

Concerned that the Secretary-General is continuing to face growing difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Forces on a current basis, particularly those due to the Governments of troop-contributing States,

Recalling its resolutions 33/13 E of 14 December 1978, 34/7 D of 17 December 1979, 35/45 B of 1 December 1980, 36/66 B of 30 November 1981, 37/38 B of 30 November 1982 and 38/35 B of 1 December 1983,

Recognizing that, in consequence of the withholding of contributions by certain Member States, the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have, in effect, been drawn upon to the full extent to supplement the income received from contributions for meeting expenses of the Forces,

Concerned that the application of the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations would aggravate the already difficult financial situation of the Forces,

Decides that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended in respect of the amount of \$4,824,613, which otherwise would have to be surrendered pursuant to those provisions, this amount to be entered in the account referred to in the operative part of General Assembly resolution 33/13 E and held in suspense until a further decision is taken by the Assembly.

81st plenary meeting
30 November 1984

39/66. Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly,

Having considered the financial reports and audited financial statements for the period ended 31 December 1983 of the United Nations,¹¹ the United Nations Development Programme,¹² the United Nations Children's Fund,¹³ the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,¹⁴ the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,¹⁵ the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹⁶ the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme,¹⁷ the United Nations Fund for Population Activities,¹⁸ the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation¹⁹ and the United Nations Industrial Development Fund,²⁰ the audit opinions of the Board of Auditors²¹ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²²

Taking into account the views expressed by delegations during the debate in the Fifth Committee,²³ particularly in support of measures for the sound financial management and control of the United Nations family of organizations,

1. *Accepts* the financial reports and audited financial statements and the audit opinions of the Board of Auditors;

2. *Concurs* with the observations and comments made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report;

¹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/39/5 and Corr.1), vol. I, sects. I and V; vol. II, sects. I and V; and vol. III, sects. I and V.*

¹² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5A (A/39/5/Add.1), sects. I and VI.

¹³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5B (A/39/5/Add.2), part one, sects. I and V.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5C (A/39/5/Add.3), sect. III.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5D (A/39/5/Add.4), sects. I and V.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5E (A/39/5/Add.5 and Corr.1), sect. III.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5F (A/39/5/Add.6), sects. I and IV.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5G (A/39/5/Add.7), sects. I and VI.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5H (A/39/5/Add.8 and Corr.1), sects. I and IV.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5I (A/39/5/Add.9), sects. I and IV.

3. *Requests* the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to continue to give greater attention to areas regarding which they have made observations and comments;

4. *Further requests* the executive heads of the organizations and programmes concerned within the United Nations system to take such remedial action in areas falling within their competence as may be required by the observations and comments made by the Board of Auditors in its reports;

5. *Renews its invitation* to the governing bodies of the organizations concerned to consider each year at their regular sessions the remedial action taken by the respective executive heads in response to the observations and comments made by the Board of Auditors in its reports.

98th plenary meeting
13 December 1984

39/67. Catering operation at United Nations Headquarters

The General Assembly,

Noting that, in spite of the Secretary-General's statement that the financial objective of the catering operation at United Nations Headquarters is a break-even result, deficits have occurred in the last two bienniums,

1. *Confirms* that the catering operation at United Nations Headquarters should be financially self-supporting to the extent possible;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps to rectify the situation that is causing the deficit in the catering operation;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the situation.

98th plenary meeting
13 December 1984

39/68. Pattern of conferences

A

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences,²⁴

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee on Conferences;

2. *Approves* the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1985 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences;²⁵

3. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make adjustments in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1985 which may become necessary as a result of action and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the interest of maximum efficiency and cost-effectiveness, to consider organizing the conference-servicing staff at the Vienna

²¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (A/39/5 and Corr.1), vol. I, sect. III; vol. II, sect. III; and vol. III, sect. III; *ibid.*, Supplement No. 5A (A/39/5/Add.1), sect. IV; *ibid.*, Supplement No. 5B (A/39/5/Add.2), sect. III; *ibid.*, Supplement No. 5C (A/39/5/Add.3), sect. II; *ibid.*, Supplement No. 5D (A/39/5/Add.4), sect. III; *ibid.*, Supplement No. 5E (A/39/5/Add.5 and Corr.1), sect. II; *ibid.*, Supplement No. 5F (A/39/5/Add.6), sect. III; *ibid.*, Supplement No. 5G (A/39/5/Add.7), sect. IV; *ibid.*, Supplement No. 5H (A/39/5/Add.8 and Corr.1), sect. III; and *ibid.*, Supplement No. 5I (A/39/5/Add.9), sect. III.

²² A/39/5/10.

²³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Fifth Committee, 4th-7th and 13th-16th meetings; and ibid., Fifth Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.*

²⁴ *Ibid.*, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/39/32).

²⁵ *Ibid.*, annex II.

International Centre into a single conference-servicing operation;

5. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate in the consideration of this matter.

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B

SHORTENING OF SESSIONS OR ADOPTION OF A BIENNIAL CYCLE FOR SESSIONS OF UNITED NATIONS ORGANS

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 32/71, section IV, and 32/72 of 9 December 1977, 33/55, section II, of 14 December 1978, 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, 36/117 A, section I, of 10 December 1981 and 38/32 D of 25 November 1983,

Emphasizing the continued need for maximum efficiency in the provision of conference services,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts made by the Committee on Conferences to improve utilization of conference-servicing resources in consultation with the officers of those organs which have in recent years utilized 75 per cent or less of the conference resources made available to them;

2. *Urges* subsidiary organs of the General Assembly to make further efforts, on the basis, *inter alia*, of current statistical data, to ensure that their requests for conference services correspond accurately to their requirements and that the services provided to them are utilized rationally and efficiently;

3. *Further urges* those organs, when submitting requests for conference services, to make due provision for meetings when no interpretation services are required, such as informal consultations and periods allocated to drafting, to the extent that such needs might be anticipated on the basis of past practice, and to consider an appropriate reduction in the number of formal meetings to allow the balance of time to be utilized for informal meetings and/or consultations;

4. *Recommends* that the bureaux of those organs monitor their utilization of the conference-servicing resources allocated to them with a view to including in their reports to the General Assembly an analytical survey of their utilization of those resources;

5. *Reaffirms* that in drawing up future calendars of conferences and meetings, the document-processing capacity of the Secretariat and the reporting schedules of subsidiary organs of the General Assembly should be taken into account;

6. *Requests* those organs also to discuss at their organizational sessions the possibility of meeting on a biennial basis;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to determine, in the course of 1985, the extent to which subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, through both formal and informal meetings and/or consultations, utilize the conference services they have requested, with a view to achieving the most effective utilization of conference resources;

8. *Invites* the Committee on Conferences to continue its examination of this question and to make a further report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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C

PATTERN OF CONFERENCES

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 38/32 C of 25 November 1983,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences on its efforts to implement that resolution,²⁶

Requests the Committee on Conferences to undertake an in-depth study of all existing provisions relating to the pattern of conferences, taking into account all the modifications proposed during the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, with a view to reporting to the Assembly at its fortieth session.

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13 December 1984*

D

CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 2732 (XXV) of 16 December 1970, 31/140, section II, of 17 December 1976, 33/56, section II, of 14 December 1978, 34/50 of 23 November 1979, 36/117 of 10 December 1981, 37/14 C and D of 16 November 1982 and 38/32 E of 25 November 1983 and its decision 34/401 of 21 September, 25 October, 29 November and 12 December 1979,

1. *Takes note* of the results of the study of the feasibility of instituting an abbreviated form of summary record;

2. *Notes* that the Committee on Conferences will further examine, after consulting with the United Nations organs entitled to receive summary records, the relative suitability of summary records as now prepared and the abbreviated summary records prepared by the Secretariat on an experimental basis, with a view to reporting to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To instruct all Secretariat units responsible for the drafting of documents to ensure that their manuscripts are delivered to the Department of Conference Services in accordance with the prescribed timetable for their submission;

(b) To circulate eight weeks before the opening of the session of each United Nations organ, including the Main Committees of the General Assembly, a report on the state of preparation at that time of all the documents in all languages required for the session;

(c) To include in that report an explanation for any delay in processing the documentation and to identify the Secretariat unit responsible for that delay;

4. *Reaffirms* that lists of all documents requested by each United Nations organ, including the Main Committees of the General Assembly, shall be submitted by the Secretary-General at the end of each session, with an indication of the date on which it will be possible to issue each document in all required languages, reflecting the time required for its preparation by both the substantive and conference-servicing units of the Secretariat.

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²⁶ *Ibid.*, paras. 8-16.