

1555 (XV). Administrative budgets for 1961 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative budgets for 1961 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;¹⁷

2. *Invites* the attention of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to the comments and observations made in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the fifteenth session of the General Assembly.

*954th plenary meeting,
18 December 1960.*

1556 (XV). Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds¹⁸ appointed at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Committee;

2. *Decides that:*

(a) An *ad hoc* Committee of the whole Assembly, under the chairmanship of the President of the session, shall be convened as soon as practicable after the opening of the sixteenth session, where pledges of voluntary contributions for the refugee programmes for the following year would be announced;

(b) States not Members of the United Nations, but members of one or more of the specialized agencies, shall be invited to attend the meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee for the purpose of announcing their pledges to the refugee programmes;

(c) In order to ensure maximum attendance, as great advance publicity as possible shall be given to the meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee and they shall be so scheduled that no other meetings are held at the same time.

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The General Assembly

1. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds consisting of not more than fourteen members, with the same terms of reference as those laid down in Assembly resolution 693 (VII) of 25 October 1952, to serve from the close of the fifteenth session to the close of the sixteenth session of the Assembly;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixteenth session the item entitled "Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds".

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The members of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds will be appointed at the resumed fifteenth session.

1557 (XV). Organization and work of the Secretariat

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the interim report of the Committee of Experts on the Review of the Activities and Organization of the Secretariat¹⁹ and the related observations of the Secretary-General²⁰ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²¹

2. *Confirms* the provisional decision of the Secretary-General that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of the General Assembly resolution 1446 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, the composition of the Committee of Experts should be increased from six to eight members;

3. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee of Experts that, pending examination of its final report by the General Assembly, United Nations organs should not, save in cases of real urgency, propose the initiation of studies or other projects involving additions to the budget or to the permanent establishment of the Secretariat.

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1558 (XV). Public information activities of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the Secretary-General's report of 25 August 1960 on public information activities of the United Nations,²²

Recalling its resolutions 1086 (XI) of 21 December 1956, 1335 (XIII) of 13 December 1958 and 1405 (XIV) of 1 December 1959 relating to the establishment of information centres and setting out the basic policy measures to be followed in the field of public information activities,

Noting further the progress achieved in the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions,

Having regard to the increased membership of the African States in the United Nations,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's announcement of the intention to open during 1961 eight new information centres: one in Latin America, one in eastern Europe, one in Asia and five in Africa,

Noting that for the years 1960 and 1961 the Secretary-General has planned the public information programmes at an expenditure level of about \$5 million net for each year,

Emphasizing the importance of the dissemination of information on the United Nations objectives and activities in those regions where mass information media are less developed, particularly in the Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Consultative Panel on Public Information and the

¹⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 54, document A/4599.

¹⁸ Ibid., agenda item 55, document A/4623.

¹⁹ Ibid., agenda item 58, document A/4536, annex.

²⁰ Ibid., document A/4536, paras. 1-7.

²¹ Ibid., document A/4554.

²² Ibid., agenda item 59, document A/4429.