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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1980-1981

Draft report of the Fifth Committee (Part IV)

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V. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Medium-term planning in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system and 33/118 of 19 December 1978, especially paragraph 4, in which it welcomed the intention of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to conduct an in-depth study of the programme planning process during its nineteenth session,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its nineteenth session 1/ and the reports of the Secretary-General 2/ and of the Joint Inspection Unit 3/ on medium-term planning in the United Nations,

Considering that medium-term planning should, among other things, strengthen the relationship between planning and development and contribute to a better and more

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/34/38).

2/ A/34/84/Add.1; E/AC.51/97 and Add.1 and 2.

3/ A/34/84.

rational management of United Nations activities, to better interagency co-ordination and to the attainment of the objectives of the new international economic order and of the international development strategies,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the aforementioned reports;

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the aforementioned report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination 4/ and decides to establish the following principles and guidelines for medium-term planning in the United Nations:

(a) The planning process, which is a part of the over-all management process, should be forward-looking and dynamic; the plan should be deductive, with its strategy, orientation, goals and activities deriving from the objectives and policy orientations set by the intergovernmental organs;

(b) The medium-term plan should be a faithful translation of legislative mandates into programmes;

(c) The plan remains a proposal until adopted by the General Assembly; after adoption, it becomes a principle policy directive; 5/

(d) The medium-term plan should be comprehensive and not staggered;

(e) The flexibility of the plan should be achieved through reviews by intergovernmental organs as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by those organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan;

(f) The effective participation of central and regional, sectoral and functional bodies in the formulation, consideration, review and evaluation of the plan should be achieved by means of an appropriate preparation period and greater co-ordination of their calendars of meetings;

(g) The introduction to the plan, which constitutes a key integral element in the planning process, should highlight the policy orientations of the United Nations system and indicate the medium-term objectives and strategy and the trends deduced from the mandates which reflect the priorities set by the intergovernmental organs;

(h) The plan should emphasize the description of objectives and strategies; the presentation and format of the analyses provided therein should vary according to the type and nature of activities;

(i) The plan should serve as the framework for the formulation of the biennial programme budget;

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/34/38), chap. II, paras. 71-72.

5/ Reaffirmation of the principle already established in resolution 31/93.

(j) The density of the information provided in the plan should vary in relation to the time horizon of the planning and the needs of the reviewing bodies;

(k) The planning process should take into account the needs of interagency co-ordination; this co-ordination does not necessarily require system-wide synchronization of planning periods;

(l) Performance reporting and evaluation are key elements in the planning and programming cycle; the relevant mechanisms should be strengthened and the relevant techniques refined; the use of achievement indicators should be developed;

(m) The medium-term plan should cover a period of six years;

(n) The next medium-term plan should cover the period 1984-1989; accordingly, the submission of a 1982-1985 proposed plan scheduled for 1980 is no longer required;

(o) The current plan should be reviewed at an appropriate time to take account of all decisions with programme implications during the first biennium;

(p) The plan should clearly identify new activities; the planning process should also make it possible to identify completed activities or activities of marginal utility;

(q) Emphasis should be placed on objectives and strategy; objectives should be time-limited as far as possible and the plan should be objective-based in all programmes where it is feasible;

(r) Financial indications should be shown in the plan along the lines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 6/

3. Approves the request to the Secretary-General to submit to the twentieth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination a draft calendar of preparation for the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, and to submit to the Committee at the same session, on the basis of general principles and specific recommendations formulated by the Committee at its nineteenth session, model programmes that would help to clarify the questions of the programme structure of the medium-term plan, the nature of the objectives of the plan and the possibility of defining time-limited objectives;

4. Requests the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to reconsider at its twentieth session the question of the "fixed" or "rolling" plan, so as to enable the General Assembly to take a decision on that matter at its thirty-fifth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Identification of activities that are completed, obsolete,
of marginal usefulness or ineffective

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3534 (XXX) of 17 December 1975, in which it requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to include in the performance reports on the United Nations programme budgets relevant information on the staff and resources released as a result of the completion, reduction, reorganization, merging, elimination or otherwise of United Nations programmes, projects or activities,

Recalling also its resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976, in which it stressed the responsibility of the Secretary-General to draw to the attention of the competent intergovernmental bodies activities that are obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective, indicating the resources which could be released so that the bodies concerned may take the necessary action,

