

Staff Pension Fund in developing countries as indicated in his report²⁸ do not cover the continent of Africa,

Requests the Secretary-General to initiate negotiations with financial institutions in Africa with a view to investing some of the portfolio of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund directly in Africa on safe and profitable terms and to report on the matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

99th plenary meeting
9 December 1977

32/74. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for 1977²⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁰

I

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

1. *Approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, totalling \$3,363,400 (net) for 1978 and supplementary expenses totalling \$49,800 (net) for 1977 for the administration of the Fund, as estimated in annex III to the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;²⁹

2. *Concurs* with the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 2 to 9 of its report;³⁰

II

EMERGENCY FUND

Authorizes the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund, for a further period of one year, by an amount not exceeding \$100,000;

III

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Decides to admit the International Fund for Agricultural Development to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, in accordance with article 3 of the Regulations of the Fund, with effect from the date on which it becomes a specialized agency;

IV

TRANSFER OF PENSION RIGHTS

Concurs in the agreement approved by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board with the Commission of the European Communities under article 13 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund with respect to continuity of pension rights between the Commission and the Fund;

²⁸ *Ibid.*, annex II.

²⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/32/9) and A/32/9/Add.1.*

³⁰ A/32/319.

V

TEMPORARY MEASURES APPLICABLE TO EXISTING PENSIONERS

Authorizes the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to continue to implement in 1978 the payments to existing pensioners authorized in section VII of General Assembly resolution 31/196 of 22 December 1976, in accordance with paragraph 68 of the report of the Board.³¹

99th plenary meeting
9 December 1977

32/102. Draft Agreement between the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development³¹

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³² on the draft Agreement between the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development,³³

Bearing in mind the provisions in the draft Agreement regarding co-operation between the Fund and the International Civil Service Commission on matters concerning the regulation and co-ordination of the conditions of service of staff,

Bearing further in mind the principle contained in article 9 of the statute of the International Civil Service Commission which aims at the development of a single, unified international civil service through the application of common personnel standards, methods and arrangements,

Invites the International Fund for Agricultural Development, once constituted, to participate in the United Nations common system for the regulation and co-ordination of the conditions of employment of staff and, in particular, to accept the statute of the International Civil Service Commission.

101st plenary meeting
13 December 1977

32/103. Enlargement of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: amendments to rules 155 to 157 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 14 (I) of 13 February 1946 on the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and its resolutions 1659 (XVI) of 28 November 1961 and 2798 (XXVI) of 13 December 1971 on the enlargement of the Committee,

Noting that the membership of the United Nations has increased substantially since the adoption of the resolutions enlarging the Advisory Committee,

³¹ See also sect. V, resolution 32/107, and sect. X.B.7, decision 32/428 A.

³² A/32/325.

³³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/32/3), annex V.*

Mindful of rule 156 of its rules of procedure³⁴ and desiring, accordingly, to increase the participation of members from developing countries in the Advisory Committee,

1. *Decides* to increase the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions from thirteen to sixteen members;

2. *Decides* to amend, with effect from 1 January 1978, rules 155 to 157 of its rules of procedure to read as follows:

"Rule 155

"The General Assembly shall appoint an Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions consisting of sixteen members, including at least three financial experts of recognized standing.

"Rule 156

"The members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience and shall serve for a period of three years corresponding to three calendar years. Members shall retire by rotation and shall be eligible for reappointment. The three financial experts shall not retire simultaneously. The General Assembly shall appoint the members of the Advisory Committee at the regular session immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the members or, in case of vacancies, at the next session.

"Rule 157

"The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions shall be responsible for expert examination of the programme budget of the United Nations and shall assist the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee). At the beginning of each regular session at which the proposed programme budget for the following biennium is to be considered, it shall submit to the General Assembly a detailed report on the proposed programme budget for that biennium. It shall also submit, at such times as may be specified in the applicable provisions of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,³⁵ a report on the accounts of the United Nations and all United Nations entities for which the Secretary-General has administrative responsibility. It shall examine on behalf of the General Assembly the administrative budgets of specialized agencies and proposals for financial and budgetary arrangements with such agencies. It shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to it under the Financial Regulations of the United Nations."

*102nd plenary meeting
14 December 1977*

32/104. Financial emergency of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the collective responsibility of Member States for the financial security of the United Nations,

³⁴ A/520/Rev.12 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.74.I.6) and Amend.1.

³⁵ ST/SGB/Financial Rules/1/Rev.2 (1978).

Recalling the Secretary-General's statements of 25 September 1975³⁶ and 14 April 1976³⁷ in which he drew attention to the serious financial situation of the United Nations,

Noting with concern that the short-term deficit of the Organization has continued to grow,

Recalling its resolutions 3049 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, 3538 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 and 31/191 of 22 December 1976,

Bearing in mind the need to implement without further delay the consensus of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations³⁸ adopted by the General Assembly on 1 September 1965,³⁹

Reaffirming the determination of Member States to arrive at a lasting solution of the financial problems of the Organization,

Mindful of the positions of principle of Member States,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations,⁴⁰ including the guidelines submitted by the Chairman of the Committee for discussion and negotiation, as contained in paragraph 18 of the report, and of the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee;

2. *Expresses concern* that the Committee was unable to reach a consensus on a solution to the financial problems of the Organization;

3. *Urges* all Member States, particularly those among them whose efforts can promote an accord, to negotiate with the aim of bringing about a lasting solution to the financial problems of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Committee to keep the financial situation of the United Nations under review and to continue its efforts to bring about a comprehensive settlement of the financial problems of the Organization;

5. *Further requests* the Committee to submit, if necessary, a supplementary report on further developments to be considered at the thirty-third session of the General Assembly;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, at the thirty-third session, detailed information regarding the extent, rate of increase and composition of the deficit of the Organization, as well as voluntary contributions received from Member States and other sources;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations: report of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations".

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14 December 1977*

³⁶ A/C.5/1685.

³⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/31/37)*, paras. 9 and 10.

³⁸ *Ibid.*, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 21, document A/5916, para. 2.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, Nineteenth Session, Plenary Meetings, 1331st meeting, paras. 3 and 4. See also resolution 2053 (XX).

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/31/37).