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Chairman: Mr. Najib BOUZIRI (Tunisia).

AGENDA ITEM 76

- Budget estimates for the financial years 1965 and 1966 (continued)* (A/5799 and Corr.1; A/5805, A/5807 and Corr.1; A/5940 and Corr.1; A/5969, A/5995, A/5996, A/6005, A/6007 and Corr.1; A/6050; A/6137, A/ 6138 and Corr.1; A/6144, A/6152, A/6169, A/6172; A/C.5/1009 and Corr.1; A/C.5/1011, 1014, 1025 and Corr.1; A/C.5/1027, 1035-1038, 1040, 1042, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1050; A/C.5/L.833, L.836, L.855, L.858)
 - Budget estimates for the financial year 1966 (<u>con-tinued</u>)* (A/5799 and Corr.1; A/5805, A/5807 and Corr.1; A/5940 and Corr.1; A/5996, A/6005, A/6007 and Corr.1; A/6050, A/6137, A/6138 and Corr.1; A/6144, A/6152, A/6169, A/6172; A/C.5/1009 and Corr.1; A/C.5/1025 and Corr.1; A/C.5/1027, 1035-1038, 1040, 1042, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1050; A/C.5/L.833, L.836, L.855, L.858)

Second reading (A/C.5/L.858)

1. Mr. ULANCHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had stated its position on the various sections of the budget in detail on the first reading. It could not agree that certain illegal expenditures should continue to be included in the 1966 budget. It would therefore vote against the appro-

^{*}Resumed from the 1113th meeting.

priations under sections 12, 16 and 17. It would also vote against the appropriations under sections 13, 14 and 15 because, in its view, no technical assistance costs should be financed under the regular budget. It would oppose the appropriations under section 3 because it considered them too high.

2. The USSR was happy to note that many delegations had called for an end to duplication and a reduction of administrative costs. It hoped that unanimous adoption of the draft resolution submitted by France [General Assembly resolution 2049 (XX)] presented prospects of the approval by the Committee in the future of a balanced budget which would not include any illegal expenditure. Where the budget estimates for 1966 were concerned, the Soviet delegation would abstain from voting on the total estimates of expenditure.

3. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to consider, on second reading, the budget estimates for the financial year 1966, and drew the attention of the Committee to the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/L.858).

SECTION 1. TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES OF REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF COMMIS-SIONS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES

An appropriation of \$1,107,400 under section 1 was approved by 69 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS AND CON-FERENCES

An appropriation of \$1,741,000 under section 2 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 3. SALARIES AND WAGES

An appropriation of \$56,300,000 under section 3 was approved by 56 votes to 12, with 7 abstentions.

SECTION 4. COMMON STAFF COSTS

An appropriation of \$13,195,300 under section 4 was approved by 60 votes to none, with 16 abstentions.

SECTION 5. TRAVEL OF STAFF

An appropriation of \$2,144,400 under section 5 was approved by 62 votes to none, with 15 abstentions.

SECTION 6. PAYMENTS UNDER ANNEX I, PARA-GRAPHS 2 AND 3, OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS: HOSPITALITY

An appropriation of \$125,000 under section 6 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 7. BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PREMISES

An appropriation of \$4,360,000 under section 7 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 8. PERMANENT EQUIPMENT

An appropriation of \$525,930 under section 8 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 9. MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND RENTAL OF PREMISES

An appropriation of \$3,800,000 under section 9 was approved by 64 votes to none, with 12 abstentions.

SECTION 10. GENERAL EXPENSES

An appropriation of \$4,701,000 under section 10 was approved by 63 votes to none, with 13 abstentions.

SECTION 11. PRINTING

An appropriation of \$1,800,000 under section 11 was approved by 75 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

SECTION 12. SPECIAL EXPENSES

An appropriation of \$8,885,800 under section 12 was approved by 57 votes to 12, with 7 abstentions.

