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Chairman: Mr. Jiří NOSEK (Czechoslovakia).

AGENDA ITEM 44

Budget estimates for the financial year 1960 (A/4110,
A/4170, A/C.5/811, A/C.5/L.598, A/C.5/L.599, A/C.5/
L.601, A/C.5/L.602) (continued)

1. Mr. TUGARINOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Repub-
lics), introducing the draft resolution submitted jointly
by his delegation and the delegations of the United Arab
Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland, and the United States of America
(A/C.5/L.601), said that its provisions were perfectly
clear and called for no special explanation. The United
Nations was required to carry out programmes which
were constantly increasing in number and complexity
and the resources at its disposal for that purpose
were limited. The purpose of the draft resolution was
to meet the difficulties arising from that situation and
to help the Secretariat to arrange its work in a more
orderly and systematic way. He hoped that all dele-
gations would be able to support the draft.

2. Mr. EL HAKIM (United Arab Republic) recalled
that his delegation was opposed to the practice of sub-
mitting supplementary budget estimates. He believed
that the adoption of the draft resolution would help to
halt the noticeable trend in that direction. The draft
was in keeping with the spirit of recommendations
made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative
and Budgetary Questions and contained a saving clause
to ensure the smooth progress of the Organization's
work. He hoped it would be adopted unanimously.

3. Sir John CARMICHAEL (United Kingdom) associ-
ated himself with the remarks of the representatives
of the Soviet Union and the United Arab Republic. He
apologized to the Committee for submitting the draft
resolution at a time when the session was approaching
its end; however, since it was a very straightforward
text, he hoped that all delegations would be able to
support it.

4. Mr. FULTON (United States of America) felt that
the draft resolution offered a procedure which should

help the Organization balance its budget. It accorded with the wishes voiced by the members of the Fifth Committee, and he hoped it would be adopted unanimously.

5. Mr. GANEM (France) said that the French delegation was ready to support the draft now before the Committee. Recalling that a fairly similar draft resolution had been adopted two years earlier (General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII)), he stressed the need to ensure that the exception provided for should not become the rule. It would be undesirable for the General Assembly periodically to adopt a resolution on that subject and find that its provisions remained a dead letter. It would therefore be useful if, at the beginning of the next session, the Committee had before it a report from the Secretary-General indicating the action which the various United Nations organs had taken in pursuance of the present draft. He did not think it necessary to submit an amendment for that purpose; it should be enough for the Committee to express a wish to that effect in its report to the General Assembly.

There being no objections, the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.601) was adopted.

Second reading (A/C.5/811)

SECTION 1. TRAVEL OF REPRESENTATIVES, MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

6. Mr. FULTON (United States of America) said he would like to bring up the question of payments to members of the Administrative Tribunal. The existence of the Tribunal had a good psychological effect on the Secretariat and contributed to its efficiency. The United States delegation had great respect for the members of the Tribunal; for their competence, integrity and devotion. They gave a good deal of their time and energy to an important task for which they were not paid. He therefore proposed that the Committee request that at the fifteenth session, in connexion with the budget estimates for 1961, the Secretary-General should submit a report on the possibility of paying honoraria to the members of the Administrative Tribunal and that it invite the Advisory Committee to make recommendations on the subject. He had in mind a system under which the President of the Tribunal might receive an honorarium comparable with that applied in the case of the Chairman of the International Law Commission, and each member might receive a sum of about \$250 when he attended sessions of the Tribunal. A decision to that effect would be a tribute, even though a small one, to the work the Tribunal had done.

7. The United States delegation also hoped that the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee would shortly examine the matter of the per diem paid to members of commissions, committees and other organs of the General Assembly. The amount in question, fixed some years earlier at \$25 for New York and \$20 for other meeting places, no longer appeared to be realistic. In the case of members of the Administrative Tribunal, whom he had particularly in mind, it might be reasonable to allow \$20 a day for judges living in the city where the Tribunal was sitting and \$35 a day for the others.

8. Mr. SOKIRKIN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) had no objection to the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee studying the question raised

by the representative of the United States and submitting a report at the fifteenth session. Nevertheless he felt that they should not be given too specific instructions or directives but should be allowed to consider the question entirely independently and to submit what comments they deemed necessary.

9. Mr. TURNER (Controller) said that the Secretary-General would gladly furnish a report to the Advisory Committee and the Fifth Committee on the question of the payment of honoraria to the members of the Administrative Tribunal—a matter he had already considered. With regard to the amount of the per diem paid to members of commissions, committees and other organs of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General had felt for some time that, in view of changes in the conditions prevailing in New York, some adjustment of the amount should be considered.

10. Mr. HAILEMARIAM (Ethiopia) thought it would be useful if the Secretary-General could also submit a report on the possibility of reconsidering the remuneration and allowances paid to the Chairman of the Advisory Committee. His delegation did not think they were commensurate with the Chairman's responsibilities.

