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I. INTRODUCTION

1. By its resolution 3539 (XXX) of 17 December 1975, the General Assembly approved a total appropriation of \$745,813,800 under the various expenditure sections of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 and estimates of income from various sources during the same period in a total amount of \$118,292,300 or a net assessment level of \$627,521,500.

2. Under agenda item 92, the Fifth Committee examined the report of the Secretary-General on the budget and programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1976-1977 (A/C.5/31/37 and Corr.1 and Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.25 and Corr.1). In his report, the Secretary-General requested an additional appropriation of \$13,300,500 for the biennium as a whole, based on developments and expenditure trends during the first six months of the biennium, and projections in respect of the balance of the financial period. He also proposed a reduction of \$282,800 in the estimates of income.

3. In addition, proposed additional appropriations in a total amount of \$35,263,150 and revised estimates of income totalling \$9,012,100 were examined by the Committee on the basis of a number of other reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

4. The Fifth Committee recommends an increase of \$38,119,100 in the gross appropriation approved by the General Assembly in resolution 3539 (XXX) for a total of \$783,932,900 and an increase in the total estimated income of \$8,595,000 for a total of \$126,887,300.

5. The views expressed during the discussion of the special subjects under this agenda item are reflected in the summary records of the Fifth Committee which are indicated below, in the text dealing with each of those subjects.

II. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

A. Emoluments of members of the International Court of Justice

6. The question of emoluments of members of the International Court of Justice was discussed by the Committee at its 10th and 12th to 14th meetings on 18 and 20 to 22 October.
7. For its consideration of this item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/13) as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.3), to which was annexed the following draft resolution:
- "The General Assembly,
- "Recalling its decision in resolution 3537 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 to fix the annual salary of the members of the International Court of Justice at \$US 50,000 with effect from 1 January 1976,
- "Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/
- "1. Decides that the annual salaries of members of the International Court of Justice shall next be reviewed at its thirty-fifth session and thereafter normally every five years;
- "2. Decides further, with effect from 1 January 1977, that in between such periodic reviews, the members of the International Court of Justice may receive, in addition to their annual salary, as defined in Article 32, paragraphs 1 and 5, of the Statute of the Court, also an interim cost-of-living supplement which shall not be deemed to form part of the said salary and the amount of which shall be governed by the provisions set out in paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
- "3. Decides that the allowances and compensation provided for in Article 32, paragraphs 2 to 4, of the Statute of the International Court of Justice and the retirement pensions given to members of the Court shall be reviewed concurrently with the review of their annual salary, and that the system of interim adjustments shall not apply to them."
8. The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was introduced by its Chairman at the 10th meeting of the Fifth Committee, on 18 October.

1/ A/C.5/31/13.

2/ A/31/8/Add.3.

9. At the 12th meeting, on 20 October, the representative of the Philippines orally proposed the following two amendments to the draft resolution (A/31/8/Add.3, annex):

(a) The addition of the following as a new third preambular paragraph:

"Taking into account the views expressed by members of the Fifth Committee";

(b) The insertion of the word "periodic" before the word "review" in operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution.

10. The first of the Philippine amendments, that is, the addition of a new third preambular paragraph (see para. 9 (a) above), was withdrawn at the 13th meeting.

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

11. At its 14th meeting, on 22 October, the Fifth Committee, by 61 votes to 16, with 5 abstentions, adopted the draft resolution (A/31/8/Add.3, annex) as orally amended (see para. 107 below, draft resolution I).

B. Yearbook of the United Nations

12. The report of the Secretary-General on the Yearbook of the United Nations (A/C.5/31/12) was considered by the Fifth Committee along with the question of the United Nations information centres system at its 10th to 13th and 18th meetings, from 18 to 21 and on 28 October.

13. The report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/12), which was submitted in response to a decision taken by the General Assembly at its 2444th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1975, 3/ wherein the Secretary-General was requested to explore ways and means of ensuring a more timely publication of the Yearbook without impairing its quality and high standards, and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-first session, was introduced by the Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information at the 10th meeting of the Committee.

14. At the same meeting, the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.1 and Corr.1) was introduced by its Chairman in an oral statement before the Fifth Committee.

15. In order to achieve a timely issue of the Yearbook (that is, within an 18-month period), the Secretary-General requested additional staff resources for the Yearbook Unit within the Office of Public Information with financial implications amounting to \$108,500 in 1977 and \$136,500 in 1978, net of staff assessment (A/C.5/31/12, paras. 8, 9 and 17).

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034), p. 144, para. n (ii).

16. In its report (A/31/8/Add.1/Corr.1, para. 3), the Advisory Committee stated that acceptance of its recommendations in paragraphs 7 to 12 of its report would mean a reduction of \$31,200 in the Secretary-General's estimates of financial implications for both 1977 and 1978. An additional amount of \$77,300 would be required for the biennium 1976-1977 as against the \$108,500 set forth in detail by the Secretary-General in his report (A/C.5/31/12, para. 19).

17. At the 13th meeting, on 21 October, the representative of Pakistan proposed that, in taking a decision on this question, the Committee should also endorse the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in its report on the work of its sixteenth session, in which it stated the following:

"In connexion with the United Nations Yearbook, the Committee recommended that the Secretary-General should give this important publication the high priority it deserved by reassigning adequate resources, by ensuring the timely submission of reports by different units and by streamlining production methods. The Committee considered that this important publication should be ready within a year after the end of the regular session of the General Assembly, without prejudice to its recognized quality and high standards of objectivity." 4/

18. At the 18th meeting, on 28 October, after a debate on the proposal, the representative of Pakistan decided to withdraw its proposal in view of the apparent contradiction between the 18-month target mentioned by the Secretary-General and the 12-month target recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination. His delegation did not wish to create an artificial controversy over a matter which for all practical purposes had been resolved. The Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information had stated his commitment for the timely publication of the Yearbook, and the delegation of Pakistan was confident that, after the current backlog was cleared, the Secretary-General would make every reasonable effort to achieve a 12-month target without requesting additional funds.

19. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee:

(a) Decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should take note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/12);

(b) Decided, by 69 votes to 9, with 1 abstention, to recommend that the General Assembly should concur with the comments and observations of the Advisory Committee in its report (A/31/8/Add.1 and Corr.1);

(c) Decided, by 68 votes to 12, with 4 abstentions, to recommend that the General Assembly should approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 13 of its report (A/31/8/Add.1/Corr.1).

20. The comments made by delegations in the course of the discussion of this question, as well as the explanations of vote, are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/31/SR.10-13 and 18).

4/ Ibid., Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/31/38), para. 51.

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

21. At its 18th meeting, the Fifth Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Yearbook of the United Nations (A/C.5/31/12);

(b) Concur with the comments and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report (A/31/8/Add.1);

(c) Approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 13 of its report (A/31/8/Add.1/Corr.1) (see para. 107 below), draft resolution V, sect. I).

C. United Nations information centres system

22. The item on the United Nations information centres system was considered by the Fifth Committee at its 10th to 13th meetings, from 18 to 21 October.

23. For its consideration of this question, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/14) containing the results of an over-all review of the information centres system which was initiated in 1973, as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.2).

24. The report of the Advisory Committee was introduced by its Chairman in an oral statement before the Fifth Committee at its 10th meeting.

25. At the same meeting, the Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/14) and, at the 13th meeting, orally replied to a number of questions raised during the consideration of this question.

26. The comments and observations made by delegations in the course of the discussion are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/31/SR.10-13).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

27. At its 13th meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations information centres system (A/C.5/31/14);

(b) Concur with the comments and observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report (A/31/8/Add.2) (see para. 107 below, draft resolution V, sect. II).

