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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1984-1985

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

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V. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

153. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985

The General Assembly

I

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Invites the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to examine the financial aspects of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination contained in paragraphs 286 (c) and (d), as well as the merger of programme elements 4.9 and 4.15, as recommended by that Committee in paragraph 286 (a) of its report 1/, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/38/38).

II

International Computing Centre

Approves the budget estimates for the International Computing Centre for the year 1984;

III

Advisory Committee for the Co-ordination of Information Systems

Approves the programme of work and budget estimates for the Advisory Committee for the Co-ordination of Information Systems for the biennium 1984-1985;

IV

First-class travel and organization and methods
for official travel

Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on first-class travel 2/ and on the organization and methods for official travel 3/, as well as of the related report of the Advisory Committee; 4/

V

Revised estimates under section 27 (Public information):
Yearbook of the United Nations

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Yearbook of the United Nations 5/ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee; 6/

Endorses the conclusions of the Advisory Committee as contained in its report;

VI

Yearbook of the United Nations

Bearing in mind the desirability of making the Yearbook of the United Nations a more widely used document by the general public,

2/ A/C.5/38/14.

3/ A/C.5/38/22.

4/ A/38/7/Add.6.

5/ A/C.5/38/38.

6/ A/38/7/Add.8.

Recalling the problems which have been encountered in the timely issuance of the Yearbook of the United Nations,

Taking note of the Secretary-General's report on the measures to eliminate the backlog in publication of the Yearbook of the United Nations 7/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 8/

1. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive review of the current format of the Yearbook of the United Nations, with a view to developing a new format in order to make it more usable and accessible;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report on implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

VII

Expansion of the conference facilities of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at Bangkok

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the expansion of the conference facilities of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at Bangkok 9/ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee; 10/

Concurs with the observations of the Advisory Committee as contained in its report;

Accepts with appreciation the offer of the Government of Thailand of additional land for the proposed construction of expanded conference facilities of the Commission;

VIII

United Nations language-training programme

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations language-training programme; 11/

7/ A/C.5/38/38.

8/ A/38/7/Add.8.

9/ A/C.5/38/34.

10/ A/38/7/Add.5.

11/ A/C.5/38/5.

IX

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Department
of International Economic and Social Affairs

1. Takes note of the relevant paragraphs of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit 12/ and the comments thereon of the Secretary-General 13/ as well as the report of the Advisory Committee; 14/
2. Reaffirms its resolutions 31/194 and 33/181 as regards the location of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in Vienna;

X

Revised estimates under section 11 (Economic and Social
Commission for Asia and the Pacific) and a new section 5C
(Regional Commissions Liaison Office)

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates under section 11 (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific) and a new section 5C (Regional Commissions Liaison Office); 15/
2. Decides to establish a new section 5C of the programme budget entitled "Regional Commissions Liaison Office";

XI

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Department
of Technical Co-operation for Development

Takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, 16/ of the comments thereon by the Secretary-General 17/ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee; 18/

12/ A/38/334.

13/ A/38/334/Add.1.

14/ A/38/600.

15/ A/C.5/38/52.

16/ A/38/172.

17/ A/38/172/Add.1.

18/ A/38/600.

XII

Question of backlogs in documentation

Invites the Committee on Conferences, at its next substantive session, to examine the question of backlogs in documentation;

XIII

Staff training activities (Headquarters, Geneva and the regional commissions): contractual status of language teachers

Approves the proposals of the Secretary-General on the contractual status of language teachers as contained in his report; 19/

XIV

Evaluation of the performance and utility of the Information Systems Unit of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs

1. Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee for Co-ordination of Information systems; 20/
2. Decides that the financial arrangements which were applicable to the Information Systems Unit in 1982-1983 should be continued in the biennium 1984-1985;

XV

Revised estimates under section 5B (Centre for Science and Technology for Development) arising from the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development in its resolution 4 (V)

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General; 21/
2. Concurs with the procedures outlined in paragraph 2 of the addendum to the report; 22/

19/ A/C.5/38/41.

