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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

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/34/684) submitted by that Committee pursuant to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 14 (I) of 13 February 1946 which provides that one of the functions of the Advisory Committee is "to examine on behalf of the General Assembly the administrative budgets of specialized agencies and proposals for financial arrangements with such agencies";

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of inflation on the budgets of the organizations of the United Nations system (A/C.5/33/47), consideration of which had been postponed to the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly under the terms of resolution 33/116 B, section VI, of 21 December 1978;

(c) Report by the Secretary-General on the feasibility of establishing a single administrative tribunal, submitted pursuant to the provisions of section I, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 33/119 of 19 December 1978.

3. The Fifth Committee considered this item at its 56th, 59th and 60th meetings, on 21 and 27 November 1979. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/34/SR.56, 59 and 60).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

4. At its 60th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Canada proposed that consideration of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on this item (A/34/684) be deferred until the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

5. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection to recommend to the General Assembly that it should postpone consideration of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the subject of administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to the thirty-fifth session (see para. 12, draft decision I).

B. Impact of inflation on the budgets of the organizations in the United Nations system

6. At the 60th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Canada proposed that consideration of this question be postponed to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba introduced a draft decision (A/C.5/34/L.18) which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling resolution 33/116 B, section VI, on the impact of inflation on the budgets of the organizations of the United Nations system,

"Having regard to the volume and intensity of the work of the Fifth Committee during the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly,

"Decides to postpone consideration of the subject until the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly and considers that, when the time-table for the work of the Fifth Committee is established at that session, it should be given such priority as to ensure its adequate discussion by the General Assembly."

8. At the same meeting, following a proposal by the Chairman, the Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it should postpone consideration of the question "Impact of inflation on the budgets of the organizations in the United Nations system" to the thirty-fifth session, on the understanding that, when the time-table for the work of the Fifth Committee is established at that session, it should be given such priority as to ensure its adequate discussion by the Assembly (see para. 12, draft decision II).

C. Feasibility of establishing a single administrative tribunal

9. At the 56th meeting, on 21 November, the representative of Canada, on behalf of Canada and Japan, introduced and orally revised a draft decision (A/C.5/34/L.21). Following consideration by the Committee of the revised draft, the sponsors announced withdrawal of the draft, to be reintroduced later following consultations with other interested delegations.

10. At the 59th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Canada, on behalf of Canada and Japan, joined by Morocco, introduced a revised draft decision, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly decides:

"(a) To request the Secretary-General and his colleagues on the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to pursue a progressive harmonization and further development of the statutes, rules and practices of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation and of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations, with a view to strengthening the common system and aiming at the establishment of a single tribunal;

"(b) To request the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session."

11. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the revised draft decision (see para. 12, draft resolution III).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

12. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

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

The General Assembly decides to postpone to its thirty-fifth session consideration of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency. 1/

DRAFT DECISION II

Impact of inflation on the budgets of the organizations
in the United Nations system

The General Assembly decides to postpone to its thirty-fifth session consideration of the question of the impact of inflation on the budgets of the organizations in the United Nations system, on the understanding that, when the time-table for the work of the Fifth Committee is established at that session, it should be given such priority as to ensure its adequate discussion by the Assembly.

DRAFT DECISION III

Feasibility of establishing a single administrative tribunal

The General Assembly decides:

(a) To request the Secretary-General and his colleagues on the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to pursue a progressive harmonization and further development of the statutes, rules and practices of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organisation and of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, with a view to strengthening the common system and aiming at the establishment of a single tribunal;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.
