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### **First report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. The major functions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as defined by the General Assembly in its resolution 14 (I) of 13 February 1946, are:

(a) To examine and report on the budget submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly;

(b) To advise the General Assembly concerning any administrative and budgetary matters referred to it;

(c) To examine on behalf of the General Assembly the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies and proposals for financial arrangements with such agencies;

(d) To consider and report to the General Assembly on the auditors' reports on the accounts of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies.

2. In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 14 (I), examination of the budget by the Advisory Committee includes not only the regular assessed budget but also extrabudgetary expenditures, as well as the financing of the various peacekeeping operations, the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Tribunal for Rwanda. Pursuant to rule 157 of the

rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Committee shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to it under the Financial Regulations of the United Nations. In addition, with regard to programmes financed by voluntary funds, the Committee reports on administrative budgets and other matters to the governing bodies of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Population Fund, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (voluntary funds), the United Nations Environment Programme (Environment Fund), the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the United Nations University, the World Food Programme, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

3. Under rule 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the members of the Advisory Committee, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience.

4. During the reporting period, the members of the Advisory Committee were:

C. S. M. Mselle (Chairman)  
E. Besley Maycock (Vice-Chairman)  
Norma Goicochea Estenoz  
Gerard Biraud  
Nazareth Incera  
Rajat Saha  
Nicholas Thorne  
Vladimir V. Kuznetsov  
Susan McLurg  
Roger Tchoungui  
Juichi Takahara  
Andrzej T. Abraszewski  
Manlan Narcisse Ahounou  
Felipe Mabilangan  
Michiel W. H. Crom  
Sun Minqin

5. During the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the Advisory Committee were organized into three sessions, held in New York: from 4 September to 21 December 2001; from 5 February to 5 April 2002; and from 7 to 24 May 2002. The Committee also met in Geneva from 27 to 30 May, in The Hague on 3 and 4 June, in Arusha on 6 and 7 June, in Asmara on 9 and 10 June, in Assab, Eritrea, on 11 June, in Addis Ababa on 12 and 13 June, in Nairobi on 17 and 18 June and in Paris on 21 June 2002. The present report presents general observations and relates in factual terms the matters that were before the Committee at the various locations away from Headquarters (see annex I).

6. Under the terms of General Assembly resolutions 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 on peacekeeping operations and 52/223 of 22 December 1997 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, in accordance with existing procedures, the Advisory Committee replied to various requests of the Secretary-General by letter during the fifty-sixth session of the Assembly. In most cases, the Committee authorized the

Secretary-General to enter into commitments to undertake various peacekeeping operations. A list of the Committee's letters to the Secretary-General is contained in annex II to the present report.

## **II. General observations**

7. The comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee reached during the meetings it held in New York are contained in the reports it submits to the General Assembly and other legislative bodies (see annex II below). The detailed comments and recommendations of the Committee on the meetings it held away from Headquarters will be submitted to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions in the context of the specific reports the Committee will be issuing on related matters, including proposals of the Secretary-General relating to the regular budget of the United Nations, peacekeeping operations and the International Tribunals. In the present report, the Committee therefore confines itself to general observations.

8. In the course of its meetings held away from Headquarters, the Advisory Committee sought information on the effects of across-the-board budget cuts on the activities of the entities it visited. In many instances, the Committee was informed that budget cuts had necessitated a halt or paring down of planned improvements and innovations in the area of information technology. The Committee expresses its concern that delays in the implementation of these activities could have a negative impact on efforts to improve efficiency and, in the longer term, to achieve savings.

9. The Advisory Committee once again stresses the desirability of coordination among the specialized agencies in such areas as security, printing and procurement. The Committee notes and welcomes the establishment of the Management Ownership Committee, which is composed of the executive heads of Geneva-based organizations, and the Common Services Task Force in Geneva. It also acknowledges the work done under the auspices of the High-level Committee on Management of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination to establish cost-sharing arrangements for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator. However, the Committee found little evidence of coordination among the agencies in the area of security in Geneva proper, nor does there seem to be much coordination in printing services. It welcomes, however, the information provided to it that the United Nations Office at Geneva coordinates a common purchasing service for information technology supplies and services, which is open to all agencies. In Nairobi, joint arrangements are in place for, among other things, security, medical, information technology, printing and legal services, with the United Nations Office at Nairobi providing the bulk of such services to the agencies in Nairobi. Furthermore, the Committee notes the establishment of the Inter-Agency Administrative Coordination Committee, which provides a mechanism for feedback and consultation between the Office and client agencies in Nairobi.