Recalling further its resolution 32/301 of 21 December 1977, in which it urged the Secretary-General to ensure the implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3534 (XXX) and 31/93 in the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 and the performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979,

Recalling also its resolution 33/204 of 29 January 1979, in which it requested the Secretary-General to implement fully the above resolutions and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the measures taken,

Reaffirming the importance of identifying the activities that have been completed or are obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective in order to redeploy resources to finance new United Nations activities,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 7/ submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 33/204 and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 8/

2. Notes with concern the finding of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination 9/ that the information contained in the report of the Secretary-General is insufficient;

3. Calls upon the Secretary-General to exercise his judgement so as to identify without further delay marginally useful and ineffective activities and to report thereon to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twentieth session, including the criteria which has been used in this identification;

7/ A/C.5/34/4 and Corr.1.

8/ A/34/7/Add.1.

9/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/34/38), chap. VI, para. 11.

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report also to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twentieth session on activities which have been completed, on the resources which have thereby been released and on the consequent effect on the programme budget;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to propose to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session criteria and arrangements to promote the development of an efficient procedure for the identification of activities that are completed, obsolete, ineffective or of marginal usefulness;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a full and comprehensive report on the implementation of Assembly resolution 3534 (XXX) and its subsequent reaffirmations.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Arabic language services

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3190 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 by which it decided to include Arabic among the official and working languages of the General Assembly and its Main Committees,

Referring to resolution 115 (V) of 3 June 1979 10/ of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, by which the Conference recommended that the General Assembly should take the necessary steps to ensure that Arabic be included as an official and working language of the Conference,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the provision of Arabic language services to the General Assembly and its Main Committees, 11/

Noting with concern that the arrangements made to implement resolution 3190 (XXVIII) have not provided adequate and efficient services to the General Assembly and its Main Committees,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to bring Arabic language services to an equal level with the services of the remaining official and working languages at the General Assembly and its Main Committees through the adoption of effective measures including:

(a) The immediate reinforcement of the Arabic translation establishment at Headquarters by a sufficient number of permanent posts so as to ensure the

10/ See TD/268, part one, sect. A.

11/ A/C.5/33/L.49, A/C.5/34/28 and A/C.5/34/L.9.

translation of all pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation of the General Assembly and its Main Committees within the specified time-limits and simultaneously with their issuance in the other official languages;

(b) The establishment at Headquarters of an Arabic interpretation unit with a sufficient number of permanent posts to provide interpretation services to the General Assembly and its Main Committees;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the full implementation of the present resolution and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation, 12/ adopted at the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, which established the main measures and principles for industrial development and co-operation within the framework of the establishment of the new international economic order,

Recalling further its resolution 33/78 of 15 December 1978 on industrial development co-operation and Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/54 of 2 August 1979 on the same subject,

Bearing in mind, in particular, that the rapid industrialization of developing countries constitutes an indispensable element and a dynamic instrument in the sustained, self-reliant growth of their economies and of their social transformation,

Stressing the need to accelerate the implementation of measures for the achievement of industrial development co-operation, particularly those contained in the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action, with a view to raising the share of developing countries to at least 25 per cent of total world industrial production by the end of the century, as called for in the Lima Declaration,

12/ See A/10112, chap. IV.

1. Emphasizes that the programme budget proposals for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the biennium 1980-1981 should reflect the priorities agreed upon at the thirteenth session of the Industrial Development Board, as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1979/54;
2. Reiterates that the programmes being developed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the system of consultations, the Industrial and Technological Information Bank and technical assistance are of the utmost priority and urgency to developing countries, and hence the momentum of their growth must be maintained in the biennium 1980-1981;
3. Requests the Secretary-General, accordingly, to submit, during the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly, proposals for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 that would enable the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to execute the programmes on the consultation system, the Industrial and Technological Information Bank and technical assistance, approved by the Industrial Development Board, 13/ and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Expenditures for conference activities

The General Assembly,

Having considered section 29 of the budget estimates for the biennium 1980-1981 14/ and the corresponding section of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 15/

Considering it necessary to manage the resources allocated to United Nations conference activities with the maximum of efficiency,

Requests the Secretary-General to refrain as far as possible from submitting requests for additional appropriations to finance conference activities during the budgetary period 1980-1981.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Review of procedures for the award of contracts

The General Assembly,

Noting that the programme budget of the United Nations contains considerable appropriations for construction of premises,

13/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/34/16).