20/ A/C.5/38/1.

21/ A/C.5/38/64 and Add.1.

22/ A/C.5/38/64/Add.1.

XVI

Travel of United Nations officials to attend session
of the General Assembly

1. Takes note of the information provided by the Secretary-General on the travel of staff members to attend the current session of the General Assembly;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that maximum restraint is exercised concerning such travel;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on action taken in this regard;

XVII

Conditions of service and compensation for officials
other than Secretariat officials

Decides to defer until its thirty-ninth session consideration of the recommendations of the Secretary-General 23/ with regard to which no action has been taken during the current session.

XVIII

Conversion of the United Nations Industrial Development
Organization into a specialized agency

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 24/

XIX

Job classification of the General Service category at Geneva

Accepts the proposals of the Secretary-General as reflected in his report; 25/

XX

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in paragraph 7 of its report; 26/

23/ A/C.5/38/27.

24/ A/C.5/38/87.

25/ A/C.5/38/92 and Corr.1.

26/ A/38/7/Add.20.

XXI

Common services at the United Nations accommodation at Nairobi

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 27/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee; 28/
2. Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in its report;

XXII

United Nations accommodation at Nairobi

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 29/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee; 28/

XXIII

Adequacy of the conference facilities of the Economic
Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa

1. Approves the programme of major maintenance and alterations and improvements of the conference facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa as reflected in section VII of the report of the Secretary-General; 30/
2. Defers until its thirty-ninth session the consideration of the other proposals contained in that report;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session an updated report on this subject.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Health insurance contributions by the organizations of the
United Nations common system

The General Assembly,

27/ A/C.5/38/35.

28/ A/38/7/Add.22.

29/ A/C.5/38/36.

30/ A/C.5/38/82.

Having considered the report of the International Civil Service Commission on health insurance contributions by the organizations 31/ as well as the report of the Secretary-General 32/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 33/

1. Takes note of the report of the International Civil Service Commission as well as the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Approves the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 23 to 25 of its report;

3. Decides that, in applying the formula recommended by the International Civil Service Commission and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a maximum ratio of 2 to 1 between the share of the organization and the contributor, respectively, will be used, on an experimental basis, until the study requested in paragraph 5 below is submitted to the General Assembly;

4. Requests the International Civil Service Commission, as a matter of priority, to study the possibility of providing a range of health insurance plans, including practices in the comparator service, both basic and comprehensive, with deductible clauses, as well as health maintenance organization plans, which could be made available, at lower costs, to contributors, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

5. Further requests the International Civil Service Commission to study the following related matters and to report thereon, preferably to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session and no later than at its fortieth session:

a) Fixing a maximum rate of share to be borne by the organization and the contributor;

b) Making participation in a health insurance plan or plans of the organization mandatory, especially to those who are not covered by other plans.

31/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/38/30), paras. 99-107.

32/ A/C.5/38/16.

33/ A/38/7/Add.9.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985

A

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1984-1985

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1984-1985:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 1,587,159,800 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

<u>Section</u>	<u>(US dollars)</u>
PART I. <u>Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination</u>	
1. Over-all policy-making direction and co-ordination	<u>39 960 500</u>
Total, part I	<u>39 960 500</u>
PART II. <u>Political and Security Council affairs, peace-keeping activities</u>	
2A. Political and Security Council affairs, peace-keeping activities	81 866 700
2B. Department for Disarmament Affairs.....	<u>8 893 000</u>
Total, part II	<u>90 759 700</u>
PART III. <u>Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization</u>	
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization	<u>23 052 300</u>
Total, part III	<u>23 052 300</u>
PART IV. <u>Economic, social and humanitarian activities</u>	
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	3 823 700
5A. Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	3 655 600
5B. Centre for Science and Technology for Development	3 872 500
5C. Regional Commissions Liaison Office.....	597 400
6. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	48 900 000
7. Department of Technical Co-operation for Development	17 493 700
8. Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters ..	3 774 800
9. Transnational Corporations	9 608 200
10. Economic Commission for Europe	25 109 300

