



Eighteenth session
Agenda item 65

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY PROCEDURES OF THE UNITED NATIONS:

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on administrative and financial procedures to be followed by the General Assembly at the time peace-keeping operations are authorized;
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on his consultations concerning the desirability and feasibility of establishing a peace fund

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Raouf BOUDJAKDJI (Algeria)

1. At its 1050th meeting on 2 December 1963, the Fifth Committee considered the reports of the Secretary-General which had been requested by the General Assembly in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) and 1879 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963.
2. The first of these reports, submitted orally by the representative of the Secretary-General, concerned the administrative and financial procedures to be followed by the General Assembly at the time peace-keeping operations are authorized. It was stated, in particular, that the Secretary-General had felt that even if it had been possible for him before the opening of the eighteenth session to respond adequately to the General Assembly's request in paragraph 3 of its resolution 1874, it would have been inappropriate for him to attempt to do so in view of the Assembly's further decision, taken at the conclusion of the fourth special session, to continue the Working Group on the Examination of the Administrative and Budgetary Procedures of the United Nations. The Secretary-General therefore hoped the Fifth Committee would

agree that any suggestions he might wish to make for improving the financial procedures to be followed by the General Assembly at the time peace-keeping operations were authorized, as well as any observations thereon from the Advisory Committee, could more usefully be presented for consideration in conjunction with the report which the Working Group had been asked to prepare as soon as possible and in any event prior to the nineteenth session of the General Assembly. Meanwhile the Secretary-General would co-operate fully with the Working Group to the extent that he might be called upon to do so.

3. The second report (A/5490 and addenda 1-4) dealt with the Secretary-General's consultations concerning the desirability and feasibility of establishing a peace fund. Attached to this report were the texts of communications received from thirty-eight countries in response to a request addressed by the Secretary-General to all Member States on 17 July 1963.

4. In this report the Secretary-General pointed out that it would seem that the consultations with the Member Governments and interested organizations might not be completed in time for the General Assembly to pursue the matter at its eighteenth session; the General Assembly might therefore wish to consider at that session a point of procedure which had been raised by the Governments of Canada, Italy and Sweden in their communications, i.e., that the study of the scope and purpose of a peace fund could most appropriately be conducted by the Working Group on the Examination of the Administrative and Budgetary Procedures of the United Nations, more particularly as such a study would come within the terms of reference of the Working Group as established by the General Assembly in resolution 1880 (S-IV). This suggestion was supported by the representative of Japan.

5. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reiterated that his delegation could not accept the establishment of a peace fund. A fund of that kind could be used to circumvent decisions of the Security Council regarding the maintenance of peace and security; furthermore, its establishment would be contrary to the Charter, under which the Security Council alone was competent to deal with such matters. In addition, it would duplicate the Working Capital Fund, which had been established for the specific purpose of unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures.

6. The representative of the United Kingdom recalled that his delegation had reserved its position on the matter for reasons stated in his Government's communication given in document A/5490.

7. The Committee decided, without objection, that the reports submitted by the Secretary-General in connexion with this item, as well as the record of the discussion in the Fifth Committee, should be referred to the Working Group on the Examination of the Administrative and Budgetary Procedures of the United Nations, to be taken into account in the preparation of the report which the Working Group had been requested to make to the General Assembly in terms of General Assembly resolution 1880 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963.