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D. Future trend in computer usage

28. The Committee discussed the report of the Secretary-General on electronic data processing and information systems in the United Nations (A/C.5/31/3), as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/255), at its 15th, 21st, 23rd, 25th and 27th meetings, on 25 October, 2, 4, 8 and 10 November.
29. At the 15th meeting, the report of the Advisory Committee (A/31/255) was orally introduced by its Chairman.
30. In its report, the Advisory Committee concluded that there was need for greater discipline in the use of electronic data processing facilities at Headquarters (New York Computing Centre). Accordingly, it recommended the establishment within the Secretariat of an interdepartmental information systems board, which would conduct annual reviews of the information systems in each department and would meet on a regular basis to review, evaluate and approve requests submitted to the Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Service (EDPIS) for new computer-based information systems, including those requests put forward as part of the medium-term plan. In this connexion, it recommended that the rental replacement of a computer requested by the Secretary-General should be delayed until after the board had been established and had carried out the necessary reviews. The funds requested by the Secretary-General for this purpose (\$332,200) would be released after the Advisory Committee was satisfied that the necessary safeguards were in place and functioning.
31. The Advisory Committee could not agree to the Secretary-General's request for funds for the purchase of additional interactive remote processing equipment in 1977. It noted that the Secretary-General had approached the question of such an acquisition on a piecemeal basis, and believed that the wider implications of the subject warranted the undertaking of co-ordinated feasibility studies of the needs of all programmes.
32. With regard to the electronic data processing programmes at Geneva, in Vienna, in UNEP and the regional commissions, the Advisory Committee observed that the need for discipline and co-ordination, which it had emphasized with respect to the New York computing centre facilities, applied to all centres.
33. The comments and observations of delegations in the course of the discussion on this question, as well as the comments and replies to queries of the representative of the Secretary-General, are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/31/SR.15, 21, 23, 25 and 27).
34. At its 27th meeting, on 10 November, the Fifth Committee, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, approved by 64 votes to 9, with 3 abstentions, an additional appropriation of \$359,900 under section 22 D (EDPIS) and \$153,400 under section 22 G (Administrative and Financial Services, Geneva), and \$24,900 under income section 1 and \$290,000 under income section 2 of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977.

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

35. At its 27th meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the reports of the Secretary-General on electronic data Processing and information systems in the United Nations (A/C.5/31/3) and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/255);

(b) Take note of the views expressed by delegations in the Fifth Committee;

(c) Endorse the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report (A/31/255) (see para. 107 below, draft resolution V, sect. III).

E. Review of action taken on the recommendations of
the Administrative Management Service

36. The Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review of action taken on the recommendations of the Administrative Management Service (A/C.5/31/6) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.5) at its 21st, 24th and 25th meetings on 2, 5 and 8 November. Also before the Committee was a report of the Secretary-General on the question of a merger of the Administrative Management Service and the Internal Audit Service (A/C.5/31/29).

37. At its 24th meeting, on 5 November, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to deal with the question of the future of the Administrative Management Service when it considered agenda item 96 (Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency).

38. The report of the Advisory Committee was introduced by its Chairman at the 21st meeting.

39. The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management commented on the role of the Administrative Management Service and replied to observations made during the discussion in an oral statement before the Committee at its 24th meeting.

40. In its report (A/31/8/Add.5, paras. 12 to 19), the Advisory Committee, commenting on the report of the Secretary-General on the review of action taken on the recommendations of the Administrative Management Service (A/C.5/31/6), made a number of suggestions which it believed, if taken, would help to make the Service more effective. In particular, it believed that staff at all levels of the Secretariat should be made aware that management and other improvement efforts have the full backing of the Secretary-General and that, once it had been decided by the Secretary-General that a recommendation of the Administrative Management Service was in the interest of the Organization, the recommendation should be

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implemented in full. The Advisory Committee suggested also that the Administrative Management Service should have the necessary degree of independence in the exercise of its functions, that it should have sufficient qualified staff to carry out its work and that its role should not be hampered by the establishment of departmental administrative management units.

41. The comments and observations made by delegations in the course of the debate on this question are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/31/SR.21, 24 and 25).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

42. At its 25th meeting, on 8 November, the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the question of the future of the Administrative Management Service would be discussed under agenda item 96, decided without objection to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of action taken on the recommendations made by the Administrative Management Service (A/C.5/31/6) and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.5);

(b) Concur with the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report (A/31/8/Add.5) (see para. 107 below, draft resolution V, sect. IV).

F. Use of experts and consultants in the United Nations

43. The Committee considered the question of the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations at its 6th, 7th and 44th meetings, on 11 and 13 October and 8 December.
44. For its consideration of this item, the Committee had before it the report on the use of experts and consultants in the United Nations (A/C.5/31/10 and Corr.1) submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to a decision taken by the General Assembly at its 2444th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1975. 5/
45. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions stated the views of the Advisory Committee on the report of the Secretary-General in an oral statement before the Fifth Committee at its 6th meeting.
46. The representative of the Secretary-General made an oral statement at the same meeting.
47. When the Fifth Committee resumed its discussion of this item at its 44th meeting, on 8 December, it had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/10/Add.1 and Corr.1) containing statistical information, covering the period from 1 January to 30 June 1976, with respect to the new procedure instituted for the recruitment of consultants, experts and individual contractors.
48. In reply to comments made and questions raised in the course of the debate, oral statements were made at the 44th meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General and the Chief of the Secretariat Recruitment Service.
49. At the same meeting, the representative of Poland orally proposed a draft resolution whereby the Committee would recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the reports of the Secretary-General and of the oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, reaffirm the decisions it had taken on this question in 1974 and 1975 and request the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, on the implementation of those decisions.
50. The comments and observations made by delegations in the course of the discussion of this question are reflected in the summary records of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/31/SR.6, 7 and 44).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

51. At its 44th meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted, without objection, the draft resolution proposed by Poland (see para. 107 below, draft resolution II).

5/ Ibid., Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034), p. 145, para. (t) (iii).

G. Establishment of a rationale for the allocation of expenses between the regular budget and the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme

52. When the Committee considered this question at its 45th meeting, on 9 December, it had before it the report of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on the establishment of a rationale for the allocation of expenses between the regular budget and the Fund of UNEP (A/C.5/31/39 and Corr.1 and 2), as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.10).

53. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the Advisory Committee's report (A/31/8/Add.10) in an oral statement before the Committee.

54. In its report (A/31/8/Add.10, para. 16), the Advisory Committee stated that it did not recommend acceptance of the proposal of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of UNEP that the General Assembly and the Governing Council of UNEP approve a 40:60 ratio as the theoretically appropriate ratio for the distribution of staff costs between the regular budget of the United Nations and the Fund of UNEP. At the same time, it was of the opinion that the present policy, under which no posts are to be added to the regular budget establishment of UNEP, need not be extended automatically beyond 1977. However, any proposals by the Secretary-General to increase the regular budget establishment during the biennium 1978-1979, or subsequently, should be accompanied by full justification in terms of functions and grading and should be consistent with the decisions taken or to be taken by the Assembly on the medium-term plan for the period 1978-1981 6/ and subsequent medium-term plans.

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

55. At its 45th meeting, after a short discussion, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a rationale for the allocation of expenses between the regular budget and the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/C.5/31/39 and Corr.1 and 2) and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.10);

(b) Endorse the conclusions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 16 of its report (see para. 107 below, draft resolution V, sect. V).

6/ Ibid., Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 A (A/31/6/Add.1 and Corr.1-5).

H. United Nations accommodatin in Addis Ababa,
Bangkok, Santiago and Nairobi

56. The Committee considered this item at its 51st meeting, on 15 December, at which time it had before it the following reports:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations accommodation in Addis Ababa, Bangkok and Santiago (A/C.5/31/41);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations accommodation in Nairobi (A/C.5/31/45);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the extension of the Palais des Nations (A/C.5/31/20);

(d) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the three above-mentioned reports (A/31/8/Add.16).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

57. At its 51st meeting, the Fifth Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the extension of the Palais des Nations, and on United Nations accommodation in Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Santiago and in Nairobi (A/C.5/31/20, A/C.5/31/41 and A/C.5/31/45);

(b) Take note of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.16) (see para. 107 below, draft resolution V, sect. VI).

I. Revised estimates concerning the United Nations
Conference on Trade and Development

58. The Committee discussed this question at its 45th, 48th, 51st and 57th meetings on 9, 13, 15 and 20 December, at which time it had for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on this subject (A/C.5/31/49) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.12).

59. In his report (A/C.5/31/49), the Secretary-General indicated that the totality of the financial implications resulting from the decisions of the Trade and Development Board at the first part of its sixteenth session amounted to \$3,044,700. Of this amount, \$2,337,700 was requested for appropriation for the biennium 1976-1977; the difference of \$707,000 related to conference services provided to UNCTAD for which no appropriation was requested at this time.

