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PATTERN OF CONFERENCES

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A

Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences, 1/

1. Approves the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 1990-1991 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences; 2/

2. Authorizes the Committee on Conferences to make any adjustments in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 1990-1991 that may become necessary as a result of action and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

3. Notes with appreciation the efforts by a number of United Nations organs to improve the utilization of conference-servicing resources;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/44/32 and Corr.1-3).

2/ Ibid., annex III.

4. Requests the Committee on Conferences to review the methodology on conference-servicing utilization rates in order to provide, if possible, a more accurate assessment of the overall use of conference resources with a view to enabling United Nations bodies to make the optimum use of conference services and to facilitate, where necessary, continued rationalization of their meeting requirements;

5. Urges all United Nations organs to intensify their efforts to improve their utilization of conference-servicing resources, taking into account the need to reduce costs without adversely affecting their efficiency;

6. Requests the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences and the Secretary-General to maintain their contacts with United Nations organs that have failed to make adequate use of the conference-servicing resources provided to them in order to assist those organs in making better use of their services;

7. Recommends that the chairmen of those organs bring the concerns on utilization of conference-servicing resources to the attention of the organs concerned;

8. Requests the Committee on Conferences to remain seized of the matter on the basis of further reports from the Secretary-General;

9. Welcomes the intention of the Committee on Conferences to consider further the draft chapter of the medium-term plan for 1992-1997 relating to conference and library services, bearing in mind that this strategy should have, inter alia, the objective of utilizing to the optimum and in the most cost-effective manner conference services, resources and facilities worldwide, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and the rules and principles governing conference-planning;

10. Takes note of the Committee's intention to play a role in the review of the Department of Conference Services envisaged by the Secretary-General, 3/ on the understanding that the role to be determined by the Committee at its 1990 session will be in full accordance with its mandate and in conformity with General Assembly resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988;

11. Invites the Committee on Conferences to adopt a more comprehensive programme of work, taking into account its responsibilities as established by the General Assembly.

3/ A/44/222, para. 104.

B

Control and limitation of documentation

The General Assembly

Recalling its resolutions 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 3415 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 34/50 of 23 November 1979, 35/10 B of 3 November 1980, 36/117 of 10 December 1981, 37/14 C of 16 November 1982, 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, 40/243, section III, of 18 December 1985, 41/177 D of 5 December 1986, 42/207 C of 11 December 1987 and 43/222 C of 21 December 1988,

1. Decides to extend for a further year the experimental period established under resolution 37/14 C, during which no subsidiary organ of the Assembly shall be entitled to summary records, with exception of the following:

- (a) Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean;
- (b) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;
- (c) International Law Commission;
- (d) Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;
- (e) Special Committee against Apartheid;
- (f) United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;
- (g) United Nations Council for Namibia;

2. Takes note of the decision of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to discontinue its request for summary records;

3. Also takes note of the decision of the Committee on Conferences to review the issue of control and limitation of documentation in more detail at its 1990 substantive session;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to analyse the printing requirements of the Organization and to recommend proposals to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Committee on Conferences and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to maximize the cost-effectiveness of external and internal printing.

C

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 42/207 C

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 42/207 C of 11 December 1987,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 42/207 C, 4/

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement resolution 42/207 C;
2. Decides to remain seized of the matter.
