

783 (VIII). Question of a change in the opening date of regular sessions of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Noting the report ²⁵ of the Secretary-General concerning the question of a change in the opening date of regular sessions of the General Assembly,

Noting also the observations ²⁶ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in its twentieth report to the eighth session of the General Assembly,

Concurs in the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that the existing provision in the rules of procedure concerning the opening date of regular sessions of the General Assembly should be maintained.

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784 (VIII). Organization of the Secretariat

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General in his report ²⁷ on organization of the Secretariat and of his statement to the Fifth Committee at its 427th meeting;

2. Recommends that the Secretary-General should, to the extent possible, proceed along the lines he has proposed and prepare his 1955 budget estimates within the broad framework of these proposals, taking account of the observations and suggestions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its thirty-sixth report ²⁸ to the eighth session of the General Assembly and of the views

²⁵ See document A/2436.

²⁶ See document A/2553.

²⁷ See document A/2554.

²⁸ See document A/2606.

expressed in the Fifth Committee at its 427th and 428th meetings held on 8 December 1953.

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785 (VIII). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1953

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The General Assembly,

Considering the request for a supplementary appropriation of \$179,420, made by the Secretary-General in his report ²⁹ for the purpose of covering the awards made by the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in eleven cases numbered 26, and 37 to 46 inclusive,

Considering the concurrence in that appropriation by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its twenty-fourth report ³⁰ to the eighth session of the General Assembly,

Considering, nevertheless, that important legal questions have been raised in the course of debate in the Fifth Committee with respect to that appropriation,

Decides

To submit the following legal questions to the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion:

"(1) Having regard to the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal and to any other relevant instruments and to the relevant records, has the General Assembly the right on any grounds to refuse to give effect to an award of compensation made by that Tribunal in favour of a staff member of the United Nations whose contract of service has been terminated without his assent?"

"(2) If the answer given by the Court to question (1) is in the affirmative, what are the principal grounds upon which the General Assembly could lawfully exercise such a right?"

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²⁹ See document A/2534.

³⁰ See document A/2580.