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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

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V. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

49. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the
biennium 1990-1991

A

The General Assembly,

I

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Economic and
Social Commission for Western Asia

Takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia 1/ and the related comments of the Secretary-General; 2/

1/ A/44/206 and Corr.1.

2/ A/44/206/Add.1.

179.

II

Publications of the International Court of Justice

Takes note of the comments of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 11 of his note on the publications of the International Court of Justice; 3/

III

International Computing Centre

Approves the budget estimates for the International Computing Centre for the year 1990 amounting to \$11,260,400;

IV

Integrated management information system project

Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the integrated management information system project; 4/

V

Construction of additional conference facilities
at Addis Ababa and Bangkok

1. Takes note of the revised estimate of the Secretary-General concerning the total cost of the construction project at Addis Ababa; 5/
2. Requests the Secretary-General to proceed as necessary with the approved project as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 6 of its report; 6/

3/ A/C.5/44/13.

4/ A/C.5/44/8.

5/ See A/C.5/44/7, sect. I.

6/ A/44/7/Add.2.

VI

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of
United Nations public information networks

Takes note of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of United Nations public information networks 7/ and the related comments of the Secretary-General; 8/

VII

Honoraria for members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Decides that the emoluments for members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child shall be payable at the rates of honoraria authorized in resolution 35/218 of 17 December 1980;

VIII

Conference services at Vienna

1. Endorses the view expressed by the Secretary-General in paragraph 24 of his report concerning unified conference services at Vienna; 9/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to reopen consultations on the subject and to report thereon to the General Assembly, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 4 of its report; 10/

IX

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of \$13,120,500 remains in the contingency fund.

7/ A/44/329 and A/44/433.

8/ A/44/329/Add.1 and A/44/433 and Add.1.

9/ A/C.5/44/24.

10/ A/44/7/Add.4.

B

The General Assembly

I

High-level posts in the Secretariat of the United Nations

1. Reaffirms its resolution 43/213 of 21 December 1988;
2. Accepts the proposals of the Secretary-General concerning high-level posts as reflected in his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991; 11/
3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to identify, as soon as possible in the course of the 1990-1991 biennium, in accordance with resolution 43/213, four additional high-level posts for reduction;

II

Functions and posts related to global social development issues in sections 6 and 8 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991

1. Decides that the activities related to global social development issues identified in paragraphs 6.14 and 8.2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 and the corresponding resources shall be in section 6 of the programme budget;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to review the functions and administrative support of the Departments having mandates relating to global social issues, bearing in mind the need for an integrated approach to development;
3. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit proposals, as appropriate, for the strengthening of the United Nations Office at Vienna to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

III

Venue of the sessions of the Human Rights Committee and of the Legal Sub-Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

1. Decides to accept the related estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in sections 2A and 23 of the proposed programme budget and to reinstate the related provision in section 28F of the proposed programme budget

11/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1).

2. **Requests** the Human Rights Committee and the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to take fully into account the recommendations contained in paragraphs 23.5, 23.6, 2A.6 and 2A.7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, ^{12/} including the need for an optimum use of resources, as well as the provisions of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, and article 37 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ^{13/} when deciding on the venue of their future sessions and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session through the Committee on Conferences;

IV

Subvention from the regular budget to the United Nations
Institute for Disarmament Research

Requests the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the provisions of the statute of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, to intensify his efforts to attract voluntary contributions to the Institute in order to obviate the need for a subvention from the regular budget, to review the question of programme support costs, and to report annually to the General Assembly on the situation of the Institute;

V

Section 3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization

1. **Accepts** the estimate and proposal of the Secretary-General for subsection C, Namibia, of section 3, as endorsed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, notes that the Secretary-General will submit his revised estimates and requests him to do so no later than the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly;

2. **Requests** the Secretary-General, taking full account of the priority attached by the General Assembly to activities against apartheid and of the views expressed by Member States at its forty-fourth session, to ensure the optimum utilization of resources within section 3, including the possibility of redeployment of staff resources, when submitting revised estimates and priorities for section 3 to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

VI

Section 5A. Office of the Director-General for Development
and International Economic Co-operation

Notes that the reference to "peace-keeping" in section 5A refers only to humanitarian assistance activities related to peace-keeping operations;

12/ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/44/7).