11. Mr. AGHNIDES (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) expressed his sincere appreciation of the Ethiopian representative's gesture. However, he felt that he was amply paid for his efforts by the confidence placed in him by the Fifth Committee, and he hoped the representative of Ethiopia would not maintain his suggestion.

12. Mr. HAILEMARIAM (Ethiopia) said that in the circumstances he would not press his suggestion.

An appropriation of \$832,600 under section 1 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

An appropriation of \$62,300 under section 2 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 3. BOARD OF AUDITORS

An appropriation of \$53,000 under section 3 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL MISSIONS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

An appropriation of \$2,523,300 under section 4 was approved by 48 votes to 1, with 8 abstentions.

SECTION 5. UNITED NATIONS FIELD SERVICE

An appropriation of \$1,206,800 under section 5 was approved by 48 votes to 9.

SECTION 6. SALARIES AND WAGES

13. The CHAIRMAN said that the \$31,882,200 under section 6 (A/C.5/811), should be increased by \$43,000 to take account of the financial implications of draft resolutions of the Second Committee considered at the 758th meeting of the Fifth Committee. The final appropriation to be voted was therefore \$31,925,200.

14. Mr. FULTON (United States of America) recalled that in the budget estimates, for the financial year 1960 (A/4110, Foreword, paras. 48 to 52), the Secre-

tary-General had given some details concerning the work of the new administrative management staff in the Office of the Controller. The Advisory Committee (A/4170, para. 48), had taken note with gratification of the improvements which had been pursued in the Secretariat with the assistance of that staff. During the discussion of the draft resolution on the organization and management of the work of the Secretariat at the 753rd meeting, the Controller had stated that it would probably be necessary to increase the numbers of the administrative management staff. The United States delegation wished to pay a special tribute to the members of the management staff and to support the Controller's statement.

An appropriation of \$31,925,200 under section 6 was approved by 46 votes to 9.

SECTION 7. COMMON STAFF COSTS

15. The CHAIRMAN said that the sum of \$100,000 should be added to the \$6,969,300, under section 7 in view of the adoption of the draft resolution on the International School. The new total was thus \$7,069,300.

An appropriation of \$7,069,300 under section 7 was approved by 38 votes to 8, with 10 abstentions.

SECTION 8. TRAVEL OF STAFF AND OF MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

16. The CHAIRMAN said that owing to the financial implications of the proposal for the meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women at Buenos Aires, the sum of \$33,800 should be added to the \$1,695,600 provided for under section 8. The adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolutions submitted by the Second Committee, the financial implications of which had been considered by the Fifth Committee at its 758th meeting, would give rise to an additional requirement of \$5,000. The total appropriation under section 8 was therefore \$1,734,400.

An appropriation of \$1,734,400 under section 8 was approved by 48 votes to none, with 9 abstentions.

SECTION 9. HOSPITALITY; PAYMENTS UNDER ANNEX I, PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS

An appropriation of \$95,000 under section 9 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 10. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

An appropriation of \$1,013,300 under section 10 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 11. OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

An appropriation of \$1,590,000 under section 11 was approved by 44 votes to none, with 11 abstentions.

SECTION 12. WORLD REFUGEE YEAR

An appropriation of \$30,000 under section 12 was approved by 46 votes to 9, with 2 abstentions.

SECTION 13. GENERAL EXPENSES

17. The CHAIRMAN said that by reason of the financial implications of the proposal relating to the meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women at Buenos Aires, the amount under section 13 had to be increased by \$1,500, making a total of \$5,661,100.

An appropriation of \$5,661,100 under section 13 was approved by 48 votes to none, with 9 abstentions.

SECTION 14. PRINTING, STATIONERY AND LIBRARY SUPPLIES

An appropriation of \$2,133,100 under section 14 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 15. PERMANENT EQUIPMENT

An appropriation of \$553,800 under section 15 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

An appropriation of \$480,000 under section 16 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 17. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

An appropriation of \$1,200,000 under section 17 was approved by 43 votes to none, with 13 abstentions.

SECTION 18. HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES

An appropriation of \$100,000 under section 18 was approved by 55 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

SECTION 19. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

An appropriation of \$600,000 under section 19 was approved by 41 votes to none, with 16 abstentions.

SECTION 20 (previously Section 19a). TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTIC DRUGS CONTROL

An appropriation of \$50,000 under section 20 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 21 (previously section 20). SPECIAL EXPENSES

An appropriation of \$3,532,000 under section 21 was approved unanimously.

SECTION 22 (previously Section 21). INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

An appropriation of \$704,500 under section 22 was approved unanimously.

18. The CHAIRMAN recalled that during the first reading of the budget estimate for 1960, the USSR representative had proposed (734th meeting) that the amounts estimated under part III (sections 6 to 10) should be reduced by \$3,500,000, provided that the reduction would not apply to section 10 (Economic Commission for Africa). The Committee had decided at the 735th meeting to await the second reading of the budget estimate before taking a decision on that proposal.

The proposal of the Soviet representative was rejected by 40 votes to 9, with 7 abstentions.

