

31/208. Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977

The General Assembly

I

Yearbook of the United Nations

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the *Yearbook of the United Nations*,¹⁰⁸
2. *Concurs* with the comments and observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report;¹⁰⁹
3. *Approves* the recommendation of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 13 of its report;¹⁰⁹

II

UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION CENTRES SYSTEM

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations information centres system;¹¹⁰
2. *Concurs* with the comments and observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report;¹¹¹

III

FUTURE TREND IN COMPUTER USAGE

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the electronic data processing and information systems in the United Nations¹¹² and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹¹³
2. *Takes note* of the views expressed by delegations in the Fifth Committee;¹¹⁴
3. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee in its report;¹¹³

IV

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of action taken on the recommendations made by the Administrative Management Service¹¹⁵ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹¹⁶
2. *Concurs* with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 12 to 19 of its report;¹¹⁶

¹⁰⁸ A/C.5/31/12.¹⁰⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/31/8 and Add.1-26), document A/31/8/Add.1.¹¹⁰ A/C.5/31/14.¹¹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/31/8 and Add.1-26), document A/31/8/Add.2.¹¹² A/C.5/31/3.¹¹³ A/31/255.¹¹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Fifth Committee*, 15th, 21st, 23rd, 25th and 27th meetings; and *ibid.*, *Fifth Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.¹¹⁵ A/C.5/31/6.¹¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/31/8 and Add.1-26), document A/31/8/Add.5.

V

ESTABLISHMENT OF A RATIONALE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES BETWEEN THE REGULAR BUDGET AND THE FUND OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a rationale for the allocation of expenses between the regular budget and the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme¹¹⁷ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹¹⁸
2. *Endorses* the conclusions of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 16 of its report;¹¹⁸

VI

UNITED NATIONS ACCOMMODATION IN GENEVA, ADDIS ABABA, BANGKOK, SANTIAGO AND NAIROBI

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the extension of the Palais des Nations, Geneva,¹¹⁹ and on United Nations accommodation in Addis Ababa, Bangkok and Santiago, Chile,¹²⁰ and in Nairobi;¹²¹
2. *Takes note also* of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹²²

VII

REVISED ESTIMATES IN RESPECT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRE ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Decides that, before any decision is reached on software for the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, the Secretary-General should give full consideration to suitable alternative packages, including the Integrated Set of Information Systems, and report thereon to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

VIII

ARABIC LANGUAGE SERVICES IN THE UNITED NATIONS

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on Arabic language services in the United Nations¹²³ and approves the organizational arrangements contained in section IV thereof;
2. *Concurs* with the observations and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report;¹²⁴

IX

EMOLUMENTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. *Concurs* with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the emoluments of the Secretary-

¹¹⁷ A/C.5/31/39 and Corr.1 and 2.¹¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/31/8 and Add.1-26), document A/31/8/Add.10.¹¹⁹ A/C.5/31/20.¹²⁰ A/C.5/31/41.¹²¹ A/C.5/31/45.¹²² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/31/8 and Add.1-26), document A/31/8/Add.16.¹²³ A/C.5/31/60 and Corr.1.¹²⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/31/8 and Add.1-26), document A/31/8/Add.26.

General contained in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of its report;¹²⁵

2. *Approves* net additional appropriations of \$12,000 under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977, and an increase of \$21,000 for staff assessment under section 25, offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1;

X

HONORARIUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

Requests the Secretary-General to review, within the context of the draft programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979, the amount of the honorarium received by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

¹²⁵ *Ibid.*, document A/31/8/Add.24.

XI

STANDARDS OF ACCOMMODATION FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the standards of accommodation for official travel of United Nations staff by air for the period from 1 July 1975 to 30 June 1976;¹²⁶

2. *Decides* that, in future, the Secretary-General shall report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3198 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and, should it consider it necessary, the Advisory Committee shall bring to the attention of the Assembly any relevant part of the information provided by the Secretary-General.

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¹²⁶ A/C.5/31/5.