13/ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

VII

Section 6. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs: programmatic content of programme 3, Analysis of the world population

Requests the Secretary-General to implement programme 3, Analysis of world population, of section 6, within the framework of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, 1984, 14/ and the World Population Plan of Action, 15/ and in this context to give special attention to the question of the relationship between population and development, taking into account paragraph 6.9 and noting that the word "sustainable" should not be part of paragraph 6.42;

VIII

Section 13. Economic Commission for Africa

1. **Endorses** the recommendations contained in paragraphs 181 to 183 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination 16/ and requests the Secretary-General to review the adequacy of resources for the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, and to intensify his efforts to reduce the currently high vacancy rate in the Economic Commission for Africa, including the preparation of a specific plan to that end, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to review the translation and interpretation services for all official languages in the Economic Commission for Africa, including the question of the retention of trained personnel and the possibility of restoration of the Training Centre, and to report on the results of this review to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

3. **Decides** that the post proposed by the Secretary-General for Chief of Automation Services in the Economic Commission for Africa should be an established post in the programme budget for 1990-1991, and that the post of evaluation officer should be restored on a non-recurrent basis, subject to renewal;

4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to review the question of the resources for the evaluation function in the regional commissions, prior to the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

14/ See Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigendum).

15/ Ibid., chap. I, sect. B.

16/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/44/16).

IX

Section 18. United Nations Environment Programme

Invites the Secretary-General to ensure that all efforts are made in the United Nations system for the preparation of the 1992 Conference on Environment and Development and implementation of other new mandates, including provisions for adequate resources for effective co-ordination in the United Nations Environment Programme secretariat;

X

Section 20. International Drug Control

Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in paragraphs 20.4, 20.7, 20.8 and 20.9 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the conclusions and recommendations contained in paragraph 217 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

XI

Section 23. Human rights

1. Decides that under section 23, Economic and Social Council mandates, additional requirements for new mandates which are outside the scope of the perennial activities included in section 23, are to be treated in accordance with the provisions for the use and operation of the contingency fund;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to include the question of the relationship between the treatment of perennials in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund in the report he will prepare on the experience gained with regard to the contingency fund during the implementation of the 1990-1991 programme budget;

XII

Section 27. Public information

1. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the new structure of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, as reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, provides for full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the activities carried out by the information centres, including, if required, through redeployment of resources within section 27, and to ensure that the activities and outputs of the information centres fully reflect the mandates of the General Assembly;

XIII

Section 28D. Office of General Services, Headquarters

Requests the Secretary-General to devise a more satisfactory system for the reimbursement to the regular budget of the cost of accommodation for posts related to extrabudgetary activities and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

XIV

Section 28G. Miscellaneous expenses

Requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a comprehensive review of the after-service health insurance programme, taking into account the observations of the Advisory Committee;

XV

Section 28I. Division of Administrative and Common Services, Vienna

1. Concurs with the view of the Secretary-General expressed in his report 17/ on conference services at Vienna, that, following the first several years of experience of the operation of common services at Vienna, an in-depth review of such services is needed during the coming biennium;

2. Welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to conduct consultations with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other interested parties, with a view to making necessary improvements;

3. Invites the executive heads of the organizations located at the Vienna International Centre, to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General in the process of these consultations;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report at the most appropriate time on the progress of these consultations;

XVI

Section 29. Conference and library services

I

1. Expresses deep concern at the delay in the completion of the studies on work-load statistics and work-load standards requested by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 29.19 and 29.22 of its report;

2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to submit the above-mentioned reports to the Advisory Committee at its spring 1990 session and to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

II

1. **Takes note** of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the optical disc project, 18/ of the comments of the Secretary-General thereon, 19/ and of the information provided by the Secretariat;

2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to implement the optical disc project, as outlined by the Joint Inspection Unit, in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and taking into account the views expressed by Member States at the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

3. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive plan on a full implementation of this system, including at the regional commissions and other duty stations, its impact on the availability of documents to Member States, a cost-benefit analysis and other relevant technical and financial issues, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

18/ See A/44/684.

19/ A/44/684/Add.1, annex.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991

A

Budget appropriations for the biennium 1990-1991The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1990-1991:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 1,974,634,000 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

<u>Section</u>	<u>(US dollars)</u>
<u>PART I. Overall policy-making, direction and co-ordination</u>	
1. Overall policy-making direction and co-ordination	59 705 000
Total, Part I	<u>59 705 000</u>
<u>PART II. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities</u>	
2A. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities	88 089 300
2B. Disarmament Affairs Activities	11 184 500
2C. Office for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea	8 196 900
Total, Part II	<u>107 470 700</u>
<u>PART III. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization</u>	
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization	35 988 200
Total, Part III	<u>35 988 200</u>

