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ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2626 (XXV), 3202 (S-VI), 3281 (XXIX) AND 3362 (S-VII), ENTITLED RESPECTIVELY "INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE", "PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER", "CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES" AND "DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION"

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1978-1979

Administrative and financial implications of the
draft resolution recommended by the Second
Committee (A/32/480/Add.1, para. 15)

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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1. At its 70th meeting, on 19 December 1977, the Fifth Committee pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and in accordance with regulation 13.1 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, considered the statement of administrative and financial implications (A/C.5/32/86 and Corr.1) which the Secretary-General submitted in respect of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System based on the report of the Committee (A/32/34) as prepared by the Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Committee in the light of the deliberations of the contact group.

2. The Fifth Committee also had before it amendment 1 (A/C.5/32/86/Amend.1) to the Secretary-General's statement which provided additional information regarding the administrative and financial implications of the draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee in the light of discussions in the Economic and Social Council at its 2090th meeting, on 14 December 1977.

3. The Fifth Committee also had before it amendment 2 (A/C.5/32/86/Amend.2) of the Secretary-General's statement which reflected the administrative and financial

implications of a tentative decision which was reached at an informal meeting of the Second Committee, on 16 December 1977, regarding the high level official referred to in paragraph 5 of section VIII of chapter III of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee, and which was subsequently adopted by the Second Committee at its 65th meeting, on 19 December 1977, in the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee (A/32/480/Add.1, para. 15).

4. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made an oral statement to the Fifth Committee in which he gave the Advisory Committee's recommendations on the statement of administrative and financial implications of the Secretary-General as amended.

5. In his statement of administrative and financial implications, the Secretary-General estimated the total additional costs arising from the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee at \$1,856,100 offset by income from staff assessment amounting to \$397,300 which would result in net additional requirements of \$1,458,800.

6. Included in this figure was provision for the over-all remuneration of a Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation.

7. The Secretary-General drew the attention of the General Assembly to the necessity for an amendment to paragraphs 1 and 2 of annex I of the Staff Regulations in respect of the Director-General should his post be established. The Secretary-General accordingly submitted a draft amendment to the relevant paragraphs of the Staff Regulations.

8. The Secretary-General in his original statement of administrative and financial implications further requested the approval of the General Assembly to establish four new organizational units of the Secretariat in four new and separate sections of the 1978-1979 programme budget provisionally titled sections 5C, 5D, 5E and 5F and requested prior approval of the Assembly, under regulation 4.5 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, to transfer such resources as would be necessary to initiate implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee. The Advisory Committee concurred with the proposal of the Secretary-General to create four new sections, namely 5C, 5D, 5E and 5F.

9. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions reported the Committee's recommendations on certain reductions in the total requirements recommended by the Secretary-General. These included the recommendation that at this stage the General Assembly establish only the posts of the Director-General and of his personal assistant (G-5) and secretary (G-4) in section 5F and that the remaining posts in this section be provided in 1978 in the form of temporary assistance. Requirements in terms of numbers and grades would be reviewed by the General Assembly at its next session at which time provision could be made by the necessary funds in 1979. The Committee had no objection to the Secretary-General's request for two Assistant Secretary-General and four General Service posts for the proposed section 5C provisionally titled the Department for Economic Co-operation and Development, for two reclassifications in section 5D, provisionally titled the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (one from D-2 to ASG and one from ASG to USG) and for one reclassification in section 5E, provisionally titled Office of Secretariat Services

for Economic and Social Matters (from D-2 to ASG). The Advisory Committee did not disagree with the conclusion of the Secretary-General concerning the total remuneration including the component elements recommended by the Secretary-General for the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation. The Advisory Committee furthermore endorsed the draft revision to paragraphs 1 and 2 of annex I of the Staff Regulations recommended by the Secretary-General.

10. The Advisory Committee also recommended that the General Assembly should authorize the Secretary-General with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee to transfer functions and related credits between sections of the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979 to give effect to the decisions in the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee.

11. Comments made in the course of the discussion of this question in the Committee are reflected in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.5/32/SR.70).

12. Before taking its decisions on the financial implications of the draft resolution, the Fifth Committee considered two amendments proposed by the USSR.

13. The first amendment would have replaced the word "salary" by the word "remuneration" in the fifth line of the Secretary-General's proposed amendment to paragraph 1 of annex I of the Staff Regulations, as stated in paragraph 8.1 of A/C.5/32/86/Amend.2, which, in the opinion of the delegation of the USSR would be in keeping with the content of the decision of the Second Committee which was adopted by consensus (A/C.2/32/L.107). This amendment was rejected by 58 votes to 10, with 22 abstentions.

14. The second amendment proposed by the USSR would have deleted the words "functions and" from the recommendation of the Advisory Committee as contained in paragraph 10 above, inasmuch as in the opinion of the delegation of the USSR the transfer of functions falls within the competence of the Second Committee which has already taken a decision on this question. This amendment was rejected by 66 votes to 11, with 12 abstentions.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

15. The Fifth Committee, by 82 votes to 8, decided to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee (A/32/480/Add.1, para. 15), there would be need to take the following action:

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(a) Appropriate \$333,600 under the new section 5C of the proposed programme budget for 1978-1979;

(b) Appropriate \$37,500 under the new section 5D of the proposed programme budget for 1978-1979;

(c) Appropriate \$22,700 under the new section 5E of the proposed programme budget for 1978-1979;

(d) Appropriate \$482,500 under the new section 5F of the proposed programme budget for 1978-1979;

(e) Appropriate \$280,800 under section 22D of the proposed programme budget for 1978-1979;

(f) Appropriate \$304,000 for staff assessment under section 25 of the proposed programme budget for 1978-1979;

(g) Appropriate \$304,000 for staff assessment under income section 1 of the proposed programme budget for 1978-1979.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

16. At its 70th meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should create four new sections in the programme budget for 1978-1979, provisionally titled sections 5C, 5D, 5E and 5F.

17. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, by 81 votes to 8, to recommend that the General Assembly should amend paragraphs 1 and 2 of annex I of the Staff Regulations to read as follows:

"1. The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme having the status equivalent to that of the executive head of a major specialized agency, shall receive a salary of \$US 99,350 per year; the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation shall receive a salary of \$US 99,350 per year; an Under-Secretary-General shall receive a salary of \$US 76,030 per year and an Assistant Secretary-General shall receive a salary of \$US 67,430 per year, subject to the staff assessment plan provided in staff regulation 3.3 and to post adjustments wherever applied. If otherwise eligible, they shall receive the allowances which are available to staff members generally.

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"2. The Secretary-General is authorized, on the basis of appropriate justification and/or reporting, to make additional payments to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, to Under-Secretaries-General and Assistant Secretaries-General to compensate for such special costs as may be reasonably incurred, in the interests of the Organization, in the performance of duties assigned to them by the Secretary-General. The maximum total amount of such payments is to be determined in the programme budget by the General Assembly."

18. Also at the same meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, by 81 votes to none, with 10 abstentions, to recommend that the General Assembly should authorize the Secretary-General, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to transfer functions and related credits between sections of the programme budget for 1978-1979 to give effect to the decisions in the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee (A/32/480/Add.1, para. 15).