10. The Advisory Committee notes that building projects are planned or are in progress for the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Office at Nairobi. The Committee cautions against undertaking costly long-term construction projects, which, when completed, may not accommodate all staff. Growth patterns in staffing should be taken into account and the possibility of

subletting space that is in excess of current needs should be explored when planning such projects.

11. Delegation of authority and the granting of increased flexibility to programme managers continue to be issues of concern throughout the system. The Advisory Committee notes, for example, that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has expressed concern regarding the fact that as an integral part of the United Nations Secretariat it does not have delegated financial authority and therefore all requests for allotments must be channelled through the United Nations Office at Geneva, at times causing delays in funding that are perceived as diminishing the operational effectiveness of the Office. The Committee maintains the view that the key to effective delegation is a concomitant reinforcement of accountability.

12. The Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) believes that there is lack of transparency in the allocation and use by the United Nations Office at Geneva of resources that have been approved for administration and conference and general services at ECE. The issuance of allotments to the United Nations Office at Geneva and budgetary control are carried out directly by United Nations Headquarters against approved ECE resources. According to ECE, the current working arrangements with the United Nations Office at Geneva do not provide incentives to programme managers at the Commission to achieve savings under those objects of expenditure. ECE would prefer to obtain services directly on a competitive basis from various potential service providers, including the United Nations Office at Geneva.

13. The Advisory Committee notes with interest the steps taken by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in its development of a table of financial authority for its headquarters and its plans to develop a similar table for the field.

14. The Advisory Committee has noted that the International Tribunals are experiencing a number of human resources problems. Among these has been the lengthy periods required for the advertisement of vacancy announcements and the consequent delays in recruitment. In the opinion of the Committee, greater flexibility for entities with limited mandates should help to address this problem. The Committee was informed that the new staff selection system (see ST/AI/2002/4) would provide some flexibility in this regard. The Committee intends to follow up on this issue when it considers the budgets of the Tribunals and the peacekeeping operations. The Committee also notes with concern the increasing trend of transferring experienced staff from established field missions to start-up missions, leaving a void of expertise in the established missions.

15. The Advisory Committee notes that the International Tribunal for Rwanda has opted not to apply, for the time being, some aspects of the new human resources policies adopted by the General Assembly that would permit personnel recruited by the Tribunal after May 2002 to apply as internal candidates for vacancies in the system. It is the view of the Tribunal that problems could ensue as a result of the different treatment of staff hired prior to May 2002.

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## **Annex I**

### **Meetings of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

#### **I. Meetings held in New York**

1. During its sessions in New York, the Advisory Committee considered a number of reports related to the United Nations regular budget, United Nations peacekeeping operations and other administrative and budgetary matters of the United Nations and its funds and programmes. In the course of its consideration of the reports, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General and of the executive heads of funds and programmes. The reports of the Committee are listed in annex II.

#### **II. Meetings held away from Headquarters**

##### **A. United Nations Office at Geneva and programmes and agencies in Geneva**

2. The Advisory Committee's discussions with representatives of the United Nations Office at Geneva on 27 May 2002 focused on central support services and other operations of the Office, including matters related to security initiatives implemented in 2002, cooperation in common services (e.g., travel services, electricity rates, information technology and cleaning services), office space and facility management. The Committee was also briefed on the status of budget implementation, in particular on the impact of General Assembly resolutions 56/254 A to C of 24 December 2001; on electronic services and matters related to the Integrated Management Information System; on human resources management issues, such as recruitment time, administration of justice, the staff selection system and monitoring mechanisms; and on conference servicing issues, such as technological innovations, précis writing and the scarcity of qualified language staff.