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60. In its report (A/31/8/Add.12), the Advisory Committee recommended reductions totalling \$479,700 in the appropriation requested by the Secretary-General. With regard to the amount of \$707,000 relating to conference services provided to UNCTAD, the Advisory Committee suggested that the Fifth Committee might wish to request the Committee on Conferences to study the question of the provision of United Nations services to meetings of regional and other limited-access groups and, to the extent possible, recommend guidelines which could be applied in the future.

61. During the discussion of this question, the representative of Sri Lanka proposed that, in addition to the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee (A/31/8/Add.12), the following posts, which had been requested by the Secretary-General in his report (A/C.5/31/49), be reinstated:

(a) One P-3 post and one General Service post for advisory services on the transfer of technology;

(b) Establishment of an additional P-3 post for the manufactures and semi-manufactures programme;

(c) Establishment of one P-3 post and one P-2 post for the programme for economic co-operation among developing countries;

(d) Establishment of one P-2 post and one General Service post for the special programme for least developed, land-locked and developing island countries.

In the latter connexion, the representative of Afghanistan made a similar proposal with regard to the establishment of an additional P-2 post.

62. The total additions proposed by Sri Lanka and Afghanistan to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee amounted to \$119,900 under section 11 of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 and \$24,000 under section 25, offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1.

63. At its 51st meeting, on 15 December, the Committee decided, by 66 votes to 11, with 7 abstentions, to adopt the proposals of Sri Lanka and Afghanistan to amend the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as set out in paragraphs 61 and 62 above.

64. The Committee then adopted the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.12, para. 21), as amended, by 72 votes to 11, with 6 abstentions.

65. As a result of the Committee's action, the revised estimates, totalling \$1,977,900, would be included in the programme budget for 1976-1977 as follows:

Section 11	-	\$1,847,900
Section 22	-	\$ 130,000
Section 25	-	\$ 334,000
Income section 1	-	\$ 334,000

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66. At the 51st meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland orally proposed that the Committee endorse the Advisory Committee's suggestion contained in the last sentence of paragraph 23 of its report (A/31/8/Add.12), which read as follows:

"The Advisory Committee suggests that the Fifth Committee may wish to request the Committee on Conferences to study the question of the provision of United Nations services to meetings of regional and other limited access groups and, to the extent possible, recommend guidelines which could be applied in the future."

67. At the 57th meeting, on 20 December, the representative of Sri Lanka proposed the following draft resolution (A/C.5/31/L.37):

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the revised estimate 7/ resulting from the decisions of the Trade and Development Board arising from the Conference on Trade and Development at its fourth session, and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, 8/

"1. Decides that the extent of the greater flexibility for UNCTAD in budgetary, financial and administrative matters to be accorded should be such as to enable UNCTAD to make the best use of its resources according to the demands made of it;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General, at the earliest opportunity, to clarify the reasons for strengthening the office of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD; meanwhile a flexible use of UNCTAD resources may provide his office with the desired strengthening;

"3. Recommends that the provision of UNCTAD services for meetings of different kinds be further considered by the Trade and Development Board as necessary with a view to taking the appropriate decisions."

Sri Lanka subsequently withdrew operative paragraph 3 of its draft resolution.

68. The oral proposal made by the United Kingdom was rejected by 45 votes to 26, with 20 abstentions.

69. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution submitted by Sri Lanka (A/C.5/31/L.37), as revised, by 86 votes to 9, with 5 abstentions.

70. Statements made by the representative of the Secretary-General in reply to queries raised and the comments and explanations of vote of delegations are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/31/SR.45, 48, 51 and 57).

7/ A/C.5/31/49.

8/ A/31/8/Add.12.

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

71. At its 57th meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution submitted by Sri Lanka (A/C.5/31/L.37), as revised (see para. 107 below, draft resolution III).

J. Revised estimates in respect of the United Nations
Centre on Transnational Corporations

72. This question was considered by the Committee at its 58th and 59th meetings on 20 and 21 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates under sections 4, 5B, 22, 25 and income section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, relating to the major programme concerning transnational corporations (A/C.5/31/25 and Corr.1). The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was before the Committee in document A/31/8/Add.19.

73. In his report, the Secretary-General submitted revised estimates under sections 4, 5, 22D, 22J and 25 of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 in the amount of \$3,784,000 and, under income section 1, \$281,700. The Advisory Committee in its report (A/31/8/Add.19) recommended a net additional appropriation of \$1,939,000.

74. In the course of the discussion at the 58th meeting, the representative of Greece, in connexion with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, proposed the approval of 18 Professional and 13 General Service posts as follows: 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 3 P-5, 5 P-4, 4 P-3, 3 P-2/1, 3 G-5, 10 G-4/1. He also proposed that the Committee approve the Secretary-General's request (A/C.5/31/25, para. 65) for the joint units of the Centre on Transnational Corporations in the regional commissions. Finally, he proposed that no appropriation be approved for library books and supplies for the Centre.

75. The effect of the Greek proposal would increase the total net appropriations recommended by the Advisory Committee for the biennium 1976-1977 by \$639,000, as follows:

Section 5	- \$479,000;
Section 22 J	- \$160,000;
Section 25	- \$55,000 to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1.

76. The representative of Canada introduced a draft decision (A/C.5/31/L.59) at the 59th meeting which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Decides that, before any commitment is made to commercially available software for the Centre on Transnational Corporations, the Secretary-General should test the Integrated Set of Information Systems (ISIS) as an alternative, and report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions."

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77. The representative of Canada subsequently orally revised the draft decision as follows:

(a) In the first line, the words "commitment is made to commercially available" should be replaced by the words "decision is reached on";

(b) In the third line, the word "test" should be replaced by the words "give full consideration to suitable or alternative packages, including".

78. The Committee adopted the draft decision (A/C.5/31/L.59), as orally revised by consensus (see para. 107 below, draft resolution V, sect. VII).

79. The Committee then adopted the proposal of Greece, in connexion with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, by a recorded vote of 63 to 18, with 5 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Mali, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Italy, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Abstaining: China, Gabon, Japan, Romania, United States of America.

80. As a result of the adoption of the Greek proposal, the following revised estimates, totalling \$2,578,000, would be included in the programme budget for 1976-1977:

Section 4	- \$ 100,000
Section 5	- \$1,750,000
Section 22 (a)	- \$ 383,000
Section 22 (j)	- \$ 345,000
Section 25	- \$ 268,000 to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1

81. Comments and observations made during the discussion of this question are reflected in the summary records of the Committee (A/C.5/31/SR.59).

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DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

82. The Fifth Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, before any decision is reached on software for the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, the Secretary-General should give full consideration to suitable alternative packages, including the Integrated Set of Information Systems, and report thereon to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see para. 107 below, draft resolution V, sect. VII).

K. Arabic language services in the United Nations

83. The question of Arabic language services in the United Nations was considered by the Fifth Committee at its 60th meeting, on 21 December, at which time it had before it a report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/60 and Corr.1), as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.26).

84. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the Advisory Committee's report in an oral statement before the Committee.

85. In his report (A/C.5/31/60 and Corr.1, sect. IV), the Secretary-General proposed an organizational arrangement for the Arabic language services.

86. The Advisory Committee stated in its report (A/31/8/Add.26, para. 12) that it did not concur with the Secretary-General's request for \$108,000 for 1977 for rental and operating costs. It expressed the opinion that the Secretary-General should take steps towards co-ordinating efforts among the specialized agencies and the Organization in developing Arabic language services, expressed the understanding that the experience to be gained from the organizational arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General would be reviewed at the end of the three-year period 1977-1979 and trusted that a report thereon would be submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly (A/31/8/Add.26, paras. 13 and 14).

87. During the discussion of this item, it was proposed by some delegations that the Secretary-General should submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the success of, and on any difficulties which might be experienced with, his current proposals and also any further ideas or proposals in relation to the positions stated by the Arab delegates who took part in the discussion in the Fifth Committee.

88. All other comments and observations made during the course of the discussion of this item are reflected in the summary record of the Committee (A/C.5/31/SR.60).

