

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General is facing growing difficulties in meeting the obligations of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon on a current basis, particularly those due to the troop contributors.

Concerned that the financial situation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon will soon be reaching a critical stage,

Decides that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended temporarily in respect of the amount of \$122,492 which otherwise would have to be surrendered pursuant to those provisions, this amount to be entered in a separately identified account of the United Nations and held in suspense pending a further decision by the General Assembly.

106th plenary meeting
17 December 1979

34/50. Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/72 of 9 December 1977, in which it set forth, *inter alia*, the terms of reference of the Committee on Conferences,

Noting the conclusion reached by the Committee on Conferences that the present capacity of the Secretariat adequately to service conferences and meetings and of Member States to participate actively in them is strained,²⁶

Convinced of the necessity of rationalizing the procedures and organization of the conference activities of the United Nations,

Further encouraging the continuation and development of close co-operation between the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on Conferences in areas of common concern,

1. *Welcomes* the action taken by the Economic and Social Council on the pattern of conferences in its decision 1979/81 of 3 August 1979, and on the control and limitation of documentation in its resolutions 1979/1 of 9 February 1979, 1979/41 of 10 May 1979 and 1979/69 of 2 August 1979;

2. *Approves* the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination contained in paragraph 303 of its report²⁷ to the effect that, *inter alia*, the above-mentioned resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on control and limitation of documentation should be applied to the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs and that the Secretary-General should be requested to implement them fully;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to examine ways to enable it to play a more effective role in the scheduling of conferences and meetings and in the management of conference resources, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

²⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/34/32 and Corr.1)*, para. 53 (b).

²⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 38 (A/34/38).

4. *Also requests* the Committee on Conferences to review the extent to which resolutions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly on the pattern of conferences have been implemented, including an examination of the planned and actual duration of sessions of the subsidiary organs of the Assembly, and to report its findings to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

5. *Further requests* the Committee on Conferences to monitor the implementation of all measures adopted by the General Assembly to control and limit documentation, including those on the provision of meeting records and the application of measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the conference activities of the Organization, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

6. *Invites* the Committee on Conferences, when making any adjustment in the calendar of conferences for 1980-1981 resulting from decisions of the General Assembly, to take full account of all conference facilities available at established United Nations headquarters;

7. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to review the organizational and servicing arrangements of past special conferences and their preparatory meetings with a view to identifying the most effective framework for the organization of such conferences in the future.

76th plenary meeting
23 November 1979

34/164. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of having expert and independent evaluation and advice on the improvement of the programmes and activities of the United Nations,

Aware of the fundamental role which the Joint Inspection Unit has played by providing such evaluation and advice to Member States and to the administrators of the programmes of the United Nations system,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the eleventh report on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit, covering the period from July 1978 to June 1979;²⁸

2. *Approves* the "Glossary of Evaluation Terms"²⁹ and recommends its use throughout the United Nations system;

3. *Takes note* of the document entitled "Initial guidelines for internal evaluation systems of the United Nations organizations"³⁰ and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

4. *Takes note with approval* of the note by the Secretary-General entitled "The identification of output in the programme budget of the United Nations"³¹ and the progress report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of internal work programmes and procedures for reporting on programme implementation;³²

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems;³³

²⁸ A/C.5/34/1.

²⁹ See A/34/286.

³⁰ See A/34/271.

³¹ A/C.5/34/2.

³² A/C.5/34/3.

³³ See A/34/153.

6. *Commends* the Joint Inspection Unit and the Secretary-General for their efforts in the area of evaluation and advice, both internal and external, and urges them to continue their efforts in that direction, with a view to improving the administrative and budgetary efficiency and effectiveness of the United Nations system.

*106th plenary meeting
17 December 1979*

34/165. Report of the International Civil Service Commission

The General Assembly,

Taking note with appreciation of the fifth annual report of the International Civil Service Commission,³⁴

Reaffirming the central role of the Commission in the development of a single unified international civil service,

Endorsing the efforts of the Commission to strengthen the United Nations common system by adjusting it to changing circumstances, especially those caused by currency fluctuations,

Recalling its resolution 33/119 of 19 December 1978, in sections I and II of which it set down important objectives for maintaining and reinforcing the common system and established guidelines for the future work of the Commission,

Suggesting that the Commission should consider ways of reducing the length of its annual report while still making clear in the report or the annexes thereto any recommendations to the General Assembly and the precise effect, impact and costs of any proposals,

I

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the action taken by the International Civil Service Commission under articles 13 and 14 of its statute and urges the Commission to continue its work under its long-term function;

2. *Requests* the Commission to begin urgently a fundamental and comprehensive review of the purposes and operation of the post adjustment system with a view to eliminating distortions and anomalies in the resulting levels of remuneration at the various duty stations and grade levels and thereby achieving an improved mechanism for adjusting United Nations remuneration to reflect more accurately the differences in the cost of living at the various duty stations and their evolution over time as a result of inflation and currency fluctuations, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

II

1. *Approves* the grading equivalency recommended by the Commission in paragraph 119 of its report to be used in comparing United States civil service and United Nations remuneration;

2. *Requests* the Commission to examine the possibility of establishing a contributory system of death grant benefits;

3. *Decides* that effective 1 January 1980 no staff member shall be entitled to any part of the repatriation grant unless evidence of relocation away from the country of the last duty station is provided;

³⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/34/30 and Corr.1).*

III

Decides that any staff member joining the United Nations Secretariat on or after 1 January 1980 shall not be entitled to receive reimbursement from the Tax Equalization Fund or otherwise for national income taxes paid on lump sum pension payments received from the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund; this decision will not affect staff members serving with the United Nations prior to 1 January 1980.

*106th plenary meeting
17 December 1979*

34/166. Review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision of 29 November 1974, taken at its twenty-ninth session, by which it established, as from 25 October 1973, standard rates of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries for pay and allowances of their troops serving in the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force,³⁵ and its decision 32/416 of 2 December 1977, by which it revised those rates of reimbursement as from 25 October 1977,

Recalling also its decision of 15 December 1975, taken at its thirtieth session, by which it approved the principle of reimbursing the troop-contributing States for the usage factor for personal clothing, gear and equipment,³⁶ and the related report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session establishing the rates therefor as from 25 October 1973,³⁷

Recalling further its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978, by which it applied the same standard rates of reimbursement payable to those Governments contributing troops to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon,

Recognizing that inflation and escalating troop costs have adversely affected in real terms the existing standard rates of reimbursement,

Requests the Secretary-General to study, in consultation with the States contributing troops to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, the existing standard rates of reimbursement, with a view to ensuring an equitable rate of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, and to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

*106th plenary meeting
17 December 1979*

34/219. Personnel questions

The General Assembly

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1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session:

(a) A detailed report outlining the basis on which the desirable ranges in effect in 1979 (posts subject to equitable geographical distribution) were established,

³⁵ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631 and Corr.2)*, p. 140, item 84.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034)*, p. 148, item 107.

³⁷ A/31/288.