3. On 28 May 2002, a joint meeting was held with representatives of the International Telecommunication Union, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization. Discussions centred on inter-agency cooperation in Geneva in such areas as security, printing, procurement, building construction, management, maintenance, Joint Inspection Unit management studies and the functioning of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

4. On 29 May 2002, the Advisory Committee met with the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights and other representatives of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Committee was briefed on action taken to implement a number of its recommendations on issues such as the management of extrabudgetary posts, projections of extrabudgetary resources and the consistency with the medium-term plan of activities funded from extrabudgetary resources in the light of the increase in contributions to human rights activities from extrabudgetary sources; the system of rapporteurs and the attendant publication workload; and the

development of indicators of achievement of expected accomplishments. The following issues were also discussed: the working arrangements of the Office with the Department of Management and the United Nations Office at Geneva, in particular the fact that the Office, as part of the United Nations Secretariat, does not have delegated financial authority; measures taken by the Office to regularize situations where permanent functions are being carried out using general temporary assistance funds; progress with regard to the proposal by the Secretary-General to rationalize human rights bodies; and the impact of cuts in the regular budget for 2002-2003 relating to the work of the Office.

5. On 29 May 2002, the Advisory Committee exchanged views with the Inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit on matters of mutual interest and discussed the programme of work of the Unit.

6. The Advisory Committee met with the Executive Secretary and other representatives of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) on 30 May 2002. The Committee was informed that the social sector would be strengthened in the Commission's work programme, with priority areas of work to include ageing and gender, while areas such as transport, trade and, to a certain extent, environmental matters would be de-emphasized. The representatives of ECE discussed the Commission's current working arrangements with the United Nations Office at Geneva and the allocation and use by the Office of resources that have been approved for ECE for administration and conference and general services, as well as the Commission's need for more flexibility in the implementation of its budget, in particular in the use of resources budgeted for posts. The representatives of ECE reported that budget cuts for the biennium 2002-2003 had negatively affected the Commission's programme of work in a number of areas, most notably information technology, communications, the translation and production of publications, travel and the maintenance of statistical databases. Finally, the Committee was informed that further progress had been made in refining expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 to be able to link outputs more closely with the objectives set out in the medium-term plan.

7. The Advisory Committee met with representatives of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on 30 May 2002. The Committee was briefed on a number of issues, including the UNHCR operations in Afghanistan and Eritrea. UNHCR has overall coordinating responsibility in respect of the provision of assistance to internally displaced persons in Afghanistan. Among other factors affecting the work of UNHCR in Afghanistan is the funding of shortfalls facing key assistance partners. With regard to the voluntary repatriation of Eritreans from the Sudan, the Committee was informed that a total of 47,000 people had been assisted to return home out of a targeted 160,000 for the period from May 2001 to December 2002. On the issue of programme funding, UNHCR projects an income shortfall of \$98.7 million. For 2003, given the special situation of the Afghanistan operation, UNHCR plans to set up the requirements of the operation outside the annual programme budget. The Committee was also briefed on air operations and on measures taken to improve the management of security and to enhance the safety of both staff and refugees in field operations.

## **B. International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, International Tribunal for Rwanda and International Court of Justice**

8. The briefings in The Hague on the operations of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia on 3 June included presentations by the President of the Tribunal, the Prosecutor and the Deputy Prosecutor, the Registrar and other senior staff of the Tribunal. The Tribunal's completion strategy and the related issues of judicial reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina and criteria and procedures for the future referral of cases to national courts were discussed in some detail. The Committee was informed that the Office of the Prosecutor had 25 remaining investigations to complete by the end of 2003, which could result in 30 new indictments involving approximately 100 accused. It is envisioned that by the end of 2004, cases involving 50 of those 100 accused might be remitted to national courts. What role the Tribunal would play in the local courts was, as yet, unclear; the procedures were being discussed. The Kosovo model, using international judges, was one option. The Committee was informed that six trials were being conducted concurrently in the Tribunal. The need for 2 additional preparatory teams, for a total of 12, was discussed. The goal was to have six trials fully prepared so that when the current trials were completed, six new ones could begin immediately. The Committee was also informed of the planned establishment of a bar association and amendment of the code of professional conduct to include a disciplinary regime and provisions on fee-splitting and conflict of interest. Among other issues discussed was the vast amount of documentation that must be translated and prospective solutions to the delays this requirement has contributed to.

