

31/194. Utilization of office accommodation and conference facilities at the Donaupark Centre in Vienna*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 3350 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974, in which it welcomed the invitation extended by the Government of Austria to the United Nations to make use of the facilities available in the Donaupark Centre in Vienna after 1978,

Recalling also its resolution 3529 (XXX) of 16 December 1975, in which it took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the inclusion of Vienna in the pattern of conferences,⁸⁶

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of office accommodation and conference facilities at the Donaupark Centre in Vienna⁸⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸⁸

1. Approves the recommendation of the Secretary-General relating to Tower A-2, as contained in paragraph 13 (a) of his report,⁸⁷ and to that effect authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into appropriate arrangements with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Government of Austria;

2. Approves the phased plan of action, as defined in paragraphs 11 and 12 and summarized in paragraph 13 (b) of the report of the Secretary-General,⁸⁷ and in paragraphs 1 to 3 of annex I to that report;

3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to put into effect the proposals pertaining to phase I as well as those contained in paragraphs 29 to 36 and 41 of his report;⁸⁷

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in conformity with the guidelines described in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 3529 (XXX), to submit to the Assembly at its thirty-third session concrete proposals which would ensure that, at the end of the phased plan of action, the objective set out in paragraph 11 of the Secretary-General's report⁸⁷ would be attained;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure that the success of the United Nations Decade for Women and of the world conference to be held in 1980 will not be adversely affected by putting into effect phase I in accordance with paragraph 3 above;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at regular intervals on the implementation of the present resolution.

*107th plenary meeting
22 December 1976*

31/195. Expansion of meeting rooms and improvement of conference servicing and delegate facilities at United Nations Headquarters*The General Assembly*

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General⁸⁹ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative

and Budgetary Questions⁹⁰ on the expansion of meeting rooms and improvement of conference servicing and delegate facilities at United Nations Headquarters;

2. Concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 30, 33, 36, 38 and 39 of its report, as summarized in paragraphs 40 and 41;

3. Decides to defer action on any of the options outlined in paragraphs 3 to 5 of the report of the Secretary-General with respect to the seating arrangement to be used in the reconstruction of the General Assembly Hall;

4. Requests the President of the General Assembly, following consultations with Member States, to inform the Secretary-General, by 31 January 1977 at the latest, of the option most acceptable to Member States;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of that information, to proceed with plans for reconstruction of the General Assembly Hall and to submit a report to the Assembly at its thirty-second session.

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31/196. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for 1976⁹¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁹²

I**ADJUSTMENT OF BENEFITS IN RESPECT OF COST-OF-LIVING CHANGES**

1. Requests the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to continue its study of the system of adjustment of benefits in respect of cost-of-living changes, bearing in mind the views expressed on this question at the thirty-first session of the General Assembly and in the light of the actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as at 31 December 1976, and to submit its recommendations to the Assembly at its thirty-third session;

2. Decides that the system of adjustment of benefits approved pursuant to section I of General Assembly resolution 3354 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974 shall remain in force until 31 December 1978;

3. Further decides that one of the guidelines for the future deliberations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board should be that the principle of compensating by whatever means for country-to-country differences in the cost of living should be given limited recognition falling short of equality of purchasing power so as to ensure that the new scheme does not require an increase in the present or future financial liabilities of Member States;

⁸⁶ A/10348 and Corr.1.
⁸⁷ A/C.5/31/34.

⁸⁸ A/31/452.

⁸⁹ A/C.5/31/22 and Corr.1.

⁹⁰ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/31/8 and Add.1-26), document A/31/8/Add.23.

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9 (A/31/9) and A/31/9/Add.1.

⁹² A/31/409.

II

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND

Decides that articles 20, 29 (b) (i), 30 (b), 34 (c), 34 (d) and 35 (d) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund shall be amended, without retroactive effect, from 1 January 1977, as set forth in annex VII to the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;⁹³

III

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

Decides to admit the World Intellectual Property Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund with effect from 1 January 1977, in accordance with article 3 of the Regulations of the Fund;

IV

EMERGENCY FUND

Authorizes the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund, for a further period of one year, by an amount not exceeding \$100,000;

V

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Approves expenses, chargeable directly to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, totalling \$3,129,400 (net) for 1977 and supplementary expenses totalling \$14,200 (net) for 1976 for the administration of the Fund, as estimated in annex III to the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board,⁹³ except that the provisions for staff costs for 1977 shall be reduced by \$15,000;

VI

OBSERVATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

1. *Endorses* the view of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that, in the study of adjustment proposals to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board should take into account not only the results of the actuarial valuation of the Fund as at 31 December 1976, but also all relevant findings of the International Civil Service Commission, as referred to in paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁹² together with all aspects of national taxation which may be pertinent;

2. *Also endorses* the view of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that, in making its proposals on adjustment at that time, the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board should take account of the questions of principle referred to in paragraph 27 of the report of the Advisory Committee⁹² and of the alternatives referred to in paragraph 28 thereof;

⁹³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/31/9).

VII

TEMPORARY MEASURES TO APPLY TO EXISTING PENSIONERS IN RESPECT OF THE LOSS OF PURCHASING POWER OF THEIR PENSIONS

Decides to authorize payments during 1977, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$500,000, to be made by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund to compensate those pensioners whose pensions in the country of their residence have decreased in purchasing power to a significant extent; the guidelines to be followed for such payments are that they shall be made only in respect of that part of the loss which exceeds 20 per cent and only with respect to pensions which, after such adjustment, do not exceed 50 per cent of the net base salary of a Professional staff member in the P-1, step 1, category, and a report on the expenditures thus made in pursuance of the present resolution shall be submitted by the Board to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

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31/197. Investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly,

Noting with concern that the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund has long-term investments in transnational corporations amounting to approximately \$600 million,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the United Nations and other international organizations concerning the new international economic order and the transnational corporations,

Taking into account that investments by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in shares of transnational corporations may contradict the objectives and purposes of the organizations of the United Nations system,

Considering that the investments made by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund directly in the developing countries, while increasing, are extremely small,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Investments Committee, which is being enlarged at the current session⁹⁴ to reflect wider and more equitable geographical distribution, to ensure that the resources which the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund holds invested in shares of transnational corporations are invested on safe and profitable terms and, to the greatest extent practicable, in sound investments in developing countries;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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31/198. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions⁹⁵

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The General Assembly

Appoints the following persons as members of the

⁹⁴ See resolution 31/196, sect. II.

⁹⁵ See also resolution 31/96.