

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to eliminate any shortcomings that may persist in the formulation and execution of information programmes and activities, particularly in the economic and social fields;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the allocation of adequate resources effectively to meet additional needs in the information activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization during the Second United Nations Development Decade;

11. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's statement of 16 November 1971⁵⁶ and requests him, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 13 (I) of 13 February 1946, 595 (VI) of 4 February 1952 and 2567 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969, to review the present administrative arrangements for the Centre for Economic and Social Information and to reorganize the Office of Public Information with a view to ensuring central control and direction in the implementation of information policies and guidelines and thereby enabling the Office to carry out its mandate more effectively;

12. *Recommends* to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, when it considers at its thirteenth session the Administrator's proposal on the Development Support Information Service, that it should entrust as many as possible of its information activities to the United Nations and other executing agencies;

⁵⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee*, 1456th meeting, paras. 11-16.

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

2031st plenary meeting,
22 December 1971.

2898 (XXVI). Restructuring of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs as a response to the Second United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General⁵⁷ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵⁸ on the restructuring of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, including the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 8 to 11 of its report;

2. *Takes note also* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Department of Economic and Social Affairs;⁵⁹

3. *Endorses* the suggestion made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 11 of its report.

2031st plenary meeting,
22 December 1971.

⁵⁷ A/C.5/1380 and Corr.1.

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8 A* (A/8408/Add.1-30), document A/8408/Add.13.

⁵⁹ A/8446, annex II.

2899 (XXVI). Budget for the financial year 1972

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BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1972

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1972:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 213,124,410 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

| Section | (US dollars) |
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| PART I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences | |
| 1. Travel and other expenses of representatives and members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies | 1,449,900 |
| 2. Special meetings and conferences | 2,903,600 |
| TOTAL, PART I | 4,353,500 |
| PART II. Staff costs and related expenses | |
| 3. Salaries and wages | 96,189,160 |
| 4. Common staff costs | 21,951,100 |
| 5. Travel of staff | 2,656,100 |
| 6. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 5, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality | 159,000 |
| TOTAL, PART II | 120,955,360 |
| PART III. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises | |
| 7. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises | 9,614,000 |
| TOTAL, PART III | 9,614,000 |