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

89. The Fifth Committee decided, by consensus, to recommend that the General Assembly should:

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(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on Arabic language services in the United Nations (A/C.5/31/60 and Corr.1) and approve the organizational arrangements contained in section IV thereof;

(b) Concur with the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.26) (see para. 107 below, draft resolution V, sect. VIII).

L. Emoluments of the Secretary-General

90. The Fifth Committee considered the question of the emoluments of the Secretary-General at its 61st meeting on 21 December, at which time it had before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/31/8/Add.24).

91. The Advisory Committee, taking into account certain decisions of the General Assembly, recommended that the salary of the Secretary-General be increased to \$110,650 gross effective 1 January 1977 (A/31/8/Add.24, para. 5). The Advisory Committee stated that, should its recommendations be approved by the Assembly, there would be a consequential increase in the maximum retirement allowance for the Secretary-General from \$38,000 to \$55,325 a year pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2772 (XXVI) of 29 November 1971. It recommended that, effective 1 January 1977, pensions in payment to former Secretaries-General or their surviving spouses be adjusted proportionately whenever the Assembly takes a decision affecting the maximum retirement allowance for the Secretary-General (A/31/8/Add.24, paras. 6 and 7).

DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

92. The Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Concur with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the emoluments of the Secretary-General contained in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of its report (A/31/8/Add.24); and

(b) Approve net additional appropriations of \$12,000 under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, and an increase of \$21,000 for staff assessment under section 25, offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1 (see para. 107, draft resolution V, sect. IX).

93. The Fifth Committee also decided, without objection, upon the recommendation of the representative of Algeria to recommend that the General Assembly should request the Secretary-General to review, within the context of the draft programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979, the amount of honorarium received by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to report thereon to the Assembly (see para. 107, draft resolution V, sect. X).

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M. Standards of accommodation for official travel of
United Nations staff by air

94. At its 5th meeting on 8 October, the Committee considered the annual report of the Secretary-General on the standards of accommodation for official travel of United Nations staff by air for the period from 1 July 1975 to 30 June 1976 (A/C.5/31/5), submitted in pursuance of paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 3198 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973.

DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

95. The Fifth Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/31/5);

(b) Decide that, in future, the Secretary-General should report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3198 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, should it consider it necessary, the Advisory Committee should bring to the attention of the Assembly any relevant part of the information provided by the Secretary-General (see para. 107, draft resolution V, sect. XI).

N. Performance report on the programme budget for the
biennium 1976-1977: International Trade Centre
(UNCTAD/GATT)

96. At its 61st meeting, on 21 December, the Fifth Committee took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977: International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT (A/C.5/31/51).

O. First performance report on the programme budget
for the biennium 1976-1977

97. In his report on this subitem (A/C.5/31/37 and Corr.1 and Add.1), the Secretary-General requested that the total appropriations approved by the General Assembly for the current biennium in its resolution 3539 A (XXX) be increased by \$13,300,500 from a total of \$745,813,800 to \$759,114,300. Of the additional amount of \$7,987,300 was related to the net combined effects of inflation and variations in the rates of currency exchange, \$2,456,200 to decisions of policy-making organs since the original appropriations were approved and \$2,857,000 to the net effect of other changes proposed by the Secretary-General. Also proposed was a reduction in the estimates of income by \$282,800 from a total of \$118,292,300 to \$118,009,500. On this basis, the net revised requirements amounted to \$641,104,800.

98. In its related report (A/31/8/Add.25 and Corr.1), the Advisory Committee recommended that the additional appropriation proposed by the Secretary-General be reduced by \$2,130,900 from \$13,300,500 to \$11,169,600, but that his revised

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estimates of income be accepted. Of these additional appropriations, \$7,987,300 was related to the effects of inflation and the rates of exchange, as requested by the Secretary-General, and \$3,182,300 to the other factors dealt with in his report. Accordingly, the Committee proposed total revised appropriations in an amount of \$756,983,400 and revised estimates of income in an amount of \$118,009,500. This represented an increase in total net requirements by \$11,452,400 from \$627,521,500 to \$638,973,900.

99. At its 61st meeting, on 21 December, the Fifth Committee approved the revised appropriations and estimates of income recommended by the Advisory Committee by a recorded vote of 46 to 12, with 12 abstentions (see para. 107 below, draft resolution IV). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Burma, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Libyan Arab Republic, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

P. Postponement of consideration of some subjects

100. At its 57th meeting, on 20 December 1976, the Fifth Committee decided to postpone its consideration of the following subjects under agenda item 92 to the thirty-second session of the General Assembly:

(a) Comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations (A/C.5/31/2);

(b) Services provided by the United Nations to activities financed from extrabudgetary resources (A/C.5/31/33 and Corr.1);

(c) Organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat (A/C.5/31/8);

(d) General procedures and administrative arrangements governing the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation (A/C.5/31/40);

(e) Revision of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations (A/C.5/31/58);

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(f) Establishment of an information services unit in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (A/C.5/31/69);

(g) Implications of extending Pension Fund coverage to certain former staff members for service with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency during the period 1950 through 1960 (A/C.5/31/71);

(h) Technological innovations in the production of publications and documentation of the United Nations (A/C.5/31/77).

The Committee also took note of the statement of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with reference to the report of the Secretary-General on proposed changes in the level of certain posts in the top echelon of the Secretariat (A/C.5/31/95) that the proposals therein could not be considered at the thirty-first session, but that they should be included in the programme budget proposals of the Secretary-General for the biennium 1978-1979.

Q. Revised appropriations

101. By its resolution 3539 A and B (XXX) of 17 December 1975, the General Assembly initially approved appropriations for the biennium 1976-1977 in the amount of \$745,813,800 and estimates of income in the amount of \$118,292,300.

102. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee at its current session on revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General, as well as on the financial implications of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly under items considered by other Main Committees, have involved additional appropriations in the amount of \$38,119,100 and additional estimates of income in the amount of \$8,595,000. The relevant documentation and the related amounts are listed below.

Documentation	Estimates proposed by the Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by the Fifth Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
A. EXPENDITURE SECTIONS			
I. <u>Revised estimates</u>			
(i) Electronic data processing and information systems in the United Nations (A/C.5/31/3, A/31/255, 27th meeting)	520 800	17 400 <u>a/</u>	538 200
(ii) Revised programme and budget proposals under section 12: UNIDO (A/C.5/31/11 and Corr.1, A/31/8/Add.7, 35th meeting)	2 945 100 <u>b/</u>	(2 347 500)	597 600
(iii) <u>Yearbook of the United Nations</u> (A/C.5/31/12, A/31/8/Add.1 and Corr.1 (18th meeting) General Assembly resolution 31/208, sect. I)	132 800	(37 100)	95 700
(iv) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions (A/C.5/31/23 and Corr.1, A/31/8/Add.15, 52nd meeting)	1 037 000	(146 500)	890 500
(v) United Nations Conference on Desertification (A/C.5/31/31, A/31/8/Add.9, 36th meeting)	571 700	(219 700)	352 000
(vi) Major programme concerning transnational corporations (A/C.5/31/25 and Corr.1, A/31/8/Add.19, 59th meeting, General Assembly resolution 31/208, sect. VII)	3 784 000	(938 000)	2 846 000

a/ An additional increase in income in the amount of \$240 000 was also approved.

b/ This amount is the difference between the appropriation of \$45 157 000 and revised estimates of \$48 102 100.