9. On 4 June 2002, the Advisory Committee exchanged views with the Prosecutor for the International Tribunal for Rwanda, who is based in The Hague and who also serves concurrently as the Prosecutor for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Discussions centred on the difficulties being encountered in securing the cooperation of Governments in tracking and apprehending suspects and obtaining documentation; the full docket of the three trial chambers and the use of joint trials and a "twin-tracking" system, whereby each trial chamber is adjudicating two trials in rotation; the need for ad litem judges; and the large number of vacant posts in the Tribunal.

10. On 4 June 2002, the Advisory Committee also met with members of the International Court of Justice and its Registrar at the Peace Palace in The Hague and discussed various issues of concern to the Committee and the Court. As regards the workload of the Court, the Committee was informed that 24 cases were currently pending; however, it was difficult to forecast workload, as the Court had no control over the number and timing of new proceedings. New cases are brought before the Court by Member States and advisory opinions are requested by the United Nations and its specialized agencies without prior notice to the Court. Conversely, the parties can withdraw cases at any moment. The Committee was informed that the Court was taking steps to improve its working methods, in particular through the introduction of information technologies. The representatives of the Court reported that its web site continued to be very successful (some 225,000 copies of its judgements are downloaded and some 140,000 persons use the web site yearly); however, budget cuts approved by the General Assembly for the biennium 2002-2003 had affected the provision of services by the Registry in several administrative support areas, including information technology, communications, travel, contractual services and equipment.

### **C. International Tribunal for Rwanda**

11. On 6 and 7 June 2002, the Advisory Committee met in Arusha with the President of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and other judges, the Registrar and senior staff of the Office of the Prosecutor (see also para. 9 above) and other representatives of the Tribunal. On 7 June, the Committee also visited the United Nations Detention Facility in Arusha. On the subject of courtroom scheduling and the workload of the chambers, the Committee was informed that there were nine trials in progress, three in each of the chambers. The judges reported that a great deal of time was spent hearing motions and cited the need to act preventively to avoid excessive motions. Weekly meetings with the parties had been instituted for this purpose and had proven effective. The concept of twin-tracking, which the Committee had expressed concern about previously (see A/56/666), was also discussed.

12. On personnel matters, the Advisory Committee was briefed on measures being taken to address the continuing high vacancy rate in the Tribunal. Among other things, the representatives of the Tribunal stressed the urgent need for revisers in the Tribunal and highlighted the difficulties encountered in attracting language staff because of the low post levels offered to them at the Tribunal compared with elsewhere in the system. Other issues discussed included the legal aid system, the enforcement of sentences, the question of witnesses who are brought to the Tribunal but do not testify and the related expenses, and court management.

### **D. United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea**

13. On 9 and 10 June 2002, the Advisory Committee met in Asmara with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and his senior staff and was briefed on the operations of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE), as well as on progress made in the peace process. The Chief Administrative Officer and his senior colleagues briefed the Committee on the main administrative, personnel, budgetary, logistical and general service issues, including recruitment efforts to fill vacancies and the high turnover rate for international staff in UNMEE, as well as on the UNMEE civilian medical support system. On 9 June the Committee also met at the United Nations Development Programme compound with the United Nations organizations in Asmara and visited the Mine Action Coordination Centre. The Committee was informed that more than 180,000 internally displaced persons and more than 30,000 refugees had been assisted by the international community to return to their areas of origin. However, a large number of internally displaced persons were unable to return to their homes because of minefields and unexploded ordnance. Agencies and humanitarian programmes continued to assist in reconstruction activities, and quick-impact projects were an important element of this assistance. The Committee was informed that some \$700,000 had been approved for 64 such projects. On 10 June, the Committee visited the integrated warehouses and the water purification and bottling plants.

14. On 11 June 2002, the Advisory Committee visited the Sector East headquarters of UNMEE and the Slovak engineering/demining company in Assab. The Committee also visited the Kenyan battalion at point 60, where it was briefed on the new accommodation arrangements provided by the United Nations.

15. On 12 June 2002, the Advisory Committee was briefed by UNMEE senior staff members in Addis Ababa on human rights and the military and administrative



components of the Mission in Addis Ababa and toured the new premises. UNMEE was formerly housed in containers located on the ECA premises.