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<u>Section</u>	<u>(US dollars)</u>
11. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	34 818 600
12. Economic Commission for Latin America	46 929 700
13. Economic Commission for Africa	46 312 300
14. Economic Commission for Western Asia	26 408 600
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	56 459 000
16. International Trade Centre	8 627 100
17. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	72 149 500
18. United Nations Environment Programme	10 761 100
19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	9 429 000
20. International Drug Control	5 808 900
21. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	30 025 000
22. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator	5 236 400
23. Human Rights	10 247 700
24. Regular programme of technical co-operation	<u>32 910 900</u>
Total, part IV	<u>512 959 000</u>
 <u>PART V. International justice and law</u>	
25. International Court of Justice	9 048 600
26. Legal activities	<u>14 750 600</u>
Total, part V	<u>23 799 200</u>
 <u>PART VI. Public information</u>	
27. Public information	<u>71 649 400</u>
Total, part VI	<u>71 649 400</u>
 <u>PART VII. Common support services</u>	
28. Administration and management	304 707 200
29. Conference and library services	<u>266 012 300</u>
Total, part VII	<u>570 719 500</u>
 <u>PART VIII. Special expenses</u>	
30. United Nations bond issue	<u>16 769 100</u>
Total, part VIII	<u>16 769 100</u>
 <u>PART IX. Staff assessment</u>	
31. Staff assessment	<u>224 869 600</u>
Total, part IX	<u>224 869 600</u>

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<u>Section</u>	<u>(US dollars)</u>
PART X. <u>Capital expenditures</u>	
32. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	<u>12 621 500</u>
Total, part X	<u>12 621 500</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 <u>1 587 159 800</u>

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. The appropriations for the regular programme of technical co-operation under part IV, section 24, shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be subject to the following procedures:

(a) Obligations for personal services established in the current biennium shall be valid for the succeeding biennium, provided that appointments of the experts concerned are effected by the end of the current biennium, and that the total period to be covered by obligations established for these purposes against the resources of the current biennium shall not exceed twenty-four work-months;

(b) Obligations established in the current biennium for fellowships shall remain valid until liquidated, provided that the fellow has been nominated by the requesting Government and accepted by the Organization, and that a formal letter of award has been issued to the requesting Government;

(c) Obligations in respect of contracts or purchase orders for supplies or equipment recorded in the current biennium will remain valid until payment is effected to the contractor or vendor, unless they are cancelled;

5. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$xx,xxx is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1984-1985 from accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

B

INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM 1984-1985

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1984-1985:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling \$US 283,892,800 are approved as follows:

<u>Income Section</u>	<u>(US dollars)</u>
<u>PART I. Income from staff assessment</u>	
1. Income from staff assessment	<u>226 751 400</u>
Total, part I	<u>226 751 400</u>
<u>PART II. Other income</u>	
2. General income	36 639 300
3. Revenue-producing activities	<u>20 502 100</u>
Total, part II	<u>57 141 400</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>283 892 800</u>

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

C

Financing of appropriations for the year 1984

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1984:

1. Budget appropriations totalling \$US 791,257,700 consisting of \$US 793,579,900, being one half of the appropriations approved for the biennium

1984-1985 under resolution A above, together with revised appropriations for 1982-1983 decreased by \$US 2,322,200 shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) \$28,570,700 being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1984-1985 under resolution B above;

(b) \$604,500 being the increase in the revised income other than staff assessment for the biennium 1982-1983;

(c) \$762,082,500 being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 37/125 of 17 December 1982 on the scale of assessments for the years 1983, 1984 and 1985.

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of \$US 112,397,000 consisting of:

(a) \$113,375,700 being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1984-1985 under resolution B above;

(b) \$978,700 being the increase in the revised income from staff assessment for the biennium 1982-1983.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1984-1985

The General Assembly

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 1984-1985 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to that biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$US 10 million in any one year of the biennium 1984-1985, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the Court, article 31), not exceeding a total of \$200,000;

- (ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute of the Court, article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute of the Court, article 50), not exceeding a total of \$50,000;
- (iii) The maintenance in office of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute of the Court, article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of \$200,000;
- (iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges, and travel and removal expenses and the installation grant of Members of the Court, not exceeding a total of \$250,000;
- (v) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute of the Court, article 22), not exceeding a total of \$100,000.