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Documentation	Estimates proposed by the Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by the Fifth Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
(vii) Budget and programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1976-1977 (A/C.5/31/37 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/31/8/Add.25 and Corr.1, 61st meeting)	13 300 500	(2 130 900)	11 169 600
(viii) Decisions of the Trade and Development Board arising from the Conference on Trade and Development at its fourth session, Nairobi (A/C.5/31/49, A/31/8/Add.12, 51st meeting, A/31/470, General Assembly resolution 31/206).	2 727 700	(415 800)	2 311 900
(ix) Arabic language services in the United Nations (A/C.5/31/60 and Corr.1, A/31/8/Add.26, 60th meeting, General Assembly resolution 31/208, sect. VIII)	1 377 500	(108 000)	1 269 500
(x) United Nations accommodation (A/C.5/31/22 and Corr.1, A/31/8/Add.23, 61st meeting, A/31/450/Add.2, General Assembly resolution 31/208, sect. VI)	3 800 000	(1 200 000)	2 600 000
(xi) Emoluments of the Secretary-General (A/31/8/Add.24, 61st meeting, A/31/470, General Assembly resolution 31/208, sect. IX)	33 000	-	33 000
Total I	30 230 100	(7 526 100)	22 704 000

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Documentation	Estimates proposed by the Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by the Fifth Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
II. <u>Financial implications</u>			
(i) Report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/C.5/31/26, A/31/8/Add.6, General Assembly resolution 31/141 A and B)	9 143 000	(443 000)	8 700 000
(ii) Programme of work of the Special Committee against <u>Apartheid</u> (A/C.5/31/42, A/31/32, General Assembly resolution 31/6 G)	57 000	(25 000)	32 000
(iii) United Nations Conference on Succession of States in respect of Treaties (A/C.5/31/44 and Corr.1, A/31/8/Add.8, A/31/144, General Assembly resolution 31/18)	149 700	(24 700)	125 000
(iv) Personnel questions: establishment of classification systems for posts in the Professional category in the Secretariat and for General Service posts in New York and at Geneva (A/C.5/31/47, A/31/8/Add.20, A/31/457/Add.1, General Assembly resolution 31/193 B)	323 600	-	323 600
(v) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (A/C.5/31/50, A/31/8/Add.11, A/31/396 and Corr.1, General Assembly resolution 31/63)	1 728 300 <u>c/</u>	(105 300)	1 623 000

c/ Including an addition of staff assessment in the amount of \$200 000.

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Documentation	Estimates proposed by the Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by the Fifth Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
(vi) Question of Timor (A/C.5/31/52, A/31/366, General Assembly resolution 31/53)	34 000	(34 000)	-
(vii) Question of Palestine (A/C.5/31/55, A/31/346, General Assembly resolution 31/20)	74 000	-	74 000
(viii) Question of French Somaliland (A/C.5/31/59, A/31/366, General Assembly resolution 31/59)	127 200	(47 200)	80 000
(ix) Membership of the Committee on Contributions (A/C.5/31/62, A/31/427, General Assembly resolution 31/96)	8 600	(8 600)	-
(x) Reduction of military budgets (A/C.5/31/64, A/31/8/Add.14, A/31/421, General Assembly resolution 31/87)	74 400	(18 400)	56 000
(xi) Strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament (A/C.5/31/65, A/31/8/Add.14, A/31/426, General Assembly resolution 31/90)	216 000	(61 000)	155 000
(xii) Convening of a special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (A/C.5/31/68, A/31/8/Add.14, A/31/423, General Assembly resolution 31/189 B)	90 000	-	90 000
(xiii) Decade for action to combat racism and racial discrimination (A/C.5/31/61, A/31/8/Add.13, A/31/404, General Assembly resolution 31/78)	3 800	(3 800)	-

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Documentation	Estimates proposed by the Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by the Fifth Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
(xiv) Commission on the Status of Women (A/C.5/31/70, 53rd meeting)	57 800	(57 800)	-
(xv) Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories (A/C.5/31/79, A/31/446, General Assembly resolution 31/106 C; A/C.5/31/80, A/31/446, General Assembly resolution 31/106 D)	88 000 23 500	- -	88 000 23 500
(xvi) Establishment of a network for the exchange of technological information (A/C.5/31/82, A/31/363, General Assembly resolution 31/183)	17 600	(17 600)	-
(xvii) Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/C.5/31/84, A/31/402, General Assembly resolution 31/98)	8 400	(8 400)	-
(xviii) Question of Namibia (A/C.5/31/81, A/31/8/Add.18, A/31/454, General Assembly resolutions 31/146-151)	542 250	(52 250)	490 000
(xix) United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development (A/C.5/31/89, A/31/8/Add.21, A/31/363, General Assembly resolution 31/184)	1 275 500	(912 500)	363 000

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Documentation	Estimates proposed by the Secretary- General	Reductions recommended by the Fifth Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
(xx) <u>Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System</u> (A/C.5/31/91, A/31/460)	10 300	(10 300)	-
(xxi) <u>International Energy Institute</u> (A/C.5/31/92, A/31/460)	30 000	(30 000)	-
(xxii) <u>United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries</u> (A/C.5/31/93, A/31/8/Add.22, 56th meeting, A/31/463 General Assembly resolution 31/179)	671 000	(319 000)	352 000
(xxiii) <u>Committee on the Drafting of a Constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization</u> (A/C.5/31/90, A/31/459, General Assembly resolution 31/161, 55th meeting)	402 100	(152 100)	250 000
(xxiv) <u>Consolidated statement of administrative and financial implications in respect of conference servicing costs</u> (A/C.5/31/94 and Add.1, 61st meeting)	3 087 500	(587 500)	2 500 000
(xxv) <u>International Conference in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia</u> (A/C.5/31/96, A/31/442/Rev.1, General Assembly resolution 31/145)	90 000	-	90 000
Total II	18 333 550	(2 918 450)	15 415 100
Total A expenditure sections	48 563 650	(10 444 550)	38 119 100

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Documentation	Estimates proposed by the Secretary- General	Increases or decreases recommended by the Fifth Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
B. INCOME SECTIONS			
I. <u>Revised estimates</u>			
(i) Electronic data processing and information system in the United Nations (A/C.5/31/3, A/31/255, General Assembly resolution 31/208, sect. III)	79 300	235 600 <u>a/</u>	314 900
(ii) <u>Yearbook of the United Nations</u> (A/C.5/31/12, A/31/8/Add.1 and Corr.1, General Assembly resolution 31/208, sect. I 18th meeting)	24 300	(5 900)	18 400
(iii) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions (A/C.5/31/23 and Corr.1, A/31/8/Add.15, 52nd meeting)	100 500	(7 500)	93 000
(iv) Major programme concerning transnational corporations (A/C.5/31/25 and Corr.1, A/31/8/Add.19, General Assembly resolution 31/208, sect. VII, 59th meeting)	281 700	(13 700)	268 000
(v) Budget and programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1976-1977 (A/C.5/31/37 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/31/8/Add.25 and Corr.1, 61st meeting)	(282 800)	-	(282 800)

a/ As explained in foot-note a/.

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Documentation	Estimates proposed by the Secretary- General	Increases or decreases recommended by the Fifth Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
(vi) Decisions of the Trade and Development Board arising from the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (A/C.5/31/49, A/31/8/Add.12, 51st meeting, A/31/470, General Assembly resolution 31/206)	390 000	(56 000)	334 000
(vii) Arabic language services in the United Nations (A/C.5/31/60 and Corr.1, A/31/8/Add.26, General Assembly resolution 31/208, sect. VIII, A/31/470, 60th meeting)	255 500	-	255 500
(viii) Emoluments of the Secretary-General (A/31/8/Add.24, A/31/470, General Assembly resolution 31/208, sect. IX)	21 000	-	21 000
Total I	869 500	152 500	1 022 000

II. Financial implications

(i) Report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/C.5/31/26, A/31/8/Add.6, 38th meeting, General Assembly resolution 31/141 A and B)	7 240 000	-	7 240 000
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Documentation	Estimates proposed by the Secretary- General	Increases or decreases recommended by the Fifth Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
(ii) Personnel questions: establishment of classification systems for posts in the Professional category in the Secretariat and for General Service posts in New York and Geneva (A/C.5/31/47, A/31/8/Add.20, 60th meeting, A/31/457/Add.1, General Assembly resolution 31/198 B)	55 000	-	55 000
(iii) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (A/C.5/31/50, A/31/8/Add.11, A/31/396 and Corr.1, General Assembly resolution 31/63)	200 000	-	200 000
(iv) Strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament (A/C.5/31/65, A/31/8/Add.14, A/31/426, General Assembly resolution 31/90)	32 800	(22 800)	10 000
(v) Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories (A/C.5/31/79, A/31/446, General Assembly resolution 31/106 C)	6 000	-	6 000
(vi) United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development (A/C.5/31/89, A/31/8/Add.21, 56th meeting, A/31/363, General Assembly resolution 31/184)	199 000	(159 000)	40 000