Appropriations for the financial year 1960 totaling \$63,149,700 were approved by 48 votes to none, with 9 abstentions.

ESTIMATES OF INCOME

The estimated amount of \$5,357,500 for income other than staff assessment was approved unanimously.

The estimated amount of \$6,329,000 for income from staff assessment was approved unanimously.

DRAFT APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1960 (A/C.5/L.599)

19. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that corrections should be made in the text of the draft appropriation resolution for the financial year 1960 (A/C.5/L.599) in the light of the decisions which the Committee had just taken. The figure for the grand total should read \$63,149,700.

20. In reply to a question from Mr. LAWRENCE (New Zealand), the CHAIRMAN said that the end of operative paragraph 2 of the resolution should read: "... income for the financial year 1960 other than staff assessment is estimated at '\$US5,357,500' " and not "\$US5,357,700".

The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted by 50 votes to none, with 9 abstentions.

DRAFT RESOLUTION RELATING TO UNFORSEEN AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES (A/4170, APPENDIX II)

The draft resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses submitted by the Advisory Committee was adopted unanimously.

DRAFT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 1960 (A/C.5/L.602)

The draft resolution was adopted by 45 votes to 9, with 4 abstentions.

21. Mr. TURNER (Controller) said he would like to give the members of the Committee some details concerning the amounts to be collected in 1960. The Fifth Committee had just approved an appropriation totalling \$63,149,700. From that total the income other than staff assessment (\$5,357,500) had to be deducted, but the amount of the supplementary budget approved for 1959 (\$828,980) had to be added. Accordingly, the amount to be collected in 1960 was \$58,621,180, as against \$61,500,000 in 1959. To the budget proper the advances to the Working Capital Fund should be added, bringing the total amount to be collected to \$59,593,192, or \$2,855,638 less than in 1959. Account had also to be taken of income from staff assessment (\$6,329,000), which included income in excess of the amount estimated in 1958 (\$470,000). Hence an amount of \$6,799,000, an increase of \$318,000 over the preceding financial year, would be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund. The contributions to the United Nations Emergency Force would be calculated in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Fifth Committee and as far as a majority of Member States were concerned, would probably be smaller than in 1959.

AGENDA ITEM 51

United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General (concluded)*

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.603)

22. Mr. FOBES (United States of America) asked the Rapporteur to add the words "as well as other means for financing grants to the School" at the end of paragraph 2 of the draft report (A/C.5/L.603). The draft

resolution submitted by the delegations of Argentina and the United States (A/C.5/L.594) had requested that a report should be prepared concerning not only the Secretary-General's suggestions for the use of revenue derived from the International Gift Centre but also other means of financing.

23. Mr. IRWIN (Canada) requested that the report should mention the view expressed by his delegation concerning the unfairness of treating one category of pupils more generously than others.

24. Mr. DIMBU (Romania) reminded the Committee that several delegations had stated that it was inappropriate to subsidize education for children whose parents were in no way associated with the United Nations. They had proposed that tuition fees should be reviewed and had requested that the children in question should not benefit from the scholarship programme that might be established. He requested that the Fifth Committee's report make mention of his remarks.

25. Mr. NAIK (Pakistan), Rapporteur, said he would add the words proposed by the United States representative at the end of paragraph 2. He would amplify paragraphs 6 and 7 in order to take account of the comments of the representatives of Canada and Romania, and he would consult them in the matter.

The draft report (A/C.5/L.603), as amended, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 28

United Nations Emergency Force (concluded)**

- (a) Cost estimates for the maintenance of the force;
- (b) Manner of financing the Force: report of the Secretary-General on consultations with the Governments of Member States

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.604)

26. Mr. ROJAS (Mexico) requested that the word "reasonable" at the end of paragraph 17 of the draft report be replaced by the words "more acceptable".

27. Mr. NAIK (Pakistan), Rapporteur, accepted the amendment.

The draft report (A/C.5/L.604), as amended, was adopted.

AGENDA ITEM 46

Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds (concluded)***

DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/C.5/L.605)

28. Mr. NAIK (Pakistan), Rapporteur, said that he would amend paragraph 8 of the draft report in order to indicate clearly the words of operative paragraph 2 on which the USSR representative had requested a roll-call vote.

The draft report (A/C.5/L.605), as amended, was adopted.

* Resumed from the 757th meeting.

** Resumed from the 753rd meeting.

*** Resumed from the 757th meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SIXTH COMMITTEE IN DOCUMENT A/4312 ON AGENDA ITEM 57 †

29. The CHAIRMAN read out a letter from the President of the General Assembly transmitting the text of the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.462) adopted by the Sixth Committee on the question of the publication

of a United Nations juridical yearbook. The provisions of the draft entailed no expenditure in respect of 1960 but would have financial implications for the 1961 budget, and the Fifth Committee would have to take a decision on the matter at the fifteenth session. It was his intention to send a reply to that effect to the President of the General Assembly.

It was so decided.

† Question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook.

The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.