

following biennium, promote a greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process and thereby facilitate the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

3. *Notes* that the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1994-1995 takes into account the budgetary aspects of the restructuring of the Secretariat;

4. *Approves* the methodological changes reflected in the report of the Secretary-General⁶⁴ and recognizes that further improvements in the preparation and presentation of the outline may be required;

5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 6 to 11 below;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to prepare the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 on the basis of the total preliminary estimate provided by the Advisory Committee of 2,386,400,000 United States dollars at the initial 1992-1993 rates, to be adjusted at revised 1992-1993 rates;

7. *Reaffirms* the need for a comprehensive and satisfactory solution to the problem of controlling the effects of inflation and currency fluctuation on the budget of the United Nations;

8. *Decides* that the contingency fund of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 shall be established at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate of resources for the biennium 1994-1995, to be recosted at 1994-1995 rates;

9. *Recalls*, in this regard, that a review of the level and use and operation of the contingency fund, as well as the procedures for the provision of statements of programme budget implications, shall be undertaken by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

10. *Takes note* of the proposals contained in paragraphs 10 to 12 of the report of the Secretary-General,⁶⁴ paragraph 223 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination⁶¹ and the views expressed by Member States on priorities, and requests the Secretary-General, when preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, to give particular attention to them and to the priorities contained in the introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolutions 45/253 and 45/255 of 21 December 1990;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 in accordance with the present resolution and all resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly pertinent to the new budgetary process.

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47/214. Programme planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 43/219 of 21 December 1988, 44/194 of 21 Decem-

ber 1989, 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and 46/189 of 20 December 1991,

Having examined the proposed revisions⁶⁶ to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997,

Having considered the note by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee⁶⁷ reporting on the review of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 by the other Main Committees of the General Assembly,

Having also considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-second session,⁵⁹ the report of the Committee on Conferences¹⁴ and the oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁶⁸

Having further considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1990-1991⁶⁹ and on the assessment of evaluation activities and proposals for strengthening the role of evaluation,⁷⁰

I

MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997

1. *Adopts* the Secretary-General's proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as amended by the recommendations of the Second Committee,⁷¹ the Committee for Programme and Coordination⁵⁹ and the Committee on Conferences,¹⁴ and the additional conclusions contained in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Takes note* of the views of the other Main Committees of the General Assembly⁶⁷ and the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Reaffirms* that the medium-term plan is the principal policy directive of the United Nations and shall serve as the framework for the formulation of the biennial programme budgets;

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of the contribution of the sectoral, regional and central intergovernmental bodies, in particular the Main Committees of the General Assembly, in reviewing and improving the quality of the plan and its revisions;

5. *Regrets* that there are still considerable practical problems which limit the availability of such contributions;

6. *Calls upon* intergovernmental bodies to take appropriate measures to ensure their active participation in the review of the medium-term plan and its revisions;

7. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination that a prototype of a possible new format of the medium-term plan should be presented to the Committee at its thirty-third session;

8. *Endorses also* the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination that an ad hoc technical seminar of experts should be convened in the field of programme planning of the United Nations, without additional cost to the Organization, to assist the Secretariat in the drafting of the prototype of the new format of the medium-term plan;

9. *Decides* that the prototype, as recommended by the Committee for Programme and Coordination, should take into account the relevant conclusions of the seminar on the prototype of a new budget document and address, in particular, issues concerning the manageability of the drafting

and revision process, including the questions of preparation and submission of documentation and the review of programme planning documents by subsidiary intergovernmental machinery;

10. *Expresses its concern* at the negative impact of late issuance of documentation on the in-depth review of the revisions to the medium-term plan and endorses the related recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as contained in its report on the work of its thirty-second session;⁷²

11. *Recommends* that, within the framework of the review of the format and structure of the medium-term plan, the seminar give particular attention to ensuring the timeliness of the provision of documentation;

II

PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1990-1991;⁶⁹

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination⁷³ on the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1990-1991;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reflect the improvements proposed in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session⁷⁴ in his report on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1992-1993;

III

PROGRAMME EVALUATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of evaluation activities and proposals for strengthening the role of evaluation;⁷⁰

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-second session on this question and urges the Secretary-General to improve the methodology for self-evaluation;

IV

COORDINATION

1. *Emphasizes* the need for enhanced coordination in the United Nations system and welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to assign a high priority to coordination and to work with the executive heads of the organizations of the system to develop new approaches for collaboration with the purpose of improving the effectiveness and efficiency of coordination;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-second session on the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1991;⁷⁵

3. *Endorses also* the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-second session on the report of the Secretary-General on

the System-wide Plan of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development⁷⁶ and invites the Secretary-General:

(a) To launch, at the earliest possible time, the System-wide Plan of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development and the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;⁷⁷

(b) To call upon all the relevant executive heads of the United Nations agencies and bodies to accord high priority to the implementation of the Plan and to use it as a guideline for their activities related to African development;

4. *Takes note* of the preparation of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 and the amendments proposed to the plan by the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

5. *Takes note also* of the decision of the Committee for Programme and Coordination to propose to the Administrative Committee on Coordination that at the twenty-seventh series of their joint meetings, the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination should discuss the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and their implications for the United Nations system;

V

OTHER MATTERS

1. *Recalls* its resolutions 46/185 B and 46/189 of 20 December 1991, by which it endorsed the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-first session⁷⁸ to establish a system of responsibility and accountability of programme managers of the United Nations;

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in its report⁷⁹ and invites the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the establishment of such a system.

