

2. *Decides* to consider this item again at a future session.

*122nd plenary meeting
18 December 1985*

40/250. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on this subject, in particular resolution 36/229 of 18 December 1981 by which it expressed its concern with the need for effective administrative and budgetary co-ordination within the framework of the United Nations system,

Convinced of the importance of such co-ordination by the organizations of the system,

Realizing the need to avoid duplication of efforts and proliferation of organs for the more effective use of the resources of the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

Concurring with the opinion expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report on the subject submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session,⁴⁵ that co-ordination among the agencies with a view to harmonizing their budgetary practices is of primary importance and that further efforts at standardization and harmonization should be encouraged,

1. *Recommends* that further efforts be made to achieve the maximum possible standardization and comparability in the budgetary and administrative practices of all organizations concerned;

2. *Invites* the International Civil Service Commission, in co-operation with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and other appropriate bodies of the United Nations system, taking into account the relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit and the opinions expressed thereon in the Fifth Committee, to pursue its efforts to achieve a greater co-ordination of staff regulations;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to submit to the General Assembly, at its forty-first session, their comments on the matters referred to in this resolution.

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40/251. Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative and budgetary co-ordina-

⁴⁵ A/39/592.

⁴⁶ A/40/769 and Corr.1.

⁴⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Fifth Committee, 55th, 59th and 70th meetings; and ibid., Fifth Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.*

⁴⁸ A/C.5/40/37.

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/40/7).*

tion of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;⁴⁶

2. *Refers* to the organizations concerned the report of the Advisory Committee as well as the comments and observations made in the course of its consideration in the Fifth Committee;⁴⁷

3. *Transmits* the report of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Auditors, the Panel of External Auditors, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Joint Inspection Unit for their information.

*122nd plenary meeting
18 December 1985*

40/252. Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987

The General Assembly,

I

YEARBOOK OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁸ and the relevant observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in paragraphs 27.35 to 27.43 of chapter II of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987,⁴⁹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Concurs* with the observations of the Advisory Committee as contained in paragraphs 27.42 and 27.43 of its report;

3. *Decides* that the *Yearbook of the United Nations* shall be issued in abbreviated editions until such time as the backlog in its publication has been eliminated;

II

ACQUISITION OF A TELEPHONE SYSTEM AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁵⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵¹

Approves the proposals of the Secretary-General for the acquisition of a telephone system at United Nations Headquarters, as detailed in his report;

III

CATERING OPERATION AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the catering operation at United Nations Headquarters;⁵²

IV

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT NAIROBI

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Office at Nairobi;⁵³

⁵⁰ A/C.5/40/11 and Corr.1.

⁵¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 7 A (A/40/7/Add.1-18), document A/40/7/Add.4.*

⁵² A/C.5/40/17.

⁵³ A/C.5/40/14.

V

UNITED NATIONS ACCOMMODATION AT BANGKOK

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations accommodation at Bangkok;⁵⁴

VI

BUILDING MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND ALTERATIONS AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the building maintenance projects at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa, in the context of his annual progress reports on the construction of conference facilities at Addis Ababa;

VII

VENUE OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS IN 1988

Invites the Economic and Social Council to reconsider its decision to allow the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to meet in New York in 1988;

VIII

INCLUSION OF PORTUGUESE AMONG THE OFFICIAL AND/OR WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the inclusion of Portuguese among the official and/or working languages of the Economic Commission for Africa⁵⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵⁶

1. *Decides* to take no action with regard to the resources requested for the inclusion of Portuguese among the "official working languages" of the Economic Commission for Africa;

2. *Further decides* to refer the question of the meaning of the expression "official working language" to the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social

⁵⁴ A/C.5/40/29.

⁵⁵ A/C.5/40/13 and Corr.1, annex I, paras. 13.5 and 13.6.

⁵⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/40/7/Add.1-18)*, document A/40/7/Add.5, paras. 10-18.

Council for clarification in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

IX

ELIMINATION OF THE BACKLOG IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS TREATY SERIES

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of the backlog in the publication of the United Nations *Treaty Series*;⁵⁷

X

1986 BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMPUTING CENTRE

Approves the budget estimates for the International Computing Centre for the year 1986 amounting to \$5,365,500;

XI

NEWS SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Decides to maintain for 1986 the current staffing resources of the News Service of the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs pending consideration by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the General Assembly of the Secretary-General's report on the evaluation of the News Service;

XII

APPEALS SYSTEM FOR STAFF

Approves the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in paragraphs 67 to 72 of chapter I of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987.⁴⁹

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⁵⁷ A/C.5/40/49.

40/253. Programme budget for the biennium 1986-1987

A

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1986-1987

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1986-1987:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 1,663,341,500 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

Section	(US dollars)
PART I. Overall policy-making, direction and co-ordination	
1. Overall policy-making, direction and co-ordination	45 090 200
TOTAL, PART I	<u>45 090 200</u>