

2730 (XXV). Audit report on the consolidated status of funds of the United Nations Development Programme Account

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit report on the consolidated status of funds of the United Nations Development Programme Account as at 31 December 1969¹⁸ and of the audit reports on the status of funds allocated to the participating and executing agencies under the Special Fund component and the Technical Assistance component of the Programme,¹⁹ and of the observations thereon made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.²⁰

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2731 (XXV). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly

1. Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on general co-ordination matters,²¹ on the administrative budgets for 1971 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,²² as well as on the review of the administrative and management procedures concerning the programme and budget of the International Labour Organisation²³ and of the World Health Organization;²⁴

2. Requests the Secretary-General to refer the report on general co-ordination matters to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency through the consultative machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, as well as to the members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for their information and comment, and to the members of the Board of Auditors and of the Joint Inspection Unit for their information;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to refer to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in chapter III of its report on their administrative budgets for 1971, together with the views expressed by members of the Fifth Committee;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to transmit the reports on the review of the administrative and management procedures concerning the programme and budget of the International Labour Organisation and of the World Health Organization to the executive heads of those organizations so that the reports, together with the views expressed by members of the Fifth Committee, may be brought to the attention of the respective legislative organs.

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¹⁸ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/8025).

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, annexes.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 78, document A/8236.

²¹ A/8158 and Corr.1.

²² A/8155.

²³ A/8140.

²⁴ A/8031.

2732 (XXV). Publications and documentation of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General²⁵ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²⁶ submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 on publications and documentation of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind that its resolutions 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 and 2632 (XXV) of 9 November 1970, as well as the appointment by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination of two special rapporteurs to carry out a survey of certain reports and studies in the economic and social field, provide concurrently for a closely related examination of the whole field of documentation, meetings and procedures of the General Assembly,

1. Decides to defer to the twenty-sixth session its consideration of the item entitled "Publications and documentation of the United Nations";

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session any additional information relating to the implementation of resolution 2538 (XXIV) which he deems appropriate;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue, without detriment to the work programmes of the United Nations, his efforts to reduce expenditures on documentation in areas within his competence and authority, keeping in mind the suggestions specifically made in the Fifth Committee for greater economy in this regard;

4. Invites the Joint Inspection Unit, with reference to paragraphs 17, 18 and 19 of its report on documentation²⁷ and further to paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), to examine and report on the programme of recurrent publications of the United Nations with a view to drawing attention to those which appear to have lost their usefulness or have become redundant or whose value may not measure up to the cost involved in continuing them, and to submit its findings and recommendations to the Assembly at its twenty-sixth session along with the report referred to by the Secretary-General in his report on the pattern of conferences dated 22 September 1970;²⁸

5. Reiterates its appeal, in paragraph 1 of resolution 2538 (XXIV), to all United Nations organs, bodies and committees to consider ways of reducing documentation.

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2735 (XXV). Implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966 and 2360 (XXII) of 19 December 1967

²⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 81, document A/8126.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, document A/8212.

²⁷ See A/7576 and Corr.1.

²⁸ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 75, document A/C.5/1300.

relating to the establishment and the setting up of a Joint Inspection Unit,

Taking note with appreciation of the work of the Joint Inspection Unit,

Noting the related reports of the Secretary-General²⁹ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁰

1. *Decides* to continue the Joint Inspection Unit on the existing experimental basis for a further period of two years beyond 31 December 1971;

2. *Recommends* to the other participating organizations in the United Nations system to take appropriate measures for the continuation of the Joint Inspection Unit on the same basis;

3. *Decides* to review the question of the Joint Inspection Unit at its twenty-seventh session and, for this purpose, requests the views of the Secretary-General as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the governing bodies of the specialized agencies concerned, the Economic and Social Council, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Joint Inspection Unit itself.

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B

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies;³¹

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as set forth in its related report,³² particularly those contained in paragraphs 6 and 7 of that report concerning the need for a continuing critical review, in the future, of the implementation of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies.

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2736 (XXV). Composition of the Secretariat

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2539 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969,

Noting with appreciation the Secretary-General's report on the composition of the Secretariat,³³ in particular the efforts made towards attaining a better distribution of posts by nationality and by region,

²⁹ A/C.5/1304 and Corr.1.

³⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/8128.*

³¹ A/7999 and Add.1.

³² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/8139.*

³³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 82, document A/8156.

Recognizing the need for a more equitable geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat among regions and within each region,

Reiterating its interest in a long-term plan of recruitment to be prepared by the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the changes in the nationality pattern as a result of the retirement of permanent staff as well as the separation of fixed-term staff,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to achieve a better geographical distribution of the staff at all levels, particularly at the senior level in all fields, and also the representation of all Member States bearing in mind the requirements laid down in the Charter of the United Nations for efficiency, competence and integrity;

2. *Approves* the following guidelines for the recruitment of staff for the Secretariat:

(a) In the recruitment of staff for posts subject to geographical distribution, preference should be given to qualified candidates of under-represented countries in general, and at the higher level in particular; if, when recruiting staff for the regional economic commissions, qualified candidates of comparatively under-represented countries cannot be found within a reasonable period, preference should be given to qualified candidates of other countries of the same geographical region that are not fully represented, taking into full consideration the attainment of an equitable geographical distribution of posts among regions;

(b) In considering candidates for posts involving complex duties and responsibilities, preference should be given to those who are willing to accept a career appointment or a fixed-term appointment of not less than five years, inclusive of the probationary period;

(c) An official assigned to a post should serve for some minimum period after recruitment before he is eligible for transfer to another post;

(d) In the interest of long-term recruitment planning policies, special efforts should be made to recruit qualified young men and women for service with the United Nations through the development of more objective selection methods such as, wherever appropriate, open competitive examinations, special allowance being made for candidates whose mother tongue is not one of the working languages of the Secretariat.

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The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the Secretary-General's efforts to achieve a better linguistic balance within the Secretariat,

Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this direction in line with General Assembly resolution 2480 B (XXIII) of 21 December 1968.

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The General Assembly,

Appreciating the information contained in tables 9 and 10 of the Secretary-General's report³³ relating to the geographical distribution of the staff of the United