

United Nations
**GENERAL
 ASSEMBLY**

FIFTEENTH SESSION
 Official Records



**FIFTH COMMITTEE, 814th
 MEETING**

Monday, 12 December 1960,
 at 11.35 a.m.

NEW YORK

CONTENTS

	Page
<i>Agenda item 52:</i>	
<i>Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (concluded)</i>	
<i>Draft report of the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly</i>	305
<i>Agenda item 59:</i>	
<i>Public information activities of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (concluded)</i>	
<i>Draft report of the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly</i>	305
<i>Agenda item 60:</i>	
<i>Personnel questions (continued):</i>	
<i>(a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General;</i>	
<i>(b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;</i>	
<i>(c) Other personnel questions</i>	
<i>Draft report of the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly</i>	305
<i>Agenda item 50:</i>	
<i>Budget estimates for the financial year 1961 (continued)</i>	
<i>First reading (continued)</i>	
<i>Section 12, Special expenses.</i>	306

Chairman: Mr. Mario MAJOLI (Italy).

AGENDA ITEM 52

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (concluded)*

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.633)

The draft report (A/C.5/L.633) was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 59

Public information activities of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (concluded)**

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.636)

1. Mr. MATTAR (Lebanon) and Mr. FABUNMI (Nigeria) suggested minor drafting changes to paragraph 8 of the draft report (A/C.5/L.636).

The Lebanese and Nigerian suggestions were adopted.

*Resumed from the 802nd meeting.

**Resumed from the 787th meeting.

2. Mr. SOKIRKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) felt that paragraph 7 of the draft report failed to convey the fact that the main emphasis in the Committee's discussion had been laid on the need to assist those countries which lacked adequate information media of their own.

3. Mr. CUTTS (Australia), Rapporteur, agreed that that point had been emphasized during the discussion but felt that, in general, members of the Committee had recognized the need for the United Nations also to maintain its public information activities in countries where the national information media were in an advanced state of development, and where media created a demand for information concerning the United Nations. The general opinion had been that it would be in the interest of all Member States, regardless of their stage of development, for the United Nations to disseminate information and propaganda concerning its activities in the more advanced countries.

4. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the USSR representative and the Rapporteur should discuss the wording of paragraph 7 with a view to the production of a text which might be universally acceptable.

It was so decided.

The meeting was suspended at 11.50 a.m. and resumed at 12.15 p.m.

The Committee adopted an amendment, suggested by the Rapporteur, to paragraph 7 of the draft report.

At the suggestion of the representative of Ceylon, a drafting change was made in paragraph 7.

The draft report (A/C.5/L.636), as amended, was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 60

Personnel questions (continued):***

(a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat: report by the Secretary-General;

(b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;

(c) Other personnel questions

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.635)

5. Mr. SOKIRKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) suggested that the Committee should avoid referring in the draft report to "many delegations" or "most delegations"; where no vote was taken, there could be no certainty as to the majority view on a given issue. His delegation felt that paragraph 6, setting forth the Secretary-General's opinions on the question of geographical distribution of the staff, should be followed

***Resumed from the 806th meeting.

by a statement of the opinions of those delegations which had criticized the Secretary-General on that subject.

6. Mr. CUTTS (Australia), Rapporteur, undertook to rephrase those passages which might imply the expression of a majority view. As he saw it, paragraph 4 adequately conveyed the criticisms of the Secretary-General to which the USSR representative had referred.

7. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the USSR representative and the Rapporteur should discuss the matter with a view to the presentation of a universally acceptable text at the next meeting.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 50

Budget estimates for the financial year 1961 (A/4370, A/4408, A/4523, A/4562, A/4584, A/4588, A/4603, A/C.5/815, A/C.5/819 and Corr.1, A/C.5/828 and Corr.1, A/C.5/829, A/C.5/831/Rev.1, A/C.5/838, A/C.5/839, A/C.5/842, A/C.5/843, A/C.5/844, A/C.5/L.611, A/C.5/L.637) (continued) †

† Resumed from the 809th meeting.

First reading (continued) ††

SECTION 12. SPECIAL EXPENSES (A/4370, A/4408, A/4588, A/C.5/831/Rev.1, A/C.5/L.637)

8. The CHAIRMAN pointed out with regard to chapter II—Grant to the United Nations International School Fund, that the Committee had approved at its 813th meeting a draft resolution (A/C.5/L.637) recommending a provision of \$80,000 for the International School Fund in 1961. With regard to chapter III—International encouragement of scientific research into the control of cancerous diseases, the Committee had approved at its 800th meeting the recommendation of the Advisory Committee (A/4588, para. 7) not to include an amount in the budget, but to authorize the Secretary-General to deal, under the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, with any expense which might arise.

9. Under chapter I—United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea—the Secretary-General had proposed an appropriation of \$54,000, in which the Advisory Committee had concurred.

The meeting rose at 12.45 p.m.

†† Resumed from the 790th meeting.