



Twentieth session
Agenda item 86

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Vladimír PRUSA (Czechoslovakia)

1. At its 1104th meeting, held on 2 December 1965, the Fifth Committee considered agenda item 86 - United Nations International School - on the basis of the following documents:
 - (a) The reports of the Secretary-General (A.5854 and Add.1) and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/5888) to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session;
 - (b) The reports of the Secretary-General (A/6079) and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/6113) to the General Assembly at its current session;
 - (c) A draft resolution (A/C.5/L.851/Rev.1)^{1/} proposed by Denmark, Ghana, Kuwait, New Zealand, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago and Zambia, which in effect reflected the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee in its latest report (A/6113).
2. The Committee was unanimous in applauding the exemplary and characteristic generosity of the City of New York, the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller family, which had done so much to further the plans for the new School. Tribute was also paid to other private donors who had joined with thirty-four Member States in pledging a total of \$1,237,700 to date.
3. The Committee was also as one in urging all Member States which had not yet done so to contribute promptly to the Development Fund for the School in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1982 (XVIII) of 17 December 1965.

^{1/} Attached as the annex to the present report.

4. Several representatives associated with their tributes to the above-mentioned benefactors the Director of the International School and his staff, who had faced difficulties that would have discouraged anyone less devoted to the ideal of such a School. The School was important, since it could become the model for a new type of educational institution, providing an education that was not based on a narrow national outlook but was truly international. It was incontestable that the pupils at the International School were absolutely without any racial, national, religious or colour prejudice. The existence of the School offered a unique opportunity for evolving new methods of education and truly international curricula designed to serve the needs of children from widely different cultures. The removal of the School from its present premises would enable it to develop those possibilities to the full.

Decision and recommendation of the Fifth Committee

5. The Committee adopted unanimously the seven-Power draft resolution (A/C.5/L.851/Rev.1), and accordingly recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the attached draft resolution.

ANNEX

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/6079) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the United Nations International School (A/6113),

Noting the generous action of the City of New York in agreeing to make available an appropriate site for the School by a long-term lease to the United Nations at a nominal rate and of the Rockefeller family in making a gift of \$1 million to develop that site,

Noting that the Ford Foundation has confirmed its generous offer of \$7.5 million to build and equip the School on the new site provided that the Development Fund of \$3 million is raised,

Noting that thirty-four Governments have joined with private donors in pledging \$1,237,700 to date,

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to accept the offer of the City of New York to provide to the United Nations a suitable site for the School;
2. Urges Member States which have not yet done so to contribute promptly to the Development Fund for the School under the terms of General Assembly resolution 1982 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963;
3. Expresses again its appreciation to the Ford Foundation and other private donors who have contributed so generously to the realization of plans for the School;
4. Decides to contribute \$57,000 to the International School Fund in 1966 to cover the operating deficit foreseen for the present school year;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution to the Mayor of New York, the Ford Foundation and other donors and to the Board of Trustees as an expression of gratitude for the progress made in furthering plans for the new School.