



Twentieth session  
Agenda item 82 (a) and (b)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY CO-ORDINATION OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

- (a) REPORTS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE  
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS
- (b) INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL MACHINERY FOR MATTER OF PAY AND PERSONNEL  
ADMINISTRATION: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Vladimir PRUSA (Czechoslovakia)

(a) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative  
and Budgetary Questions

1. The Fifth Committee considered agenda item 82 at its 1107th meeting held on 8 December 1965, on the basis of the following documents:

In respect of sub-item (a):

- Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its twentieth session (A/6122);
- Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session (A/5859);
- Notes by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1008 and Corr.1 and A/C.5/1026).

2. Introducing the reports of the advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/5859, A/6122) the Chairman of that Committee recalled that its terms of reference specifically included the examination, on behalf of the General Assembly, of the budgets of the specialized agencies. Those terms of reference had been laid down in 1946, at an early stage in the building of the

United Nations system. Even then, however, the Member States wished to have a clear picture of what, individually and collectively, they were spending on a relatively new form of international co-operation, and to make sure that their contributions were used in the most effective way. The latest report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/6122) should be read in conjunction with its previous report (A/5859) of 25 January 1965. The principal subjects treated in those reports concerned the preparation and submission of agency budgets, the possibility of a more uniform layout, the desirability of reducing the volume of documentation presented to the Economic and Social Council, the reconstitution of the Council's Special Committee on Co-ordination, and the work programme of the United Nations in the economic, social and human rights fields and its budgetary requirements.

3. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee added that the Committee had not yet been able to carry out a task it was invited to undertake more than three years ago in Economic and Social Council resolution 900 A (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962: namely, to bring up to date studies which it had made in 1956-1959 on administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and each of the specialized agencies, with particular reference to the working of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. In the course of the last months, the Committee had received additional material from the agencies which covered their participation in the Special Fund operations. However, in the light of the increasing participation of the agencies in the continually expanding operations of the technical assistance programmes of the Organization, the Committee found that the available material on which it could base its examination was quickly outdated. In order to make a thorough appraisal of the subject, the Committee found it necessary to visit certain of the agencies' headquarters, but its heavy agenda had precluded that possibility. Against that, however, the Committee had decided to report more fully on those particular aspects of the agencies' activities in its annual reports on the administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations and the specialized and related agencies.

4. On the proposal of the representative of Israel, the Committee expressed the hope that at future sessions of the General Assembly the chapter of the annual report of the Economic and Social Council entitled "questions of co-ordination and

relations with specialized agencies" would be referred also to the Fifth Committee. A study of that chapter would enable the Committee to have a better understanding of the close relationship between substantive aspects of co-ordination and the budgetary and administrative aspects.

5. It was also suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee of experts to examine the finances of the United Nations and the specialized agencies (established by General Assembly resolution ..... (XX) of .. December 1965) should be provided with full information on the General Assembly's previous discussions of the subject of administrative and budgetary co-ordination. In addition, the Fifth Committee should in future be provided with a comprehensive report analysing the past activities of the organizations and making recommendations regarding the co-ordination of their future activities. It should receive the report in good time, so that Governments could obtain their experts' considered opinions. Finally, the executive heads of the agencies should be asked to report on the steps they had taken as a result of the Committee's recommendations.

Decision and recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution attached as an annex to the present report.

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(b) Inter-organizational machinery for matters  
of pay and personnel administration: report  
of the Secretary-General

7. The Committee also considered agenda item 82 (b) and decided, without objection, to take note of the two reports of the Secretary-General (A/5833, A/6098 and Rev.1).