#### **E. Economic Commission for Africa**

16. On 12 and 13 June 2002, the Advisory Committee met in Addis Ababa with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and his senior programme managers. A number of issues were discussed, including the role and effectiveness of the subregional development centres and potential duplication in the work of the Special Representatives of the Secretary-General in the region and the centres; the Commission's information technology modernization project; progress in the development of the web site; efforts to reduce the number of publications issued by the Commission; steps taken to reduce the ratio of General Service to Professional staff and to lower the vacancy rates for Professional staff; and management of the United Nations Conference Centre.

#### **F. United Nations Office at Nairobi, United Nations Environment Programme and United Nations Human Settlements Programme**

17. At its meetings on 17 June 2002 with representatives of the United Nations Office at Nairobi, the Advisory Committee was briefed on the challenges of Nairobi as a duty station, the integrated budget of the Division of Administrative Services, the United Nations common services project in Kenya and security and conference servicing issues. The Committee was informed that a common services project had been launched in 2000-2001 that included joint arrangements for, among other things, security, medical, information technology and legal services. At present, most services were provided by the United Nations Office at Nairobi to the other agencies in Nairobi. The Inter-Agency Administrative Coordination Committee provides a forum for discussion between the Office and its clients.

18. In response to its enquiry concerning the effects of budget cuts on the Office, the Advisory Committee was informed that, as outsourced contacts had to be paid, budget cuts, of necessity, were made in virtually every other area. Information technology was an area that had been particularly affected. The Committee was briefed on the proposal to construct additional office space to be financed through a loan from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The aim was to establish a United Nations house to accommodate all United Nations personnel in the same compound. At present, 1,600 staff are in the United Nations complex and 600 are elsewhere in Nairobi.

19. On the issue of cooperation in conference services, the Advisory Committee was informed that the United Nations Office at Nairobi had an agreement, which would be formalized shortly, to assist the Economic Commission for Africa with conference services when needed. In addition, the Office was actively cooperating with conference services in the International Tribunal for Rwanda, and both the Commission and the Tribunal used the printing services of the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

20. On human resources issues, the Advisory Committee was informed that the average time required to recruit staff for the United Nations Office at Nairobi was six months and that the Office had managed to achieve a relatively low vacancy rate through temporary recruitment.

21. On 18 June 2002, the Advisory Committee met with the Deputy Executive Director of UNEP and other UNEP officials. The Committee was briefed on the activities and programme of work of UNEP, including preparations for its participation in the World Summit on Sustainable Development (which was held in Johannesburg from 26 August to 4 September 2002). The composition and role of the UNEP governing bodies and the organizational structure of the UNEP secretariat and outposted offices were also discussed in some detail. The Committee was informed of a revised financial framework for UNEP for the biennium 2002-2003 as at 15 June 2002 showing projected income under the Environment Fund to be significantly lower than originally estimated in the budget proposal.

22. Also on 18 June, a team of senior managers of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) provided the Advisory Committee with an overview of the mission and objectives of the Programme and discussed its strengthened mandate and new status, as a result of the adoption by the General Assembly of its resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001, as a programme of the United Nations. The Committee was briefed on the activities of UN-Habitat in such areas as post-conflict reconstruction, sustainable urbanization, secure tenure and urban governance. The proposed revised medium-term plan for UN-Habitat, the role of its governing body, the funding mechanisms and instruments of information-sharing with Governments and partners were also discussed.

## **G. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**

23. The Advisory Committee met with representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at its headquarters in Paris. Discussions focused on the status of implementation of results-based management; evaluation mechanisms, oversight and accountability; personnel policy reform; and implementation of the new finance and budget system. The Committee was informed that a college of Assistant Directors-General had been established by the Director-General as an informal policy-debating body to review, every six months, the implementation of programmes focusing on the use of resources and the need for eventual reallocation, as well as the attainment of expected results. The Committee was also informed that efforts towards greater delegation of authority were under way; a table of financial authority had been completed for UNESCO headquarters, and a similar table was planned for the field offices. On the subject of the finance and budget system, it was reported that the system was an adaptation of a commercially available software package that would be used to manage all financial and material resources needed for programme delivery and to record all transactions and bring them to account. There would also in future be a component for the management of human resources and payroll. The Committee was briefed on human resources reform in UNESCO and the restructuring of the secretariat at headquarters, including the reduction of posts at the D-1 level and above.