14/ Ibid., Supplement No. 6 (A/34/6), vol. II, part VII, sect. 29.

15/ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/34/7), part VII, sect. 29.

Noting further that the volume and value of surplus property and equipment is likely to grow with the increase in United Nations activities,

Concerned by the increasing costs of construction projects,

Bearing in mind that the United Nations Board of Auditors has reported to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that it had made recommendations designed to improve procurement and inventory systems, 16/

Desirous of ensuring that United Nations resources are expended in the most economical manner,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to review existing procedures for the award of contracts including, in particular, construction contracts, bearing in mind the possibility of increased tendering on an international basis, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session a report on current procedures governing the disposal of surplus property and equipment, together with recommendations on how these procedures can be improved in the interest of maximizing income from the sale of surplus property and equipment.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Resources for the implementation of the work programme of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) at the regional level

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements and 33/111 of 18 December 1978 on international co-operation in the field of human settlements,

Noting with regret that the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/162, as they relate particularly to the transfer of posts and resources to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) have still not been fully implemented,

Recalling the undertaking by the Secretary-General to include in his programme budget proposals for 1980-1981 a request for additional resources for redeployment to the regions, 17/

Noting that the regional commissions have taken steps to implement section IV of General Assembly resolution 32/162,

16/ See A/34/486.

17/ See A/C.5/33/63, para. 12.

Taking note of the fact that the Commission on Human Settlements had at its second session approved the 1980-1981 work programme of the Centre, including proposals for additional resources which would be redeployed to the regional commissions to carry out human settlements activities at the regional level, 18/

Noting that the Secretary-General's programme budget proposals for 1980-1981 do not contain any request for additional resources for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) for deployment to the regions, 19/

Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the immediate availability of additional resources necessary to implement at the regional level the work programme of the Centre for 1980-1981 as approved by the Commission at its second session.

18/ See HS/C/2/6.

19/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/34/6); and *ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (A/34/7).

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981

A

Budget appropriations for the biennium 1980-1981

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1980-1981:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 1 247 793 200 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

Section	US dollars
<u>Part I. Over-all policy-making direction and co-ordination</u>	
1. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination	<u>25 113 400</u>
TOTAL, part I	25 113 400
<u>Part II. Political and peace-keeping activities</u>	
2. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities	<u>59 258 000</u>
TOTAL, part II	59 258 000
<u>Part III. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization</u>	
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization	<u>13 584 200</u>
TOTAL, part III	13 584 200
<u>Part IV. Economic, social and humanitarian activities</u>	
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	7 073 900
5. Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation	3 850 400
6. Department of International Economic and Social Affairs	40 035 800
7. Department of Technical Co-operation for Development	13 110 000

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Section	US dollars
8. Office of Secretariat Services for Economic and Social Matters	2 500 200
9. Transnational corporations	7 298 100
10. Economic Commission for Europe	24 137 300
11. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific . . .	23 056 100
12. Economic Commission for Latin America	32 455 800
13. Economic Commission for Africa	27 120 300
14. Economic Commission for Western Asia	14 393 500
15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	50 069 600
16. International Trade Centre	8 370 500
17. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	70 117 200
18. United Nations Environment Programme	10 678 200
19. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	7 598 400
20. International drug control	5 904 200
21. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees .	25 740 600
22. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator . .	4 762 200
23. Human rights	9 689 900
24. Regular programme of technical co-operation	<u>27 248 100</u>
TOTAL, part IV	415 210 300
 <u>Part V. International justice and law</u>	
25. International Court of Justice	7 573 200
26. Legal activities	<u>10 049 000</u>
TOTAL, part V	17 622 200

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Section	US dollars
<u>Part VI. Public information</u>	
27. Department of Public Information	<u>46 226 300</u>
TOTAL, part VI	46 226 300
<u>Part VII. Common support services</u>	
28. Administration, management and general services	213 008 400
29. Conference and library services	<u>190 416 800</u>
TOTAL, part VII	403 425 200
<u>Part VIII. Special expenses</u>	
30. United Nations bond issue	<u>17 056 000</u>
TOTAL, part VIII	17 056 000
<u>Part IX. Staff assessment</u>	
31. Staff assessment	<u>184 604 300</u>
TOTAL, part IX	184 604 300
<u>Part X. Capital expenditures</u>	
32. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	<u>65 693 300</u>
TOTAL, part X	<u>65 693 300</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>1 247 793 200</u>

