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

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Santiago MEYER PICON (Mexico)

1. At its 1288th and 1290th meetings, held on 16 and 18 December 1968, the Fifth Committee considered the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/7379, A/7380) related to agenda item 79.
2. At the 1288th meeting of the Committee, the representative of Brazil introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/L.971) on behalf of the delegations of Brazil, Ceylon, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Pakistan, Peru, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United Arab Republic, the operative paragraphs of which read:

"1. Recommends that the specialized agencies which apply methods of assessments similar to those of the United Nations and whose scales of contributions still reflect significant variations from the United Nations scale, should intensify their efforts with a view to bringing their scales into harmony with the United Nations scale at the earliest possible time, taking into account differences in membership and other pertinent factors;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the specialized agencies concerned the present resolution, together with the relevant comments and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions set forth in its twenty-seventh report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session;

"3. Requests the Advisory Committee to keep this matter under review and to report to the General Assembly periodically on the implementation of the resolution."

3. One delegation expressed its opposition to the draft resolution on the grounds that harmonization of the scales of assessment of the specialized agencies with that of the United Nations would not make any basic contribution to the work of those agencies. Moreover, the scales of assessments of some of those agencies were more in accordance with the capacity to pay of Member States.
4. One other delegation, expressed its opposition to the draft resolution (A/C.5/L.971), and stated that in its opinion the methods of establishing the scales of assessment are laid down in the relevant provisions adopted by the Government members of the specialized agencies and are therefore within the competence of the specialized agencies. In its second preambular paragraph, the draft resolution stated that the International Labour Organisation (ILO) had taken the first steps towards implementing resolution 2190 (XXI). While it was true that the ILO has considered the question of its scale of assessments for years and has reached an imaginative interim solution, it was, however, not a fact that the ILO solution is a step toward the implementation of resolution 2190 (XXI). The position of its Government, as put forward in the ILO, this delegation stated, was based on long-standing national legislation, and was at variance with the provisions of the draft resolution. It therefore would have had no choice but to vote against it, if it had been put to a vote. The criteria used by Governments for adopting scales of assessment varied considerably from agency to agency and decisions concerning these scales should be taken by the competent organs of the specialized agencies.
5. At its 1290th meeting, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution (see paragraph 7 below, draft resolution A).
6. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution B (see paragraph 7 below).

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

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Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with  
the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

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The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 311 B (IV) of 24 November 1949 and 2190 A (XXI) of 15 December 1966 on the question of the relationship between the assessments of Member States in the contributions both of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies,

Noting that, in its twenty-seventh report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session,<sup>1/</sup> the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions states that, while further progress has been made in the direction recommended in resolution 2190 (XXI), some agencies, in particular the International Labour Organisation, although having taken the first steps towards implementing that resolution, still reflect variations in their scales of assessments as compared with the United Nations scale,

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3. Requests the Advisory Committee to keep this matter under review and to report to the General Assembly periodically on the implementation of the resolution.

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The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on general co-ordination matters<sup>2/</sup> and on the administrative

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<sup>1/</sup> A/7379, para. 16.

<sup>2/</sup> A/7380.

budgets for 1969 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;<sup>3/</sup>

2. Requests the Secretary-General to refer the report on general co-ordination matters to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency through the consultative machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to refer to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in part II of its report on their administrative budgets for 1969.

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