## Annex II

### **Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions submitted during the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly**

**Fall session 2000  
(New York, 5 September-22 December)**

#### **Reports to the General Assembly**

A/55/376	Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in all its aspects (12 September 2000)
A/55/430	Provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States; improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi; remote interpretation (28 September 2000)
A/55/458	Procurement reform and measures taken to improve procurement activities in the field (6 October 2000)
A/55/479	Outsourcing practices (13 October 2000)
A/55/481	United Nations pension system (13 October 2000)
A/55/487	Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors (16 October 2000)
A/55/499	Human resources management reform, accountability and responsibility, personnel practices and management irregularities (19 October 2000)
A/55/514	Administration of justice in the United Nations (23 October 2000)
A/55/516	United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (24 October 2000)
A/55/531	Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (30 October 2000)
A/55/543	Results-based budgeting (3 November 2000)
A/55/624	Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (13 November 2000)
A/55/642	Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: proposed requirements for 2001 (22 November 2000)
A/55/643	Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law

- Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (22 November 2000)
- A/55/658 Safety and security of United Nations personnel (1 December 2000)
- A/55/674 The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/55/L.42 (8 December 2000)
- A/55/676 Implementation of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations (8 December 2000)
- A/55/677 The critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women: programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/55/L.16/Rev.1 (8 December 2000)
- A/55/680 United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/55/L.33/Rev.1 (12 December 2000)
- A/55/685 and Corr.1 Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2002-2003 (13 December 2000)
- A/55/688 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (13 December 2000)

**Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001**

- A/55/7 First report: activities of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions during the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly (14 November 2000)
- A/55/7/Add.1 Review and assessment of the asbestos problem at the United Nations; facilities management; overseas properties management and information exchange network; common services; internal and external printing practices; and proposed measures to improve the profitability of commercial activities (22 November 2000)
- A/55/7/Add.2 Revised estimates under section 7, International Court of Justice, section 32, Staff assessment, and income section 1, Income from staff assessment (28 November 2000)
- A/55/7/Add.3 Review of the Information Systems Coordination Committee (8 December 2000)
- A/55/7/Add.4 Capital master plan (11 December 2000)
- A/55/7/Add.5 and Corr.1 First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (12 December 2000)

- A/55/7/Add.6 Revised estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (14 December 2000)
- A/55/7/Add.7 Construction of additional conference facilities at Bangkok and Addis Ababa (20 December 2000)
- A/55/7/Add.8 Integrated management information system project (11 January 2001)

### **Other reports**

- DP/2000/38 Revised budget estimates for the biennium 2000-2001 and responsibility of the United Nations Office for Project Services in personnel matters (18 September 2000)
- A/AC.96/932/Add.1 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: annual programme budget for 2000 (25 September 2000)
- WFP/EB.3/2000/4 (A, B, D)/2 Report on budgetary performance for 1998-1999, audited biennial accounts for 1998-1999 and strengthening the management capacity of the World Food Programme (13 October 2000)
- HS/C/18/9/Add.1 Proposed budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2002-2003 (22 December 2000)
- UNEP/GC.21/6/Add.1 Proposed programme and support budget of the United Nations Environment Programme for 2002-2003 (7 December 2000)
- AC/1440 United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research: draft work programme and proposed budget for 2001 (30 November 2000)
- E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.4 United Nations Children's Fund: establishment of an operational reserve (26 December 2000)

### **Letters to the Secretary-General**

- AC/1432 Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action (12 September 2000)
- AC/1433 United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (8 September 2000)
- AC/1437 Reappointment to the United Nations Investment Committee (11 October 2000)
- AC/1442 United Nations Fund for International Partnerships: estimates for administrative costs for the year 2001 (29 December 2000)

## Oral statements

Pattern of conferences: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.83

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2001

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Security arrangements at the United Nations Office at Geneva

Programme budget implications: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan and the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2000

Programme budget implications: human rights in Palestine

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

**Winter session 2001  
(New York, 6 February-30 March)**

**Reports to the General Assembly**

A/55/688/ Add.1	Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (2 March 2001)
A/55/806	Conditions of service for the ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (23 February 2001)
A/55/828	Experiences learned from the use of resident auditors at peacekeeping missions (12 March 2001)
A/55/829	Procurement-related arbitration (9 March 2001)
A/55/836	Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors (13 March 2001)
A/55/839	Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (16 March 2001)
A/55/869	Financial performance report of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 (4 April 2001)
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