<u>Section</u>	<u>(US dollars)</u>
PART IV. <u>Economic, social and humanitarian activities</u>	
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	2 163 100
5A. Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	4 670 800
5B. Regional Commissions New York Office.....	855 300
6. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	46 814 800
7. Department of Technical Co-operation for Development	23 853 200
8. Activities on global social development issues	9 985 700
9. Transnational corporations	10 919 200
10. Economic Commission for Europe	33 089 300
11. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	39 791 400
12. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	49 010 700
13. Economic Commission for Africa	57 725 700
14. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	38 595 400
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	73 107 600
16. International Trade Centre	15 400 800
17. Centre for Science and Technology for Development	4 298 800
18. United Nations Environment Programme	11 195 600
19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	9 937 800
20. International drug control	8 333 600
21. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	34 180 100
22. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator	6 481 200
23. Human rights	16 105 700
24. Regular programme of technical co-operation	36 163 200
Total, Part IV	<u>532 679 000</u>
PART V. <u>International justice and law</u>	
25. International Court of Justice	13 333 000
26. Legal activities	18 766 500
Total, Part V	<u>32 099 500</u>

Part VI. Public information

27. Public information	87 225 400
Total, Part VI	87 225 400

PART VII. Common support services

28. Administration and management	397 759 500
29. Conference and library services	352 777 600
Total, Part VII	750 537 100

PART VIII. Special expenses

30. United Nations bond issue	-
Total, Part VIII	-

PART IX. Staff assessment

31. Staff assessment	298 390 400
Total, Part IX	298 390 400

PART X. Capital expenditures

32. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	70 538 700
Total, Part X	70 538 700
GRAND TOTAL	1 974 634 000

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. The appropriations for the regular programme of technical co-operation under part IV, section 24, shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be subject to the following procedures:

(a) Obligations for personal services established in the current biennium shall be valid for the succeeding biennium, provided that appointments of the experts concerned are effected by the end of the current biennium, and that the total period to be covered by obligations established for these purposes against the resources of the current biennium shall not exceed twenty-four work-months;

(b) Obligations established in the current biennium for fellowships shall remain valid until liquidated, provided that the fellow has been nominated by the requesting Government and accepted by the Organization, and that a formal letter of award has been issued to the requesting Government;

(c) Obligations in respect of contracts or purchase orders for supplies or equipment recorded in the current biennium will remain valid until payment is effected to the contractor or vendor, unless they are cancelled;

5. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$19,000 is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1990-1991 from accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

B

Income estimates for the biennium 1990-1991

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1990-1991:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling \$US 367 226 200 are approved as follows:

<u>Income section</u>	<u>(US dollars)</u>
<u>PART I. Income from staff assessment</u>	
1. Income from staff assessment	303 040 800
Total, Part I	303 040 800
<u>PART II. Other income</u>	
2. General income	54 524 200
3. Revenue-producing activities	9 661 200
Total, Part II	64 185 400
GRAND TOTAL	367 226 200

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

C

Financing of appropriations for the year 1990

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1990:

1. Budget appropriations in a total amount of 970,884,400 United States dollars, consisting of 987,317,000 dollars, being half of the appropriations approved for the biennium 1990-1991 by the General Assembly under paragraph 1 of resolution A above less 16,432,600 dollars, being the decrease in revised appropriations for 1988-1989 approved by the General Assembly in resolution 44/___A, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) 32,092,700 dollars, being half the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1990-1991 under resolution B above;

(b) 4,174,700 dollars, being the increase in estimated income other than staff assessment for 1988-1989 approved by the General Assembly in resolution 44/___ B, excluding the decrease of 16,000,000 dollars in income section 2 pertaining to the repayment of the loan to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

(c) 936,617,000 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 43/223 A of 21 December 1988 on the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990, 1991;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 143,747,900 dollars consisting of:

(a) 151,520,400 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1990-1991 under resolution B above;

(b) Less 7,772,500 dollars, being the decrease in the revised income from staff assessment for the biennium 1988-1989 approved by the General Assembly in resolution 44/___B.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1990-1991

The General Assembly

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 1990-1991 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to that biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$US 3 million in any one year of the biennium 1990-1991, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the Court, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$250,000;

(ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;

(iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from the Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$100,000;

(c) Such commitments, in an amount not exceeding \$300,000, in the biennium 1990-1991, as the Secretary-General certifies are required for interorganizational security measures pursuant to section IV of General Assembly resolution 36/235 of 18 December 1981;

2. Resolves that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. Decides that, for the biennium 1990-1991, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding \$10 million in respect of that decision, the matter shall be brought to the General Assembly or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1990-1991

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 1990-1991 in the amount of \$US 100 million;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 1988;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of \$1,025,092;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1990-1991 under General Assembly resolutions 4x/xxx of xx December 1987;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1990-1991 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 1990-1991;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 44/___ of ___ December 1989 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as may be necessary, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed \$200,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total of \$200,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund.

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 1990-1991, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved in General Assembly resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.