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ANNEX

Conclusions on revisions to the major programmes, programmes and subprogrammes of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 1. Good offices and peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information

The General Assembly endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraphs 30 and 31 of its report⁶¹ and invites the Secretary-General to take into account the decisions of the Assembly on preventive diplomacy and related matters in the implementation of this programme.

In the fourth line of new paragraph 1.21 (b) and in the second line of new paragraph 1.21 (i), *insert* international before peace and security

Programme 2. Political and Security Council affairs

Retain the title "Political and Security Council affairs" for the programme.

*Programme 4. Special political questions, trusteeship and decolonization**Subprogramme 4: Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections*

For the text of new paragraph 4.37, substitute:

4.37. The legislative mandate of the subprogramme is provided by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/137 of 17 December 1991 and its implementation will be carried out in the context of Assembly resolutions 47/130 and 47/138 of 18 December 1992 and in full coordination with programme 35, Promotion and protection of human rights.

At the end of new paragraph 4.39, *delete* and provide development assistance

Programme 6. Elimination of apartheid

In new paragraph 6.2, *delete* consensus

In new paragraph 6.36 (a), *for* the consensus *read* related

Programme 7. Disarmament

Not applicable to English.

Programme 13. Trade and development

Paragraph 13.30 should read:

13.30. Subprogrammes 1 to 5, 7 to 9 and 11 are designated high priority.

*Subprogramme 1: International competition and trade policies**Paragraph 13.34 (c)*

At the end of the paragraph, *delete*, ensuring transparency and defining consultation procedures

Paragraph 13.35 (d)

For the existing text, substitute:

(d) Enhancing knowledge of restrictive business practices and encouraging the elimination of those practices which adversely affect international trade, particularly that of developing countries and the economic development of those countries;

*Subprogramme 2: Commodities**Paragraph 13.41 (d)*

In the first line, *after* diversification *insert* and crop substitution

Paragraph 13.41 (g)

For the existing text, substitute:

(g) Review developments, undertake analysis and provide information and support to technical cooperation in the field of commodities and sustainable development;

*Subprogramme 3: Development finance and debt**Paragraph 13.45 (g)*

In the second line, *after* debt *insert* management and

*Subprogramme 4: Investment and technology**Paragraph 13.49 (b)*

At the beginning of the paragraph, *for* Formulation and adoption of *read* Analysis of and advice on

Paragraph 13.50 (h)

For the existing text, substitute:

(h) Consider whether there is the convergence of views of Governments on a code of conduct on the transfer of technology necessary to reach agreement on all outstanding issues. If there is convergence of views, contribute to further work on the code;

Add a paragraph 13.50 (j) reading:

(j) Analyse challenges and opportunities for transfer of technology to and from countries undergoing transition processes to a market economy.

*Subprogramme 5: Poverty alleviation**Paragraph 13.53 (b)*

At the end of the paragraph, *after* poverty *insert* and the participation of the poor and vulnerable groups in development

Paragraph 13.53 (d)

The second line should read:

social development programmes, particularly in developing countries, especially in the

*Subprogramme 6: Economic cooperation among developing countries**Paragraph 13.62 (a)*

For both among developed and developing *read* among developing

*Subprogramme 7: Global interdependence: the international trading, monetary and financial systems; international implications of macroeconomic policies**Paragraph 13.66 (b)*

In the first line, *for* study *read* consider

Paragraph 13.67 (b)

For the existing text, substitute:

(b) Study trends in the international trading, monetary and financial systems with a view to identifying the coherence of these systems and alternative responses required to ensure good macroeconomic management at the global level and adequate coordination and surveillance of national policies;

*Subprogramme 8: Enlarged economic spaces, regional integration processes and systematic issues of international trade**Paragraphs 13.70 (c) and (d)*

For the existing texts, substitute:

(c) To contribute to the promotion of regional and subregional economic integration, particularly among developing countries, as a complementary means of strengthening the trade liberalization process in order to facilitate, in a timely way, the smooth and equitable integration of all countries into the international trading system.

