*, chap. II, sect. G.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 38 (A/37/38).

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (A/37/3).

⁵⁶ A/37/650.

⁵⁷ A/37/7, sect. F.

⁵⁸ The proposed medium-term plan appeared in provisional form. The medium-term plan as adopted was issued as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/37/6)*.