

1. *Affirms* the view of the Secretary-General that the guided tours are conceived primarily as a public information service and as a means of informing visitors of the aims and activities of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to strengthen the operation of the public services of the Office of Public Information in order to increase their effectiveness.

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3048 (XXVII). Use of travel funds

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the use of travel funds in the United Nations,⁵² and the comments thereon by the Secretary-General⁵³ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵⁴

1. *Confirms* its resolution 2245 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 in connexion with recommendations 1 and 2 contained in chapter VII of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;⁵⁵

2. *Concurs* with the observations and conclusions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵⁶ with regard to recommendations 3 to 10 contained in that chapter;

3. *Decides* that the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with respect to sea travel on home leave⁵⁷ should be implemented as from 1 January 1974.

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3049 (XXVII). The financial situation of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the consensus adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth session⁵⁸ states that the financial difficulties of the Organization should be solved through voluntary contributions by Member States,

Recalling the urgent appeal by the Secretary-General at the 1331st plenary meeting of the General Assembly, on 1 September 1965, that voluntary contributions be so made and recalling that, subsequently, the Secretary-General established the United Nations Special Account, into which substantial voluntary contributions were received and credited,

Conscious of the background against which the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations was established, namely, the growing recognition that the finances of the United Nations must be placed on a sound footing and that more than a

decade had elapsed without that desired objective having been achieved,

Taking note of the report of the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations,⁵⁹ especially paragraph 11, in which the Special Committee requested the Secretary-General to ask Member States to review their payments pattern with a view to paying future contributions on time, and paragraph 19, which states that there was general agreement in the Special Committee that the major part of the deficit could be eliminated only by voluntary contributions from Member States or by the cancellation of obligations included within the short-term deficit,

1. *Urges* all Member States to review their payments pattern on contributions to the regular budget of the United Nations with a view to paying future contributions on time;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to solicit suggestions from Member States for amendments to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations or to other instructions and procedures, which would have as their objective the achieving of a steady and timely cash flow in the payment of assessed contributions to the Organization, and to submit a report thereon for consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a special account under regulation 6.6 of the Financial Regulations into which voluntary contributions may be paid and used for the purpose of clearing up the past financial difficulties of the United Nations and especially for resolving the short-term deficit of the Organization referred to in the report of the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations, and to merge into this account the United Nations Special Account referred to above;

4. *Requests* all Member States and invites non-member States, as a matter of urgency, to make voluntary contributions to this special account in cash or through the cancellation of obligations due from the United Nations or as the result of claims accepted by it;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider, in consultation with Member States, ways and means of obtaining voluntary contributions;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to devise modalities for the purposes set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, which in his opinion may be effective;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report the results achieved to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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B

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations,⁶⁰

Conscious of the urgent need to place the finances of the United Nations on a sound footing,

Endorsing the conclusion of the Special Committee that a comprehensive solution is required for the financial problems of the United Nations and that the re-

⁵² See A/8900.

⁵³ See A/8900/Add.1.

⁵⁴ A/8900/Add.2.

⁵⁵ See also A/8900/Add.2, paras. 4-8.

⁵⁶ A/8900/Add.2, paras. 9-18.

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, para. 16.

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 21, document A/5916, para. 2; and ibid., Plenary Meetings, 1331st meeting, paras. 3 and 4.*

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/8729).

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*

sponsibility for seeking a final over-all solution rests with all Member States and not solely with any single category of Member States,

Requests the Secretary-General to continue to explore all possibilities for an over-all solution of the financial difficulties of the United Nations, taking into consideration the results of the examination of the problems undertaken by the Special Committee on the Financial Situation of the United Nations.

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C

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971, which in its operative paragraph reads:

“*Decides* to restore all its rights to the People’s Republic of China and to recognize the representatives of its Government as the only legitimate representatives of China to the United Nations, and to expel forthwith the representatives of Chiang Kai-shek from the place which they unlawfully occupy

at the United Nations and in all the organizations related to it.”,

Recalling further that this General Assembly action did not deal with the matter of the unpaid assessed contributions for China recorded in the accounts of the United Nations as of that date,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to retain, as of 25 October 1971, as unpaid assessed contributions for the regular budget for China on the accounts of the United Nations only such amount as equals a *pro rata* share of the 1971 assessed contributions for China based on the period from 25 October 1971 to 31 December 1971 inclusive;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to compute and transfer to a special account, after the application of paragraph 1 above, the balances of all unpaid assessed contributions for 1971 and prior years as were shown on the accounts of the United Nations for China; of the amount so transferred, the balance arising from regular budget assessments shall be included as a part of the short-term deficit of the Organization for the purpose of computing that deficit.

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Other decisions

Report of the Economic and Social Council

(Item 12)

At its 2111th plenary meeting, on 15 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁶¹ took note of chapters XVII, XVIII, XIX (section B) and XXI (sections B and C) of the report of the Economic and Social Council.⁶²

Budget estimates for the financial year 1973

(Item 73)

At its 2116th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:

(a) Decided to request the Secretary-General to submit at the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Administrative Management Service on those units which had already been surveyed, and the reasons for the delay in taking action in some areas;⁶³

(b) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General and of the observations in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the progress made by the Administrative Management Service in conducting a survey of manpower utilization in the Secretariat;⁶⁴

(c) Took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General and of the comments continued in paragraphs 2 to 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the review and reappraisal of United Nations information policies and activities;⁶⁵

(d) Decided to request the Secretary-General to undertake an evaluation of a world-wide United Nations lottery as a potential source of revenue, on the understanding that such a study should include the political, cultural, legal and administrative problems involved and should be subject to the provisions of paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.⁶⁶

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/8731, para. 3.

⁶² *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8703)*.

⁶³ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 73, document A/8985, para. 58.

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 59.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 76.

⁶⁶ *Ibid.*, document A/8985/Add. 1, para. 11.