Documentation	Estimates proposed by the Secretary- General	Increases or decreases recommended by the Fifth Committee	Appropriation
	\$	\$	\$
(vii) <u>Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System</u> (A/C.5/31/91, A/31/460)	1 800	(1 800)	-
(viii) <u>United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries</u> (A/C.5/31/93, A/31/8/Add.22, A/31/463, General Assembly resolution 31/179)	105 000	(105 000)	-
(ix) <u>Question of Palestine</u> (A/C.5/31/55, A/31/346, General Assembly resolution 31/20)	14 000	-	14 000
(x) <u>International Conference in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia</u> (A/C.5/31/96, A/31/442/Rev.1, General Assembly resolution 31/145)	8 000	-	8 000
Total II	7 859 800	(286 800)	7 573 000
Total, income sections	8 729 300	(134 300)	8 595 000

103. The revised requirements under the various sections of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 are as follows:

Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional requirements approved at the current session	Total
<u>United States dollars</u>			
<u>Expenditure section</u>			
1. Over-all policy making, direction and co-ordination	20 674 800		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		449 400	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		36 600	
(iii) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions		340 000	
(iv) Question of Palestine		60 000	
(v) Arabic language services in the United Nations		(383 900)	
(vi) Emoluments of the Secretary-General		12 000	
Total	20 674 800	514 100	21 188 900
2. Political and Security Council Affairs; peace-keeping activities . .	41 730 600		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		2 774 600	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		89 200	
(iii) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea		1 341 000	
(iv) Question of French Somaliland		80 000	

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Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional requirements approved at the current session	Total
<u>United States dollars</u>			
(v) Reduction of military budgets		56 000	
(vi) Strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament		145 000	
(vii) Convening of a special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament		90 000	
(viii) Consolidated statement of conference servicing costs		780 000	
Total	41 730 600	5 355 800	47 086 400
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization activities	8 057 000		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(458 600)	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		27 600	
(iii) Programme of work of the Special Committee against <u>Apartheid</u>		32 000	
(iv) Question of Namibia		420 000	
(v) International Conference in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia		82 000	
Total	8 057 000	103 000	8 160 000
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	1 816 200		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		145 900	

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Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional requirements approved at the current session	Total
<u>United States dollars</u>			
(ii) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions		274 000	
(iii) Major programme concerning transnational corporations		100 000	
(iv) United Nations Conference on Desertification		352 000	
(v) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea		82 000	
(iv) United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development		232 000	
(vii) United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries		352 000	
(viii) Consolidated statement of conference servicing costs		110 000	
Total	1 816 200	1 647 900	3 464 100
5A. Department of Economic and Social Affairs	41 728 100		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(389 000)	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		172 400	
(iii) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions		3 000	
Total	41 728 100	(213 600)	41 514 500

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<u>United States dollars</u>			
5B. United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations	1 215 500		
(i) Major programme on transnational corporations		1 750 000	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		5 300	
(iii) Consolidated statement of conference servicing costs		23 000	
Total	1 215 500	1 778 300	2 993 800
6. Economic Commission for Europe	14 855 800		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		291 800	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		54 500	
Total	14 855 800	346 300	15 202 100
7. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	15 478 900		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(273 300)	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		9 900	
(iii) Conference on Science and Technology for Development		23 000	
Total	15 478 900	(240 400)	15 238 500

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Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional requirements approved at the current session	Total
<u>United States dollars</u>			
8. Economic Commission for Latin America	17 979 300		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		306 200	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		28 700	
(iii) Conference on Science and Technology for Development		22 000	
Total	17 979 300	356 900	18 336 200
9. Economic Commission for Africa . . .	18 243 000		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		693 400	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		15 100	
(iii) Conference on Science and Technology for Development		24 000	
Total	18 243 000	732 500	18 975 500
10. Economic Commission for Western Asia	8 674 800		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		1 109 400	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		20 000	
(iii) Conference on Science and Technology for Development		22 000	
Total	8 674 800	1 151 400	9 826 200

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Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional requirements approved at the current session	Total
<u>United States dollars</u>			
11. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	45 211 900		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		725 200	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		102 300	
(iii) Decisions of the Trade and Development Board		1 847 900	
(iv) Consolidated statement of conference servicing costs		562 000	
Total	45 211 900	3 237 400	48 449 300
12. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	45 157 000		
(i) Revised programme and budget proposals under section 12: UNIDO		597 600	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		82 500	
(iii) Committee on the Drafting of a Constitution for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization		250 000	
Total	45 157 000	930 100	46 087 100

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Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional requirements approved at the current session	Total
<u>United States dollars</u>			
13A. United Nations Environment Programme	6 078 000		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(33 300)	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		2 300	
Total	6 078 000	(31 000)	6 047 000
13B. Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements	1 002 500		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(45 000)	
Total	1 002 500	(45 000)	957 500
14. International narcotics control . . .	4 317 100		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(5 100)	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		16 400	
(iii) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions		33 500	
Total	4 317 100	44 800	4 361 900
15. Regular programme of technical assistance	20 092 900	-	20 092 900

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Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional requirements approved at the current session	Total
<u>United States dollars</u>			
16. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	15 509 100		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		386 000	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		50 300	
Total	15 509 100	436 300	15 945 400
17. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator	1 563 000		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(16 200)	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		4 200	
Total	1 563 000	(12 000)	1 551 000
18. Human rights	5 943 600		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		203 400	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		22 500	
(iii) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions		147 000	
(iv) Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories		82 000 23 500	
Total	5 943 600	478 400	6 422 000

Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional requirements approved at the current session	Total
<u>United States dollars</u>			
19. International Court of Justice	5 229 100		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(54 000)	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		4 600	
	<u>5 229 100</u>	<u>(49 400)</u>	<u>5 179 700</u>
20. Legal activities	7 866 500		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		17 000	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		22 500	
(iii) United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties		125 000	
	<u>7 866 500</u>	<u>164 500</u>	<u>8 031 000</u>
21. Office of Public Information	30 619 400		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(613 600)	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		88 000	
(iii) <u>Yearbook of the United Nations</u>		77 300	
(iv) Question of Namibia		70 000	
	<u>30 619 400</u>	<u>(378 300)</u>	<u>30 241 100</u>

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Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional requirements approved at the current session	Total
<u>United States dollars</u>			
22. Administration, management and general services	128 534 400		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		5 732 500	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		157 500	
(iii) Electronic data processing and information systems in the United Nations		513 300	
(iv) Major programme concerning transnational corporations		728 000	
(v) Decisions of the Trade and Development Board		130 000	
(vi) Arabic language services in the United Nations		98 800	
(vii) Establishment of a classification system		268 600	
(viii) Consolidated statement of conference servicing costs		31 000	
(ix) United Nations accommodation		35 000	
Total	128 534 400	7 694 700	136 229 100
23. Conference and library services . . .	107 247 700		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(1 443 800)	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		437 600	
(iii) Arabic language services in the United Nations		1 299 100	
(iv) Consolidated statement of conference servicing costs		994 000	
Total	107 247 700	1 286 900	108 534 600

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Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional requirements approved at the current session	Total
	<u>United States dollars</u>		
24. United Nations bond issue	17 297 000		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(98 000)	
	<u>17 297 000</u>	<u>(98 000)</u>	<u>17 199 000</u>
25. Staff assessment	99 973 100		
(i) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		7 250 000	
(ii) Electronic data processing and information systems in the United Nations		24 900	
(iii) <u>Yearbook of the United Nations</u>		18 400	
(iv) Decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth and sixty-first sessions		93 000	
(v) Major programme concerning transnational corporations		268 000	
(vi) Decisions of the Trade and Development Board		334 000	
(vii) Arabic language services in the United Nations		255 500	
(viii) Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea		200 000	
(ix) Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories		6 000	
(x) Question of Palestine		14 000	

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Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional requirements approved at the current session	Total
<u>United States dollars</u>			
(xi) Strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament		10 000	
(xii) International Conference in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia		8 000	
(xiii) Establishment of a classification system		55 000	
(xiv) United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development		40 000	
(xv) Emoluments of the Secretary-General		21 000	
Total	99 973 100	8 597 800	108 570 900
26. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	13 717 500		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		1 764 700	
(ii) United Nations accommodation		2 565 000	
Total	13 717 500	4 329 700	18 047 200
Total, expenditure sections	745 813 800	38 119 100	783 932 900

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Section	Approved under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX)	Additional amounts approved at the current session	Total
<u>United States dollars</u>			
<u>Income section</u>			
1. Income from staff assessment	101 552 000	8 597 800 <u>a/</u>	110 149 800
2. General income	9 953 000		
(i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(54 500)	
(ii) Electronic data processing and information systems in the United Nations		290 000	
Total	9 953 000	235 500	10 188 500
3. Revenue-producing activities	6 787 300		
(i) First performance report of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977		(228 300)	
(ii) Report of the International Civil Service Commission		(10 000)	
Total	6 787 300	(238 300)	6 549 000
Total, income sections	<u>118 292 300</u>	<u>8 595 000</u>	<u>126 887 300</u>

a/ See items listed under expenditure section 25.

DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

104. At its 62nd meeting, on 22 December, the Fifth Committee considered the revised estimates of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977. The voting was as follows:

<u>Expenditure sections</u>	<u>Recommended additional appropriation</u> \$	<u>In favour</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
1.	514 100	70	10	1
2.	5 355 800	70	9	1
3.	103 000	71	10	1
4.	1 647 900	70	10	1
5A.	(213 600)	82	0	0
5B.	1 778 300	59	10	13
6.	346 300	74	9	0
7.	(240 400)	without objection		
8.	356 900	71	9	1
9.	732 500	70	10	0
10.	1 151 400	70	9	0
11.	3 237 400	64	10	8
12.	930 100	72	9	0
13A.	(31 000)	without objection		
13B.	(45 000)	without objection		
14.	44 800	73	10	0
15.	-			
16.	436 300	73	10	0
17.	(12 000)	without objection		
18.	478 400	72	11	0
19.	(49 400)	without objection		
20.	164 500	73	10	0
21.	(378 300)	without objection		
22.	7 694 700	70	10	3
23.	1 286 900	74	10	-
24.	(98 000)	68	12	3
25.	8 597 800	73	11	0
26.	4 329 700	73	10	1
Total, expenditure sections	38 119 100	71	10	2 (recorded vote)
<u>Income sections</u>				
1.	8 597 800	without objection		
2.	235 500	without objection		
3.	(238 300)	without objection		
Total, income sections	8 595 000	without objection		

The voting on the total for the expenditure sections was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Burma, Burundi, Canada, Chad, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Barbados, United States of America.

105. At its 62nd meeting, on 22 December, the Fifth Committee voted on the draft resolutions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977 as follows:

(a) Draft resolution A was adopted by a recorded vote of 71 to 10, with 1 abstention (see para. 107 below, draft resolution IV A). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Burma, Burundi, Canada, Chad, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

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Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: United States of America.

(b) Draft resolution B was adopted by 83 votes to none (see para. 107 below, draft resolution IV B);

(c) Draft resolution C was adopted by 72 votes to 10 (see para. 107 below, draft resolution IV C);

(d) Draft resolutions A, B and C, voted upon together, were adopted by 72 votes to 10, with 1 abstention (see para. 107 below, draft resolutions IV A to C).

106. The decisions of the Fifth Committee at the current session involved the approval of additional established posts in 1977 as follows:

Established posts

Section and programme	Category and level												
	I. Professional and above									II. General Service			
	USG ASG D-2 D-1 P-5 P-4 P-3 P-2/1									Total I	Principal Other levels II		Total II
2. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	2	1	3	
3. Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	(1)	(2)	-	-	-	
5B. Centre on Transnational Corporations	-	-	1	2	3	5	4	3	18	3	10	13	
10. Economic Commission for Western Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)*	-	(1)	-	-	-	
11. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	-	-	-	-	5	4	4	3	16	-	7	7	
12. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	-	-	(1)	1	4	6	(7)	9	12	-	(10)	(10)	

Section and programme	Category and level												
	I. Professional and above												II. General Service
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2/1	Total I	Principal level	Other levels	Total II	
21. Information centres	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 ^{a/}	-	1	-	-	-	-
22. Electronic Data Processing and Information Systems Service	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-
Administrative and Financial Services (Geneva)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1
Office of General Services (New York)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10)	(10)	(10)
23. Department of Conference Services (New York)	-	-	-	-	(1) ^{a/}	4	7	-	10	-	8	8	8
Office of Conference Services (Geneva)	-	-	-	-	1 ^{a/}	6	11	-	18	-	1	1	1
Library (New York)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 (1) ^{b/}	-	-
Total	-	1	-	3	13	27	21	14	79	5	8	13	13

^{a/} Transfers.

^{b/} Manual worker category.

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III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Emoluments of the members of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision in resolution 3537 B (XXX) of 17 December 1975 to fix the annual salary of the members of the International Court of Justice at \$US 50,000 with effect from 1 January 1976,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 9/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 10/

1. Decides that the annual salaries of members of the International Court of Justice shall next be reviewed at its thirty-fifth session and thereafter normally every five years;

2. Decides further, with effect from 1 January 1977, that in between such periodic reviews, the members of the International Court of Justice may receive, in addition to their annual salary, as defined in Article 32, paragraphs 1 and 5, of the Statute of the Court, also an interim cost-of-living supplement, which shall not be deemed to form part of the said salary and the amount of which shall be governed by the provisions set out in paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

3. Decides that the allowances and compensation provided for in Article 32, paragraphs 2 to 4, of the Statute of the International Court of Justice and the retirement pensions given to members of the Court shall be reviewed concurrently with the periodic review of their annual salary, and that the system of interim adjustments shall not apply to them.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Use of experts and consultants in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the use of experts

9/ A/C.5/31/13.

10/ A/31/8/Add.3.

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and consultants in the United Nations 11/ and of the oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 12/

2. Reaffirms the decisions taken at its 2325th plenary meeting, 13/ on 18 December 1974, and at its 2444th plenary meeting, 14/ on 17 December 1975, on the use of experts and consultants;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second meeting, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a further report on the implementation of the aforementioned decisions.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Revised estimate concerning the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The General Assembly,

Having considered the revised estimate 15/ resulting from the decisions of the Trade and Development Board arising from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fourth session, held at Nairobi from 5 to 31 May 1976, and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, 16/

1. Decides that the extent of the greater flexibility for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in budgetary, financial and administrative matters to be accorded should be such as to enable it to make the best use of its resources according to the demands made of it;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, at the earliest opportunity, to clarify the reasons for strengthening the office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and considers meanwhile that a flexible use of its resources may provide his office with the desired strengthening.

11/ A/C.5/31/10 and Corr.1 and A/C.5/31/10/Add.1 and Corr.1.

12/ A/C.5/31/SR.6.

13/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631 and Corr.2), pp. 136-137, item 73.

14/ Ibid., Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034), p. 145, para. (t).

15/ A/C.5/31/49.

16/ A/31/8/Add.12.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977

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Revised budget appropriations for the biennium 1976-1977

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1976-1977:

1. The amount of \$US 745,813,800, appropriated by its resolution 3539 A (XXX) of 17 December 1975, shall be increased by \$US 38,119,100 as follows:

	<u>Amount appro-</u> <u>priated by</u> <u>resolution</u> <u>3539 A (XXX)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>or</u> <u>(decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>appropriation</u>
	<u>(US dollars)</u>		
<u>Section</u>			
<u>Part I. Over-all policy-making,</u> <u>direction and</u> <u>co-ordination</u>			
1. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination	20,674,800	514,100	21,188,900
TOTAL, part I	20,674,800	514,100	21,188,900
<u>Part II. Political and peace-</u> <u>keeping activities</u>			
2. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities	41,730,600	5,355,800	47,086,400
TOTAL, part II	41,730,600	5,355,800	47,086,400