(c) Such commitments, in an amount not exceeding \$300,000, in the biennium 1984-1985, as the Secretary-General certifies are required for interorganizational security measures pursuant to section IV of General Assembly resolution 36/235 of 18 December 1981;

2. Resolves that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. Decides that if, as a result of a decision of the Security Council, commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security should arise in an estimated total exceeding \$10 million either before the thirty-ninth session or between the thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions of the General Assembly, a special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1984-1985

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 1984-1985 in the amount of \$US 100 million;
2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 1984;
3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of \$1,025,092;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1982-1983 under General Assembly resolution 36/231 B of 18 December 1981;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1982-1983 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 1984-1985;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 38/ of December 1983 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed \$200,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total of \$200,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 1984-1985, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved in General Assembly resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Pension scheme for the members of the
International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1562 (XV) of 18 December 1960, 1925 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 2367 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2890 A (XXVI) of 22 December 1971, 3193 A (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 and 3537 A (XXX) of 17 December 1975, on the pension scheme for members of the International Court of Justice,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 34/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 35/

Decides to amend the Pension Scheme Regulations for members of the International Court of Justice as indicated in the annex to the present resolution, with effect from 1 January 1984.

34/ A/C.5/38/27.

35/ A/38/7/Add.23.

ANNEX

Amendments to the pension scheme regulations of the
International Court of Justice

ARTICLE I

Retirement pension

Replace "the age of sixty-five" by "the age of sixty" wherever the term appears.

In paragraph 1 (a), replace "five years of service" by "three years of service".

ARTICLE II

Disability pension

Replace paragraph 2 by the following text:

"2. The amount of the disability pension shall be equal to the amount of the retirement pension which would have been payable to the member of the Court concerned had he, at the time of leaving office, completed the term for which he had been elected, provided that it shall not be less than one quarter of the annual salary".

ARTICLE III

Widow's pension

In paragraph 3 (b) and (c), replace "age of sixty-five" by "the age of sixty".

ARTICLE IV

Child's benefit

In paragraph 1 (a), last line, replace "1,200 dollars a year" by "one thirty sixth of the annual base salary".

Add the following new paragraph 3:

"3. The age-limit mentioned in paragraph 1 above shall be waived if the child is incapacitated by illness or injury, and the benefit shall continue to be paid for as long as the child remains incapacitated."

ARTICLE V

Special provisions

To be deleted.

ARTICLE VI

Definitions

Renumber as article V.

Replace paragraph 2 by the following text:

"2. 'Annual salary' means the annual base salary, exclusive of any allowances, fixed by the General Assembly and received by the member at the time he ceased to hold office."

ARTICLE VII

Miscellaneous provisions

Renumber as article VI.

Replace paragraph 3 by the following text:

"3. The President of the Court and the Secretary-General shall determine conditions for the application of article IV, paragraph 3, and, on the advice of a qualified actuary or actuaries, establish a table of actuarial reduction factors."

ARTICLE VIII

Application and effective date

Renumber as article VII.

Replace entire article with the following text:

"1. The present Regulations shall be applicable as from 1 January 1984 to all who are members of the Court on or after that date, to their eligible beneficiaries and to recipients of pensions or benefits under article III or IV of the Regulations adopted on 19 December 1967.

"2. Pensions in payment shall be automatically revised by the same percentage and at the same date as pension entitlements.

"3. Former members of the Court who left office prior to 1 January 1968, or their eligible beneficiaries, shall continue to have their entitlements governed by the Regulations approved in General Assembly resolution 1562 (XV) or 1925 (XVIII), except that in their case, the revised provisions of article III approved in General Assembly resolution 2367 (XXII) and the consequential changes in article IV shall continue to be applicable to all relevant entitlements, regardless of the date on which the said entitlements first became payable."
