

1373 (XIV). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

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The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. For the years 1959, 1960 and 1961 the assessment for Guinea shall be 0.04 per cent, which shall be in addition to the scale of assessments of 100 per cent contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 1308 A (XIII) of 10 December 1958, and shall be applied to the same bases of assessment as for all other Member States;

2. Guinea, which became a Member of the United Nations on 12 December 1958, shall contribute for the year of admission to membership an amount equal to one-ninth of 0.04 per cent applied to the net budget for 1958;

3. The advance to the Working Capital Fund by Guinea, under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, shall be 0.04 per cent of the total amount of the Fund and shall be carried as an advance additional to the authorized level of the Fund pending the inclusion of the rate of assessment for Guinea in the scale of 100 per cent.

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The General Assembly,

Considering the wish expressed by certain Member States that their representatives should have access to the statistical and other information at the disposal of the Committee on Contributions,

Having examined the report of the Committee on Contributions in this connexion,¹⁰

Considering that, while it would be desirable if the material at the disposal of the Committee on Contributions could be made available to all Member States, there are practical difficulties, as pointed out by the Committee, in the way of general disclosure of the information in question,

1. *Notes with approval* the suggestion of the Committee on Contributions that all the statistical and other factual information pertaining to the assessment of any individual Member State should, on its request, be made available to that Member;

2. *Recommends* that the Committee on Contributions review this matter periodically, so that, at the discretion of that Committee, any future requests for pertinent information from representatives of Member States wishing to acquaint themselves with other statistical information and supplementary factual material used by the Committee as a basis for its recommendations may be granted.

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¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/4112), section IV.

1374 (XIV). Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account for the financial year ended 31 December 1958,¹¹ and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its sixteenth report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.¹²

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1405 (XIV). Public information activities of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the Secretary-General's report on public information activities of the United Nations of 16 June 1959,¹³

Recalling its resolutions 13 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 595 (VI) of 4 February 1952, setting forth the basic policy of the United Nations in its public information activities, as well as resolution 1335 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, relating to the implementation of that policy,

Recalling its resolution 1086 (XI) of 21 December 1956, relating to the establishment of information centres,

Noting the policy of budgetary stabilization set forth by the Secretary-General in his report,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give continuing and special consideration to the importance of adequate regional representation at the policy-making level of the Office of Public Information and in the information centres;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the agreement of the Governments concerned, to establish such new information centres as appear necessary and practicable, particularly in those regions where mass information media are less developed, preferably by a further decentralization of Headquarters staff and services to the extent he finds possible;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to enlist the cooperation of the Member States concerned in providing all possible facilities for the establishment of such new centres and in assisting actively in efforts to promote wider public understanding of the aims and activities of the United Nations;

4. *Expresses the hope* that media of information and publicity, non-governmental organizations and educational institutions in all Member States will continue their efforts to expand their commendable activities on behalf of a greater understanding of the United Nations by a fuller dissemination of accurate and objective information;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report on the Office of Public Information to the

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, separate fascicle (A/4163).

¹² *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4229.

¹³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 52, document A/4122.

General Assembly at every session outlines of the policy and programmes planned to be executed by the Office during the coming year, with comments thereon;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint, in consultation with the Governments of Member States, a panel of qualified persons representative of the various geographical areas and main cultures of the world, and to consult with members of that panel from time to time on United Nations information policies and programmes in order to ensure maximum effectiveness at minimum cost;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, having regard to the aforementioned policy of budgetary stabilization and to all other means designed to ensure maximum effectiveness at the lowest possible cost, to plan the public information programmes in 1960 on the assumption that the total net expenditure for the year shall be about \$5 million;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session on the implementation of the above recommendations and on the measures taken and planned for the further implementation of resolution 1335 (XIII).

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1 December 1959.*

1406 (XIV). United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly

Takes note of the annual report on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund¹⁴ and of the report on the fifth actuarial valuation of the Fund.¹⁵

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1 December 1959.*

1407 (XIV). Construction of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1224 (XII) of 14 December 1957 and 1273 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 concerning the construction of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁶ in which revised proposals for the construction of the building are presented, and the twenty-sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session,¹⁷

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the preparation of plans for, and the construction of, the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile, at a cost not to exceed \$1,550,000;

2. *Decides* to appropriate in the regular United Nations budget for 1959 the sum of \$20,000 for initial preparatory and construction expenses for the building;

3. *Decides* that the balance of the building cost shall be included in the regular United Nations budget in annual instalments of \$382,500 for each of the ensuing four years;

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/4158).

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8A (A/4266).

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 50, document A/4239.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, document A/4277.

4. *Decides* that the remaining provisions of resolution 1273 (XIII) shall continue in force;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions informed of developments relating to the present project, including the detailed plans and cost estimates, and to present a progress report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.

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1 December 1959.*

1408 (XIV). Amendments to the Pension Scheme Regulations of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report submitted to it proposing amendments to certain provisions of the Pension Scheme Regulations of the International Court of Justice and the observations presented thereon by the Secretary-General,¹⁸

Having noted the advice extended by the Sixth Committee¹⁹ to the Fifth Committee with respect to the position of judges who may find it necessary to resign from the Court prior to the expiration of the period for which they were elected and the report of the Fifth Committee,²⁰

Resolves to amend as follows the Pension Scheme Regulations for members of the International Court of Justice contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 86 (I) of 11 December 1946:

- (a) Delete sub-paragraph (a) in regulation 1;
- (b) Delete regulation 4.²¹

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At its 845th plenary meeting on 1 December 1959, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee²² as amended by the above resolution, to defer to its fifteenth session the question of the amount of, and the method of computing, the pensions of members of the International Court of Justice who retire in the ordinary course, and to invite the Secretary-General to continue to study the question in consultation with the Court and to submit a further report on this subject.

1434 (XIV). Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter X)

The General Assembly

Takes note of chapter X of the report of the Economic and Social Council.²³

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5 December 1959.*

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, agenda item 63, document A/4241.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/C.6/L.454.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/4297.

²¹ Sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of regulation 1 and regulations 5 to 12 should be renumbered accordingly.

²² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 63, document A/4297, para. 11.

²³ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4143).