SECTION 13. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

An appropriation of \$6,105,000 under section 13 was approved by 65 votes to 6, with 4 abstentions.

SECTION 14. HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY SERVICES

An appropriation of \$220,000 under section 14 was approved by 64 votes to 7, with 4 abstentions.

SECTION 15. NARCOTIC DRUGS CONTROL

An appropriation of \$75,000 under section 15 was approved by 65 votes to 6, with 4 abstentions.

SECTION 16. SPECIAL MISSIONS

An appropriation of \$4,317,990 under section 16 was approved by 56 votes to 11, with 7 abstentions.

SECTION 17. UNITED NATIONS FIELD SERVICE

An appropriation of \$2,106,200 under section 17 was approved by 61 votes to 11, with 3 abstentions.

SECTION 18. OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

An appropriation of \$3,011,800 under section 18 was approved by 66 votes to none, with 10 abstentions.

SECTION 19. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

An appropriation of \$1,074,100 under section 19 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 20. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

An appropriation of \$5,971,500 under section 20 was approved by 75 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

TOTAL ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE

A total appropriation of \$121,567,420 under the 1966 budget was approved on second reading by 66 votes to 1, with 11 abstentions.

ESTIMATES OF INCOME

INCOME SECTION 1. STAFF ASSESSMENT INCOME

The estimate of \$13,114,900 under income section 1 was approved unanimously.

INCOME SECTION 2. FUNDS PROVIDED FROM EXTRA-BUDGETARY ACCOUNTS

The estimate of \$1,916,200 under income section 2 was approved unanimously.

INCOME SECTION 3. GENERAL INCOME

The estimate of \$1,566,200 under income section 3 was approved unanimously.

INCOME SECTION 4. SALE OF UNITED NATIONS POSTAGE STAMPS (UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION)

The estimate of \$1,670,000 under income section 4 was approved unanimously.

INCOME SECTION 5. SALE OF PUBLICATIONS

The estimate of \$718,000 under income section 5 was approved unanimously.

INCOME SECTION 6. SERVICES TO VISITORS AND CATERING SERVICES

The estimate of \$805,400 under income section 6 was approved unanimously.

TOTAL ESTIMATES OF INCOME

The estimates of income under the 1966 budget, totalling \$19,790,700, were approved unanimously on second reading.

AGENDA ITEM 79

- Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (<u>con-</u><u>tinued</u>):
- (e) United Nations Staff Pension Committee (continued) (A/5956; A/C.5/L.852)

4. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to documents A/5956 and A/C.5/L.852 and invited the Committee to elect two persons to fill vacancies in the United Nations Staff Pension Committee. At its nineteenth session, the General Assembly had elected three members and one alternate for three-year terms beginning on 1 January 1965. Two vacancies in the alternate category remained unfilled, for which two candidatures had been submitted. Since, according to custom, the terms of office of the three members and the three alternates should expire on the same date, the alternates appointed by the General Assembly at the current session would be appointed for two-year terms beginning on 1 January 1966.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Gazdik (Hungary) and Mr. Odogwu (Nigeria) acted as tellers. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	80
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	79
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	78
Required majority:	40
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Agorsor (Ghana)	. 72
Mr. Lynch (New Zealand)	. 66

Mr. Emmanuel Yawo Agorsor (Ghana) and Mr. Brian J. Lynch (New Zealand), having obtained the required majority, the Committee recommended their appointment as alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1966.

AGENDA ITEM 80

- Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: reports of the Committee on Contributions (concluded)**
- DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.853)

The draft report (A/C.5/L.853) was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 85

Reports of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (concluded)***

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.854/REV.1)

The draft report (A/C.5/L.854/Rev.1) was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 86

United Nations International School: report of the Secretary–General (<u>concluded</u>)***

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.857)

The draft report (A/C.5/L.857) was adopted.

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.

**Resumed from the 1096th meeting.

***Resumed from the 1104th meeting.