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

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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 24 man-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 1980-1981 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 1980-1981

The General AssemblyResolves that for the biennium 1980-1981:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling \$US 33 314 600 are approved as follows:

Income section	US dollars
<u>Part I. Income from staff assessment</u>	
1. Income from staff assessment	188 028 600
TOTAL, part I	188 028 600
<u>Part II. Other income</u>	
2. General income	21 448 700
3. Revenue-producing activities	11 865 900
TOTAL, part II	33 314 600
GRAND TOTAL	221 343 200

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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, 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 1980

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1980:

1. Budget appropriations totalling \$US 6 7 969 300 consisting of \$US 623 896 600, being one half of the appropriations approved for the biennium 1980-1981, under resolution A above, together with supplementary appropriations for 1978-1979 decreased by \$US 5 927 300, 20/ shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows.

(a) \$16 657 300 being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1980-1981 under resolution B above;

(b) \$2 265 400 being the increase in the revised income other than staff assessment for 1978-1979;

(c) \$104 182 being contributions of new Member States for 1978-1979;

(d) \$598 942 418 being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/6 A of 25 October 1979 on the scale of assessments for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982.

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 \$US 86 885 300 consisting of:

(a) \$94 014 300 being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1980-1981 under resolution B above;

(b) \$7 129 000 being the reduction in the revised income from staff assessment for 1978-1979.

20/ General Assembly resolution 34/ .

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1980-1981

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 1980-1981 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 2 million in any one year of the biennium 1980-1981, 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, Art. 31), not exceeding a total of \$100,000.
- (ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Art. 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Art. 50), not exceeding a total of \$50,000.
- (iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Art. 22), not exceeding a total of \$150,000;
- (iv) The maintenance in office of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Art. 13, para. 3), not exceeding a total of \$75,000 in 1980;
- (v) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges, and travel and removal expenses of new members of the Court, not exceeding a total of \$130,000 in 1980, and the payment of pensions of retiring judges not exceeding a total of \$130,000 in 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 thirty-fifth and thirty-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 if, as a result of any one decision of the Security Council, commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security should arise in an estimated total exceeding \$10 million either before the thirty-fifth or between the thirty-fifth and the thirty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly, a special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION X

Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1980-1981

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 1980-1981 in the amount of \$US 40 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 biennium 1980-1981;
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 1978-1979 under General Assembly resolution 32/215 of 21 December 1977;
4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1978-1979 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 1980-1981;
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 34/ of December 1979 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, 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 1980-1981, 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.

DRAFT RESOLUTION XI

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981

The General Assembly

I

Establishment of an Information Systems Unit in the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs

Decides that, subject to the availability of additional voluntary funds, the pilot operation of the Development Information System of the Information Systems Unit be extended for a further year, that the use of the pilot system be carefully monitored by valid statistical methods, that the system be submitted to the Inter-Organization Board for review and comment and that a report thereon be circulated to delegations no later than 1 August 1980 so that the Assembly may pronounce itself on the continuance, or otherwise, of the Information Systems Unit at its thirty-fifth session;

II

Budget estimates for the International Computing Centre

Approves the budget estimates for the International Computing Centre for the year 1980;

III

Improvements in the United Nations financial management systems

Requests the Secretary-General in implementing Assembly resolution 33/10 of 3 November 1978, to give priority to the implementation of the recommendation of the Board of Auditors, as endorsed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 21/ calling for improvements in the United Nations financial management systems and especially:

(a) To strengthen the role of the Controller so that he can provide functional leadership, guidance and central direction of all United Nations financial functions;

(b) To establish as soon as possible a systems group to deal exclusively with the over-all system of financial management and control;

(c) To produce the financial manual for which special funds have been provided;

IV

Alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises, United Nations Office at Geneva

1. Decides that the United Nations should retain the property "Les Feuillantines";

2. Decides that the villa should be utilized, if need be, as office space, on the understanding that only absolutely required alterations be made;

3. Decides that the property should be maintained, meanwhile, in a reasonable condition;

4. Approves the transfer to the city of Geneva of the United Nations property described in section B of the report of the Secretary-General 22/ under the arrangements indicated in paragraph 18 of the same report;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983, on actions he will have taken to implement his proposals;

21/ See A/33/171.