*Subprogramme 9: Privatization, entrepreneurship and competitiveness**Paragraph 13.77 (a)*

In the second line, *delete* appropriate

Paragraph 13.78 (c)

In the second line, *for* and *read* and/or

Add a paragraph 13.78 (j) reading:

(j) Provide support for the presentation of national programmes and plans for privatization.

*Subprogramme 10: Domestic reforms and resource mobilization**Paragraph 13.80*

At the end of the first line, *delete* developing

Paragraph 13.82 (a)

The paragraph should read:

(a) To help to identify, taking into account the diversity of country situations, the scope and nature of domestic economic reforms needed; the costs and benefits of alternative policy approaches and options; and measures and mechanisms for effective mobilization of domestic financial resources;

Paragraph 13.82 (b)

For generation of additional finance for sustainable development *read* of increasing the availability of development finance

*Subprogramme 11: Environment and sustainable development**Paragraph 13.88 (a)*

In the second line, *for coexistence read coherence and complementarity*

Paragraph 13.88 (c)

In the first line, *after developing countries with insert new and*

*Subprogramme 12: Data management**Paragraph 13.96 (d)*

In the first line, *for assistance to developing countries read assistance, particularly to developing countries,*

Programme 14. Trade expansion, export promotion and service sector development

Paragraph 14.13 should read:

14.13. Subprogrammes 1, 3 and 4 are accorded high priority.

*Subprogramme 1: Structural adjustment and trading opportunities**Paragraph 14.16 (f)*

In the seventh line, *before increase insert the encouragement of preference-giving countries to consider an*

Paragraph 14.16 (g)

For in Central and Eastern Europe read in transition

Paragraph 14.17 (g)

In the third line, *for of Central and Eastern Europe read in transition*

Paragraph 14.18 (j)

In the first line, *after increasing insert , where possible,*

Paragraph 14.18 (k)

For of Central and Eastern Europe read in transition

*Subprogramme 3: Trade efficiency**Paragraph 14.30 (i)*

For the existing text, substitute:

(i) Undertake research and development of new automatic data-processing systems such as ASYCUDA for use at the country level;

*Subprogramme 4: Service development**Paragraph 14.33 (b)*

In the first line, *after examine insert ways of overcoming*

Paragraph 14.34 (b)

The paragraph should read:

(b) Elaborating policies aimed at strengthening the service sector in the developing countries, including issues relating to production and export capacity, and increasing their participation in world trade in this sector;

Paragraph 14.34 (g)

At the beginning of the paragraph, *insert Elaborating policies aimed at*

Paragraph 14.35 (a)

The paragraph should read:

(a) Analyse specific ways to allow an increasing participation of developing countries in trade in services; to overcome difficulties they face in their export of services and to improve the functioning of service markets, including through analysis of relevant restrictive business practices;

*Subprogramme 5: Shipping, ports and multimodal transport**Paragraph 14.37*

For the existing text, substitute:

14.37. Most of world trade is carried on ocean transport and many developing countries have put priority on participating in this sector. Given the growing interdependence

among the service sectors, their efforts to develop competitive shipping sectors may be facilitated by increasing their capacity to cope with rapidly changing structural and technological developments in improving the efficiency of their maritime and multimodal transport and related services and infrastructure facilities.

Paragraph 14.41 (a)

In the third line, *after countries insert , in particular,*

Paragraph 14.41 (c)

For in the fields of shipping, ports and multimodal transport, read in the development of competitive shipping, ports and multimodal transport services,

Paragraph 14.41 (e)

The first two lines should read:

To promote the development of port services, in particular through heightened awareness of technological improvements and measures which may enhance the

Paragraph 14.41 (g)

In the second line, *after with a view insert , inter alia,*

Paragraph 14.42 (a)

For the existing text, substitute:

(a) Preparing comparative analyses of national shipping policies, including such strategies and options as privatization, commercialization or possible elimination of State shipping companies, and their impact on the establishment of a national institutional environment aimed at fostering competitive shipping services, fleet development, service quality and increased trade, and reducing the technological gap;

Paragraph 14.42 (c)

For the existing text, substitute:

(c) Promoting a balance of interests between users and providers of shipping services, with particular regard to encouraging regular consultations among them;

Paragraph 14.42 (d)

In the fourth line, *for application read by increasing awareness*

In the fifth line, *for transport read shipping*

Paragraph 14.42 (f)

For the existing text, substitute:

(f) Monitoring structural changes in multimodal transport supply services, including multimodal sea/air services; promoting the use of international multimodal transport operations and the development of transport technologies, including the application of the agreed modal rules for container tariffs as well as UNCTAD/ICC standard form and modal provisions for multimodal transport documents and the use of transport-related information technologies such as EDI and the Advance Cargo Information System (ACIS);

Paragraph 14.42 (g)

For the existing text, substitute:

(g) Encouraging a better understanding of the utilization of the latest techniques and developments in multimodal transport and physical distribution management and disseminating such knowledge to countries in need thereof;

Paragraph 14.42 (h)

Insert a new subparagraph (h) reading:

(h) Elaborating reference documents setting up the basic concepts of multimodal transport and major issues to be dealt with in a market-oriented implementation process in order to achieve a stronger awareness of these issues;

Renumber former paragraphs 14.42 (h) to (j) as paragraphs 14.42 (i) to (k).

