

Commending those Member States that duly make prompt payment of their assessed contributions, thereby helping to relieve financial pressure on the Organization,

Recalling the voluntary contributions made on the basis of the provisions of the consensus of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations⁷² adopted by the General Assembly on 1 September 1965,⁷³ as well as other measures undertaken by Member States designed to provide orderly and adequate financing of programmes and activities in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the collective responsibility of the Member States for the sound financial condition of the Organization,

Determined to arrive at a lasting solution of the financial problems of the Organization,

1. *Calls upon* all Member States to make their best efforts to overcome constraints to the prompt payment early in each year of full assessed contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund;

2. *Decides* to establish a Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations, consisting of fifty-four Member States;

3. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, after consultation with the chairmen of the regional groups, to appoint Member States, on the basis of an equitable geographical balance, to serve on the Committee;

4. *Further decides* that the mandate of the Committee shall be to bring about a comprehensive settlement of the critical financial situation of the United Nations, taking into account, *inter alia*:

(a) The need to implement the consensus of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth session, on 1 September 1965, regarding the financial difficulties of the Organization;

(b) Paragraphs 11 and 19 of the report of the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United

Nations⁷⁴ and the terms of General Assembly resolution 3049 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972;

(c) Progress which has been achieved on the basis of paragraph 4 of resolution 3049 A (XXVII) and as a result of changes in announced policy;

(d) The elimination of certain differences between Member States as a result of supervening action by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

5. *Further requests* the Committee to examine the appropriate level of the Working Capital Fund as well as the financial regulations governing its operation in the light of the changing requirements of the Organization;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary assistance and facilities to the Committee for the conduct of its work;

7. *Requests* the Committee to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, a report on progress achieved, with recommendations on further steps that should be undertaken to solve the financial problems of the United Nations;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations" and to consider it on a priority basis.

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The President of the General Assembly subsequently informed the Secretary-General⁷⁵ that, in pursuance of paragraph 3 of the above resolution, he had appointed forty-six of the members of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations.

As a result, the Committee will be composed of the following Member States: ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BANGLADESH, BOLIVIA, CANADA, CHAD, COLOMBIA, CUBA, ECUADOR, EGYPT, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, GERMANY (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF), GHANA, GREECE, GRENADA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRELAND, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KENYA, KUWAIT, LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, MALAWI, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, SPAIN, SUDAN, SWEDEN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TURKEY, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UPPER VOLTA and VENEZUELA.

⁷² Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 21, document A/5916, para. 2.

⁷³ Ibid., Nineteenth Session, Plenary Meetings, 1331st meeting, paras. 3 and 4. See also resolution 2053 (XX).

⁷⁴ Ibid., Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/8729).

⁷⁵ A/10508.

3539 (XXX). Programme budget for the biennium 1976-1977

A

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1976-1977:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 745,813,800 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

Section	US dollars
PART I. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination	
1. Over-all policy-making, direction and co-ordination	20 674 800
TOTAL, PART I	20 674 800

Section	US dollars
PART II. Political and peace-keeping activities	
2. Political and Security Council affairs; peace-keeping activities	41 730 600
TOTAL, PART II	41 730 600
PART III. Political, trusteeship and decolonization activities	
3. Political affairs, trusteeship and decolonization activities	8 057 000
TOTAL, PART III	8 057 000
PART IV. Economic, social and humanitarian activities	
4. Policy-making organs (economic and social activities)	1 816 200
5A. Department of Economic and Social Affairs	41 728 100
5B. United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations	1 215 500
6. Economic Commission for Europe	14 855 800
7. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	15 478 900
8. Economic Commission for Latin America	17 979 300
9. Economic Commission for Africa	18 243 000
10. Economic Commission for Western Asia	8 674 800
11. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	45 211 900
12. United Nations Industrial Development Organization	45 157 000
13. United Nations Environment Programme	7 080 500
14. International narcotics control	4 317 100
15. Regular programme of technical assistance	20 092 900
16. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	15 509 100
17. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator	1 563 000
TOTAL, PART IV	258 923 100
PART V. Human rights	
18. Human rights	5 943 600
TOTAL, PART V	5 943 600
PART VI. International Court of Justice	
19. International Court of Justice	5 229 100
TOTAL, PART VI	5 229 100
PART VII. Legal activities	
20. Legal activities	7 866 500
TOTAL, PART VII	7 866 500
PART VIII. Common services	
21. Public information	30 619 400
22. Administration, management and general services	128 534 400
23. Conference and library services	107 247 700
TOTAL, PART VIII	266 401 500
PART IX. Special expenses	
24. United Nations bond issue	17 297 000
TOTAL, PART IX	17 297 000
PART X. Staff assessment	
25. Staff assessment	99 973 100
TOTAL, PART X	99 973 100
PART XI. Capital expenditures	
26. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	13 717 500
TOTAL, PART XI	13 717 500
GRAND TOTAL	745 813 800