22/ A/C.5/34/23.

V

Training courses for translators/précis writers

Requests the Secretary-General to review the results of the 1979-1980 training course for translators/précis writers and to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session so as to enable the Assembly to review the matter before funds are committed in full for the 1980-1981 course;

VI

Compensation to members of commissions, committees or similar bodies in the event of death, injury or illness attributable to service with the United Nations

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to promulgate the proposed rules governing compensation to members of commissions, committees or similar bodies in the event of death, injury or illness attributable to service with the United Nations, 23/ amended as indicated in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 24/
2. Decides that the rules shall apply to members of all commissions, committees and similar bodies in respect of which the United Nations pays daily subsistence allowance or annual remuneration listed in annex A of document ST/SGB/107/Pev.4 and any such bodies as may be in future certified by the Secretary-General as falling into such category;
3. Also decides that the scale of compensation contained in the rules shall be reviewed by the Secretary-General at least once every four years, in the light of inflation and currency fluctuations since the previous review, and that he shall make appropriate recommendations in the context of his programme budget proposals for the appropriate biennium;
4. Further decides that the Secretary-General should examine the feasibility of providing insurance coverage for members of commissions, committees or similar bodies to meet the cost of medical or dental treatment of an emergency nature which becomes necessary during a period of service to the organization but which would not be connected with a service-incurred injury (for which compensation would already be payable under the rules recommended above), on the understanding that coverage paid for by the United Nations would be provided only to the extent that the affected person is not otherwise covered by an insurance or compensation scheme;

23/ A/C.5/34/9, annex.

24/ A/34/7/Add.8, para. 4.

VII

First-class travel in the United Nations organizations

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on first-class travel in the United Nations organizations; 25/

VIII

Organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat; 26/

IX

United Nations International School

Decides, simultaneously with granting the United Nations International School a subsidy of \$3,515,000, to request the Board of Auditors to examine the account of the School and to examine the accumulated deficit, bursary policies and building maintenance needs and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

X

Procedures for obtaining estimates and soliciting bids
on United Nations construction projects

Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to conduct a full-scale study of procedures for obtaining estimates and soliciting bids on United Nations construction projects at Headquarters and in other United Nations Offices with the assistance of outside expertise, as necessary, it being understood that, in addition to covering procedures for major construction at all United Nations offices, the study should include comparative information with respect to other organizations in the United Nations system, should contain comments on the adequacy of practices and procedures now in place and should suggest such specific revisions and improvements as may be necessary;

XI

United Nations accommodation at Nairobi

Approves the construction of 2,001 square metres of additional net usable space at an estimated cost of 33,828,000 Kenyan shillings to provide expanded conference and common services facilities (the construction of all three office

25/ A/C.5/34/39.

26/ A/C.5/34/32.

buildings proposed by the Secretary-General 27/ and requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report, including up-to-date cost estimates, to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with other United Nations agencies and programmes, including the World Bank institutions, represented in Nairobi, to prepare for the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly a report on the organization, financing and management of the common services which will be established in the United Nations Centre at Nairobi in order to ensure that these services are shared to the maximum extent possible and that there is no duplication resulting in avoidable costs; in preparing the report, the Secretary-General should take into account the experience and arrangements that have been made in other United Nations centres;

XII

Common services at Nairobi

Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with other United Nations agencies and programmes, including the World Bank institutions, represented in Nairobi, to prepare for the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly a report on the organization, financing and management of the common services which will be established in the United Nations Centre at Nairobi in order to ensure that these services are shared to the maximum extent possible and that there is no duplication resulting in avoidable costs; in preparing the report, the Secretary-General should take into account the experience and arrangements that have been made in other United Nations centres;

XIII

Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly

1. Recalls section VIII, paragraph 6, of its resolution 33/116 B of 21 December 1978 governing the adjustment of the level of compensation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Approves as an interim measure, pending a review at its thirty-fifth session, an annual compensation of \$59,000 to the two full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with an additional allowance of \$5,000 for the Chairman of the Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, effective 1 January 1980;

27/ See A/C.5/34/43.

XIV

Financing of the travel of representatives of the least developed countries to participate in UNIDO consultation meetings of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Approves an appropriation of \$100,000 under section 17 of the programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 for the travel of representatives of least developed countries to participate in consultation meetings of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, it being understood that this constitutes an exception to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962.