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	<u>Amount appro-</u> <u>priated by</u> <u>resolution</u> <u>3539 A (XXX)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>or</u> <u>(decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>appropriation</u>
	<u>(US dollars)</u>		
<u>Section</u>			
<u>Part III. Political, trusteeship and</u> <u>decolonization activities</u>			
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization activities	8 057 000	103 000	8 160 000
TOTAL, part III	8 057 000	103 000	8 160 000
<u>Part IV. Economic, social and</u> <u>humanitarian</u> <u>activities</u>			
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	1 816 200	1 647 900	3 464 100
5A. Department of Economic and Social Affairs	41 728 100	(213 600)	41 514 500
5B. United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations	1 215 500	1 778 300	2 993 800
6. Economic Commission for Europe	14 855 800	346 300	15 202 100
7. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	15 478 900	(240 400)	15 238 500
8. Economic Commission for Latin America	17 979 300	356 900	18 336 200
9. Economic Commission for Africa	18 243 000	732 500	18 975 500
10. Economic Commission for Western Asia	8 674 800	1 151 400	9 826 200
11. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	45 211 900	3 237 400	48 449 300
12. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	45 157 000	930 100	46 087 100
13A. United Nations Environment Programme	6 078 000	(31 000)	6 047 000
13B. Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements	1 002 500	(45 000)	957 500

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<u>Amount appro-</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<u>priated by</u>	<u>or</u>	<u>appropriation</u>
<u>resolution</u>	<u>(decrease)</u>	
<u>3539 A (XXX)</u>		

(US dollars)

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Part IV. Economic, social and humanitarian activities (continued)

14. International narcotics control . . .	4 317 100	44 800	4 361 900
15. Regular programme of technical assistance	20 092 900	-	20 092 900
16. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	15 509 100	436 300	15 945 400
17. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator . . .	1 563 000	(12 000)	1 551 000
TOTAL, part IV	258 923 100	10 119 900	269 043 000

Part V. Human Rights

18. Human rights	5 943 600	478 400	6 422 000
TOTAL, part V	5 943 600	478 400	6 422 000

Part VI. International Court of Justice

19. International Court of Justice . . .	5 229 100	(49 400)	5 179 700
TOTAL, part VI	5 229 100	(49 400)	5 179 700

Part VII. Legal activities

20. Legal activities	7 866 500	164 500	8 031 000
TOTAL, part VII	7 866 500	164 500	8 031 000

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	<u>Amount appro-</u> <u>priated by</u> <u>resolution</u> <u>3539 A (XXX)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>or</u> <u>(decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>appropriation</u>
	<u>(US dollars)</u>		
<u>Section</u>			
<u>Part VIII. Common services</u>			
21. Public information	30 619 400	(378 300)	30 241 100
22. Administration, management and general services	128 534 400	7 694 700	136 229 100
23. Conference and library services . .	107 247 700	1 286 900	108 534 600
TOTAL, part VIII	266 401 500	8 603 300	275 004 800
<u>Part IX. Special expenses</u>			
24. United Nations bond issue	17 297 000	(98 000)	17 199 000
TOTAL, part IX	17 297 000	(98 000)	17 199 000
<u>Part X. Staff assessment</u>			
25. Staff assessment	99 973 100	8 597 800	108 570 900
TOTAL, part X	99 973 100	8 597 800	108 570 900
<u>Part XI. Capital expenditures</u>			
26. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	13 717 500	4 329 700	18 047 200
TOTAL, part XI	13 717 500	4 329 700	18 047 200
GRAND TOTAL	745 813 800	38 119 100	783 932 900

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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 technical assistance programmes under section 15 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 man-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 \$27,000 is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1976-1977 from the 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

Revised income estimates for the biennium 1976-1977

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1976-1977:

1. The estimates of income other than assessments on Member States approved by its resolution 3539 B (XXX) of 17 December 1975 shall be increased by \$US 8,595,000 as follows:

	<u>Amount approved by resolution 3539 B (XXX)</u>	<u>Increase or (decrease)</u>	<u>Revised estimates</u>
	<u>(US dollars)</u>		
<u>Income section</u>			
<u>Part I. Income from staff assessment</u>			
1. Income from staff assessment	<u>101,552,000</u>	<u>8,597,800</u>	<u>110,149,800</u>
TOTAL, part I	<u>101,552,000</u>	<u>8,597,800</u>	<u>110,149,800</u>
<u>Part II. Other income</u>			
2. General income	<u>9,953,000</u>	<u>235,500</u>	<u>10,188,500</u>
3. Revenue-producing activities	<u>6,787,300</u>	<u>(238,300)</u>	<u>6,549,000</u>
TOTAL, part II	<u>16,740,300</u>	<u>(2,800)</u>	<u>16,737,500</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>118,292,300</u>	<u>8,595,000</u>	<u>126,887,300</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, 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 1977

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1977:

1. Budget appropriations totalling \$US 411,026,000 consisting of \$US 372,906,900, being one half of the appropriations approved for the biennium 1976-1977 under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX), and \$US 38,119,100, being the additional appropriation approved for the same biennium under resolution A above, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) \$8,370,150 being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1976-1977 under General Assembly resolution 3539 B (XXX);

(b) Less \$2,800 being the estimated decrease in income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1976-1977 under resolution B above;

(c) \$4,648,537 being the balance available of the 31 December 1975 surplus account of \$6,256,439 inasmuch as \$1,607,902 was applied as a credit against contributions of Member States for the year 1976;

(d) \$421,284 being the contributions of new Member States for 1975 and 1976;

(e) \$397,588,829 being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/95 B of 14 December 1976 on the scale of assessments for the year 1977;

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 of the Tax Equalization Fund in a total amount of \$US 59,553,727 consisting of:

(a) \$50,776,000 being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1976-1977 under General Assembly resolution 3539 B (XXX);

(b) \$8,597,800 being the estimated additional income from staff assessment approved for the biennium 1976-1977 under resolution B above;

(c) \$179,927 being the excess of actual income from staff assessment over the revised estimates for the biennium 1974-1975 approved under General Assembly resolution 3531 B (XXX).

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Questions relating to the programme budget
for the biennium 1976-1977

The General Assembly

I

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Yearbook of the United Nations; 17/
2. Concurs with the comments and observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 18/
3. Approves the recommendation of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 13 of its report; 19/

II

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations information centres system; 20/
2. Concurs with the comments and observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 21/

III

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the electronic data processing and information systems in the United Nations 22/ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 23/
2. Takes note of the views expressed by delegations in the Fifth Committee; 24/

17/ A/C.5/31/12.

18/ A/31/8/Add.1 and Corr.1.

19/ A/31/8/Add.1/Corr.1.

20/ A/C.5/31/14.

21/ A/31/8/Add.2.

22/ A/C.5/31/3.

23/ A/31/255.

24/ See A/C.5/31/SR.15, 21, 23, 25 and 27.

3. Endorses the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee in its report; 25/

IV

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of action taken on the recommendations made by the Administrative Management Service 26/ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 27/

2. Concurs with the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee in its report; 28/

V

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a rationale for the allocation of expenses between the regular budget and the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme 29/ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 30/

2. Endorses the conclusions of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 16 of its report; 30/

VI

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the extension of the Palais des Nations, 31/ and on United Nations accommodation in Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Santiago 32/ and in Nairobi; 33/

2. Takes note also of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 34/

25/ See A/31/255.

26/ A/C.5/31/6.

27/ A/31/8/Add.5.

28/ Ibid., paras. 12-19.

29/ A/C.5/31/39 and Corr.1 and 2.

30/ A/31/8/Add.10.

31/ A/C.5/31/20.

32/ A/C.5/31/41.

33/ A/C.5/31/45.

34/ A/31/8/Add.16.

VII

Decides that, before any decision is reached on software for the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, the Secretary-General should give full consideration to suitable alternative packages, including the Integrated Set of Information Systems, and report thereon to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

VIII

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on Arabic language services in the United Nations 35/ and approves the organizational arrangements contained in section IV thereof;

2. Concurs with the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 36/

IX

1. Concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the emoluments of the Secretary-General contained in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of its report; 37/

2. Approves net additional appropriations of \$12,000 under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, and an increase of \$21,000 for staff assessment under section 25, offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1;

X

Requests the Secretary-General to review, within the context of the draft programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979, the amount of honorarium received by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

XI

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the standards of accommodation for official travel of United Nations staff by air for the period from 1 July 1975 to 30 June 1976; 38/

2. Decides that, in future, the Secretary-General shall report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3198 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and, should it consider it necessary, the Advisory Committee shall bring to the attention of the Assembly any relevant part of the information provided by the Secretary-General.

35/ A/C.5/31/60 and Corr.1.

36/ See A/31/8/Add.26.

37/ A/31/8/Add.24.

38/ A/C.5/31/5.