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing in a total amount of \$9,460,000 shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. The appropriations for technical assistance programmes under section 15 shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be subject to the following procedures:

(a) Obligations for personal services established in the current biennium shall be valid for the succeeding biennium, provided that appointments of the experts concerned are effected by the end of the current biennium and that the total period to be covered by obligations established for these purposes against the resources of the current biennium shall not exceed twenty-four man months;

(b) Obligations established in the current biennium for fellowships shall remain valid until liquidated, provided that the fellow has been nominated by the requesting Government and accepted by the Organization and that a formal letter of award has been issued to the requesting Government;

(c) Obligations in respect of contracts or purchase orders for supplies or equipment recorded in the current biennium will remain valid until payment is effected to the contractor or vendor, unless they are cancelled;

5. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$27,000 is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1976-1977 from accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-1977

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1976-1977:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling \$US 118,292,300 are approved as follows:

<i>Income section</i>	<i>US dollars</i>	
PART I. Income from staff assessment		
1. Income from staff assessment	101 552 000	
	TOTAL, PART I	101 552 000
PART II. Other income		
2. General income	9 953 000	
3. Revenue-producing activities	6 787 300	
	TOTAL, PART II	16 740 300
	GRAND TOTAL	118 292 300

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1976

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1976:

1. Budget appropriations totalling \$US 379,423,900 consisting of \$US 372,906,900, being one half of the appropriations approved for the biennium 1976-1977 under General Assembly resolution 3539 A (XXX),

together with supplementary appropriations for 1974-1975 totalling \$US 6,517,000⁷⁸ shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) \$8,370,150 being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1976-1977 under General Assembly resolution 3539 B (XXX);

(b) \$1,242,000 being the revised income other than staff assessment for 1974-1975;

(c) \$365,902 being contributions of new Member States for 1974-1975;

(d) \$369,445,848 being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3062 (XXVIII) of 9 November 1973 on the scale of assessments for the years 1974, 1975 and 1976;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share of the Tax Equalization Fund in a total amount of \$US 49,125,000 consisting of:

(a) \$50,776,000 being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1976-1977 under General Assembly resolution 3539 B (XXX);

(b) Less \$1,651,000 being the reduction in the revised income from staff assessment for 1974-1975.

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⁷⁸ Resolution 3531 (XXX).

3540 (XXX). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1976-1977

The General Assembly

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses in the biennium 1976-1977, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$US 2 million in any one year of the biennium 1976-1977, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute of the Court, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$100,000;

(ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$50,000;

(iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$150,000;

(iv) The maintenance in office of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of \$60,000 in 1976;

(v) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges, and travel and removal expenses of new members of the Court, not exceeding a total of \$137,000 in 1976, and the payment of pensions of retiring judges not exceeding a total of \$113,000 in 1977;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its thirty-first and thirty-second sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto,

and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that if, as a result of a decision of the Security Council, commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security should arise in an estimated total exceeding \$10 million before either the thirty-first or the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, a special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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3541 (XXX). Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1976-1977

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 1976-1977 in the amount of \$US 40 million;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the budget for the biennium 1976-1977;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in a total amount of \$1,079,158;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1974-1975 under General Assembly resolution 3197 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1974-1975 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 1976-1977;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as