

Noting the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the current session,

1. Approves on an experimental basis the new form of presentation of the United Nations budget, as proposed by the Secretary-General and as modified by the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and taking into account the revised time-table considered by the Fifth Committee;

2. Approves on an experimental basis the introduction of a biennial budget cycle;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to implement the new procedures for the regular budget of the United Nations, including those items for which additional provision is made from extra-budgetary sources, taking into account for this purpose the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the current session;

4. Decides to keep under continuous review the progress achieved in the implementation by the Secretary-General of these new procedures on the basis of reports to be submitted by him to the General Assembly.

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19 December 1972

3044 (XXVII). Budget for the financial year 1973

A

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1973

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1973:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 225,920,420 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

| <i>Section</i> | <i>(US dollars)</i> |
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| <i>PART I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</i> | |
| 1. Travel and other expenses of representatives and members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies | 1,519,570 |
| 2. Special meetings and conferences | 1,922,600 |
| TOTAL, PART I | 3,442,170 |
| <i>PART II. Staff costs and related expenses</i> | |
| 3. Salaries and wages | 99,989,500 |
| 4. Common staff costs | 23,441,300 |
| 5. Travel of staff | 2,646,350 |
| 6. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 5, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality | 150,000 |
| TOTAL, PART II | 126,227,150 |
| <i>PART III. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises</i> | |
| 7. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises | 11,649,400 |
| TOTAL, PART III | 11,649,400 |
| <i>PART IV. Equipment, supplies and services</i> | |
| 8. Permanent equipment | 1,246,800 |
| 9. Maintenance, operation and rental of premises | 7,850,200 |
| 10. General expenses | 6,318,900 |
| 11. Printing | 3,155,200 |
| TOTAL, PART IV | 18,571,100 |
| <i>PART V. Technical programmes</i> | |
| 12. Regional and subregional advisory services | 1,825,000 |
| 13. Economic development, social development and public administration; human rights advisory services; narcotic drugs control | 5,408,000 |
| 14. Industrial development | 1,500,000 |
| TOTAL, PART V | 8,733,000 |
| <i>PART VI. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</i> | |
| 15. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development | 13,252,600 |
| TOTAL, PART VI | 13,252,600 |

| <i>Section</i> | <i>(US dollars)</i> |
|---|---------------------|
| <i>PART VII. United Nations Industrial Development Organization</i> | |
| 16. United Nations Industrial Development Organization | 14,634,700 |
| TOTAL, PART VII | 14,634,700 |
| <i>PART VIII. Special missions</i> | |
| 17. Special missions | 8,959,100 |
| TOTAL, PART VIII | 8,959,100 |
| <i>PART IX. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</i> | |
| 18. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees | 5,925,900 |
| TOTAL, PART IX | 5,925,900 |
| <i>PART X. International Court of Justice</i> | |
| 19. International Court of Justice | 1,714,900 |
| TOTAL, PART X | 1,714,900 |
| <i>PART XI. Special expenses</i> | |
| 20. Special expenses | 10,810,400 |
| TOTAL, PART XI | 10,810,400 |
| <i>PART XII. United Nations Environment Programme</i> | |
| 21. United Nations Environment Programme | 2,000,000 |
| TOTAL, PART XII | 2,000,000 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 225,920,420 |

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 appropriations for technical assistance programmes under part V 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 financial year shall be valid for the succeeding financial year, provided that appointments of the experts concerned are effected by the end of the current financial year, and that the total period to be covered by obligations established for these purposes against the resources of the current financial year shall not exceed twelve man-months;

(b) Obligations established in the current financial year 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 year will remain valid until payment is effected to the contractor or vendor, unless they are cancelled;

4. The provisions under sections 1, 3, 5 and 11, in a total amount of \$438,300 relating to the International Narcotics Control Board, shall be administered as a unit;

5. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$19,000 is appropriated from the 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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B

INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1973

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1973:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling \$US 35,958,800 are approved as follows:

| <i>Income section</i> | <i>(US dollars)</i> |
|---|---------------------|
| <i>PART I. Income from staff assessment</i> | |
| 1. Income from staff assessment | 27,383,000 |
| TOTAL, PART I | 27,383,000 |

| <i>Income section</i> | <i>(US dollars)</i> |
|---|---------------------|
| PART II. Other income | |
| 2. Funds provided from extra-budgetary accounts | 734,000 |
| 3. General income | 4,934,000 |
| 4. Revenue-producing activities | 2,907,800 |
| | 8,575,800 |
| TOTAL, PART II | 8,575,800 |
| | 35,958,800 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 35,958,800 |

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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C

FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1973

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1973:

1. Budget appropriations totalling \$US 225,920,420 shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) As to \$8,575,800, by income other than staff assessment for 1973 approved under resolution B above;

(b) As to \$1,238,198, by the amount available in surplus account for the financial year 1971;

(c) As to \$311,032, by contribution of new Member States for the financial years 1971 and 1972;

(d) As to \$215,795,390, by assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 2654 (XXV) of 4 December 1970, 2762 (XXVI) of 8 November 1971 and 2961 A (XXVII) of 13 December 1972 on the scale of assessments for the financial year 1973;

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 shares in the Tax Equalization Fund in a total amount of \$27,897,264 comprising:

(a) \$27,383,000, being the estimated staff assessment income for 1973;

(b) \$514,264, being the excess of actual income from staff assessment over the approved estimate for 1971.

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3045 (XXVII). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1973

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 financial year 1973, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$US 2 million, 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 \$37,500;

(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 \$25,000;

(iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;

(c) Such commitments to authorize the Secretary-General to draw on the Working Capital Fund in the amount of \$200,000 for emergency assistance in any one year, with a normal ceiling of \$20,000 per country in the case of any one disaster;

(d) Such commitments made in accordance with paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972, not exceeding a total of \$25,000, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to assistance to Governments at their request in the elaboration of national preparations to meet natural disasters;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly