

1267 (XIII). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: accounts for the financial period from 1 July 1956 to 31 December 1957 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the financial period from 1 July 1956 to 31 December 1957 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;⁵

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its seventeenth report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.⁶

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14 November 1958.*

1268 (XIII). United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1958 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the financial year ended 30 June 1958 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;⁷

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its eighteenth report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.⁸

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1269 (XIII). United Nations Refugee Fund: accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1957 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Refugee Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1957 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;⁹

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its nineteenth report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.¹⁰

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1270 (XIII). Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds

⁵ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 6D (A/3836).

⁶ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/3978.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 6B (A/3941).

⁸ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/3979.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 6C (A/3834 and Corr.1).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/3980.

allocated from the Special Account for the financial year ended 31 December 1957,¹¹ and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its fourteenth report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.¹²

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1271 (XIII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

Mr. Carlos Blanco,
Mr. John E. Fobes,
Mr. A. H. M. Hillis;

2. *Declares* Mr. Blanco, Mr. Fobes and Mr. Hillis to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1959.

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1272 (XIII). Control and limitation of documentation

The General Assembly,

Noting the report of the Committee on the Control and Limitation of Documentation¹³ set up under General Assembly resolution 1203 (XII) of 13 December 1957 to consult with and advise the Secretary-General on the most effective means of implementing that resolution,

Noting further the Secretary-General's report¹⁴ on the steps taken and on the nature and extent of the reductions achieved,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the appreciable results achieved so far during 1958;

2. *Endorses* the report of the Committee on the Control and Limitation of Documentation, particularly the basic approaches enunciated in paragraph 10 and the proposals set out in paragraph 27, except those contained in sub-paragraph (c); in regard to the maintenance of verbatim and summary records, the existing practice shall continue unaltered in all respects;

3. *Draws the particular attention* of all organs and subsidiary bodies to the recommendations contained in paragraph 27 (e) of the Committee's report, requesting those organs and bodies to include in the agenda of their next session the question of the control and limitation of their documentation;

4. *Emphasizes* in this connexion the importance of strict adherence to regulation 13.1 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the relevant rules of procedure of the organs concerned, with the object of ensuring that no organ or subsidiary body takes decisions on any measure until it has been informed in

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Annexes, separate fascicle (A/3855).

¹² *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/3975.

¹³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 51, document A/3888.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/3921.

advance of the financial and administrative considerations involved;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that no effort is spared within the Secretariat to maintain the progress achieved and to extend it in all ways possible, taking into account the guiding principles set forth in paragraph 10 of the report of the Committee;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, within the existing establishment, to extend the editorial control services;

7. *Urges* the representatives of Member States as well as all other members of commissions, committees and similar bodies to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in carrying out the policy laid down by the General Assembly, particularly in resolutions 593 (VI) of 4 February 1952, 789 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 and 1203 (XII) of 13 December 1957;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to report on the operation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session or earlier.

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14 November 1958.*

1273 (XIII). Construction of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1224 (XII) of 14 December 1957, in accordance with which the Secretary-General accepted the generous offer by the Government of Chile of a plot of land for the construction of a building to house the United Nations offices in Chile,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General¹⁵ in which financial proposals for the construction of the building, based on resolution 147 (AC.41) adopted on 3 October 1958 by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America, are presented,

Taking note of the thirteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,¹⁶

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the preparation of plans and with the construction of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile, at a cost not to exceed \$850,000;

2. *Decides* to appropriate in the regular United Nations budget for 1959 the sum of \$50,000 for initial preparatory and construction expenses for the building;

3. *Decides*, in principle, that the balance of the building cost shall be included in the regular United Nations budget in annual instalments of \$200,000 for each of the ensuing four years;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to initiate negotiations, if he finds it necessary, with the Governments of States members of the Economic Commission for Latin America with a view to their making reimbursable interest-free advances to the United Nations to meet cash requirements for the construction;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to advance out of the Working Capital Fund the moneys required for building costs for which no cash is available;

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 52, document A/3952.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, document A/3972.

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions informed of developments in 1959 and to present a progress report on this project to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.

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14 November 1958.*

1292 (XIII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. Raymond T. Bowman,
Mr. F. Nouredin Kia,
Mr. Jerzy Michalowski;

2. *Declares* Mr. Bowman, Mr. Kia and Mr. Michalowski to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1959.

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5 December 1958.*

1293 (XIII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee:

Members:

Mr. A. H. M. Hillis,
Mr. Rigoberto Torres Astorga,
Mr. Albert S. Watson;

Alternate members:

Mr. Bahman Ahaneen,
Mr. Johan Kaufmann,
Mr. Arthur C. Liveran;

2. *Declares* these members and alternate members to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1959.

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5 December 1958.*

1294 (XIII). Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General regarding the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations,¹⁷

Noting that some progress has been made towards the implementation of its resolutions 1097 (XI) of 27 February 1957 and 1226 (XII) of 14 December 1957,

1. *Recommends* that:

(a) The Secretary-General should continue his efforts to achieve a better geographical distribution of the staff of the United Nations Secretariat at all levels, giving particular regard to posts at the top level;

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, agenda item 53, document A/C.5/750.