Add a paragraph 14.42 (l) reading:

(l) Increasing knowledge of laws and regulations related to maritime and multimodal standards for the purpose, *inter alia*, of adapting them to modern shipping, ports and multi-

modal transport market conditions, with a view to promoting the competitiveness and economic development of countries, in particular developing countries; and providing assistance to Governments, on request, in the formulation of national legislation, including advice on the application of international conventions adopted within UNCTAD.

Paragraph 14.43

For the existing text, substitute:

14.43. In the light of the above-outlined framework, the UNCTAD secretariat will:

(a) Undertake research and prepare comparative analyses of national shipping policies and their impact on fleet development and the quality of shipping services, and of structural, technological and institutional changes in trade and transport and their impact on ports and multimodal transport operations;

(b) Study strategies and options aimed at fostering competitive shipping services, as well as possibilities of economic cooperation among developing countries in the fields of shipping, ports and multimodal transport, and monitor developments in transport technology;

(c) Enhance the exchange and dissemination of relevant information in these fields and increase the knowledge of laws and regulations responding to the requirements of modern international transport conditions;

(d) Assist Governments in implementing the main findings of the above-mentioned studies and reports through the development and support of technical cooperation projects.

Delete paragraphs 14.44 to 14.46 and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Subprogramme 6: Insurance

Paragraph 14.53 (a) (v)

In the first line, *after* authorities *insert* in developing countries

Paragraph 14.53 (d) (ii)

In the second line, *after* supervisory capacity *insert* in developing countries

Programme 15. Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes

In the last but three lines of paragraph 15.3, *delete* and

In the last line of paragraph 15.3, *after* Action *add* and that the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries will hold a mid-term review in 1995

Programme 23. Transnational corporations

Paragraph 23.13

In the third sentence, *for* While the original objectives of the code are still valid, *read* On the other hand,

Paragraph 23.15 (a)

In the first line, *for* through the adoption of a code of conduct *read* through the adoption of appropriate international arrangements

Programme 28. International drug control

Delete the designation of high priority for subprogramme 2 recommended by the Committee for Programme and Coordination in paragraph 155 (c) of its report.⁶¹

Programme 38. Public information

In new paragraphs 38.3, 38.7 (h) and 38.17 (m), *insert* international before peace and security

47/215. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and, in particular, Article 17, paragraph

1, which states that the General Assembly shall consider and approve the budget of the Organization, and Article 17, paragraph 2, which stipulates that the expenses of the Organization shall be borne by the Members as apportioned by the Assembly,

Recalling also the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and particularly regulation 5.4, according to which contributions and advances shall be considered as due and payable in full within thirty days of the receipt of the communication of the Secretary-General,

Expressing its appreciation to those Member States that pay their assessed contributions in full and on time,

Recognizing that while the level of outstanding contributions to the regular budget and peace-keeping operations has remained significant in 1992, there has been progress in the pattern of payments by Member States, notably for peace-keeping operations,

Recalling its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and its resolutions 45/236 A and B of 21 December 1990 on the current financial crisis and financial emergency of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financial situation and on possible measures to address the financial problems of the Organization submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions;⁸⁰

2. *Also takes note* of the related observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁸¹

3. *Expresses its appreciation* for the provision of information on the financial situation of the Organization on a regular basis, and requests the Secretary-General to continue providing such information as often as necessary, through specific reports and through reports on the status of contributions, and to include in those reports information on arrears and outstanding contributions in relation to assessments, on the cash flow situation of the Organization and on any possible additional elements which would enable Member States to be fully apprised of the various aspects of the financing of United Nations activities, including consolidated information on a biannual basis on the amounts owed to each troop-contributing country based on existing data;

4. *Urges* the Secretary-General to increase his efforts in encouraging Member States to meet their financial obligations towards the Organization with regard to all outstanding assessed contributions to the regular budget and all peace-keeping operations, as requested in resolutions 45/236 A and B, and to reflect the results in the reports mentioned in paragraph 3 above;

5. *Expresses its concern* that the financial situation of the Organization has remained uncertain and precarious during the year 1992 and that late payments or non-payments of assessed contributions to the regular budget and peace-keeping accounts over the years by a majority of Member States have resulted in the depletion of reserves and cash flow problems;

6. *Regrets* that the Organization has to operate with large arrears and unpaid contributions, and notes with concern that ad hoc measures had to be adopted during 1992, including borrowing from peace-keeping funds and delays