

39/241. 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 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;*⁷⁷

2. *Concurs with the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in its report;*

3. *Refers to the organizations concerned the report of the Advisory Committee as well as the comments and observations made in the course of its consideration in the Fifth Committee;*⁷⁸

4. *Requests the Secretary-General to refer to the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, matters arising from the report of the Advisory Committee and from the related debate in the Fifth Committee that call for their attention and necessary action;*

5. *Transmits the report of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Auditors, the Panel of External Auditors, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the International Civil Service Commission and the Joint Inspection Unit for their information.*

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39/242. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

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ANNUAL REPORT

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities during the period 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984,⁷⁹ the work programme of the Unit for 1984⁸⁰ and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit,⁸¹

Recalling the fundamental role of the Joint Inspection Unit in the independent investigation and evaluation of activities undertaken by organizations for efficiency of services, proper use of funds and improved management and methods to achieve greater co-ordination between organizations,

Recalling further its resolution 38/229 of 20 December 1983,

1. *Takes note with appreciation of the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit;*

2. *Renews its invitation to United Nations organs to bear in mind, when considering reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, the importance of specific, clear decisions*

⁷⁷ A/39/592.

⁷⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Fifth Committee, 42nd, 46th and 52nd meetings.*

⁷⁹ *Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/39/34).*

⁸⁰ A/39/87, annex.

⁸¹ A/39/145 and Corr.1.

⁸² See A/39/239.

⁸³ A/39/239/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex.

⁸⁴ A/39/239/Add.2, annex.

on the recommendations contained in the Unit's reports for effective follow-up action by the Unit;

3. *Requests the Joint Inspection Unit, when preparing its annual programme of work, to concentrate, to the greatest extent possible, on those areas which are of greatest importance and relevance within the United Nations system;*

4. *Invites the Joint Inspection Unit to include in its annual report to the General Assembly on its programme of work, the basis for the selection of each study;*

5. *Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, together with the comments of the Secretary-General thereon, are provided on a regular basis to the appropriate subsidiary organs of the General Assembly for review;*

II

PUBLICATIONS POLICY AND PRACTICE IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on publications policy and practice in the United Nations system,⁸² the related comments of the Secretary-General⁸³ and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination⁸⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸⁵

1. *Concurs with the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General to implement these recommendations accordingly;*

III

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN AND MANAGEMENT OF LIBRARIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on co-operation between and management of libraries of the United Nations system,⁸⁶ the related comments of the Secretary-General⁸⁷ and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination⁸⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁸⁹

Taking into account the views expressed during the debate in the Fifth Committee,⁹⁰

1. *Concurs with the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General to implement these recommendations accordingly;*

IV

COMMON SERVICES OF UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS AT THE VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on common services of United Nations organizations at the Vienna International Centre,⁹¹ the related comments of the Secretary-General⁹² and the related report of the

⁸⁵ A/39/602.

⁸⁶ See A/39/299.

⁸⁷ A/39/299/Add.1, annex.

⁸⁸ A/39/299/Add.2 and Corr.1, annex.

⁸⁹ A/39/603.

⁹⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Fifth Committee, 26th, 31st, 35th, 38th and 53rd meetings.*

⁹¹ See A/39/520.

⁹² A/39/520/Add.1, annex.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁹³

1. *Concurs* with the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fortieth session a further report setting out his proposals to give effect to those recommendations.

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39/243. Staff and administrative questions of the Economic Commission for Western Asia

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/81 of 27 July 1984,

Deeply concerned about the high vacancy rate and difficulties in recruitment which have prevailed for a number of years in the regional commissions, particularly in the Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Convinced that the high vacancy rate has had a serious impact on the work programme of the Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recognizing that repeated efforts have been made by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Western Asia to find qualified staff from unrepresented or underrepresented States in the region covered by the Commission, but that the difficulties still persist in the recruitment of such staff,

Recognizing also the importance of knowledge of the Arabic language by the staff of the Economic Commission for Western Asia for the effective performance of their work,

1. *Urges* unrepresented and underrepresented States to endeavour to encourage competent personnel to work in the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Western Asia as staff members on a regular or fixed-term basis;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to enable the Economic Commission for Western Asia to recruit staff from any State member of the Commission to meet its personnel requirements;

3. *Decides* that all members of the Economic Commission for Western Asia should be treated in a manner consistent with their full membership in the Commission in regard to employment in the secretariat of the Commission.

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39/244. Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/212 of 17 December 1980, 36/232 of 18 December 1981, 37/236 of 21 December 1982 and 38/230 of 20 December 1983,

Recalling that, under Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, officials of the Organization shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Member States such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Organization,

⁹³ A/39/733.

which is indispensable for the proper discharge of their duties,

Recalling the obligation of the staff in the conduct of their duty to observe fully the laws and regulations of Member States,

1. *Takes note with concern* of the report submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General on behalf of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁹⁴ which shows a continuing neglect of the observance of the principles related to respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations;

2. *Reaffirms* the above-mentioned resolutions;

3. *Welcomes* the measures already taken by the Secretary-General in furtherance of the safety and security of international civil servants, as outlined in paragraph 7 of his report,⁹⁴

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, as chief administrative officer of the Organization, to continue personally to act as the focal point in promoting and ensuring the observance of the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations by using all such means as are available to him;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General to give priority, through the United Nations Security Co-ordinator and the other special representatives, to the reporting and prompt follow-up of cases of arrest, detention and other possible matters relating to the security of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations;

6. *Calls upon* the staff of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies and related organizations to comply with the obligations arising from the Staff Regulations of the United Nations, in particular regulation 1.8, and from the equivalent provisions governing the staff of the other agencies;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to review and appraise the measures already taken to enhance the safety and protection of international civil servants and to modify them where necessary;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to suggest in his next annual report to the General Assembly further steps designed to alleviate the present situation.

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39/245. Composition of the Secretariat

The General Assembly,

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Recalling its previous resolutions on personnel policy and in particular resolutions 33/143 of 20 December 1978, 35/210 of 17 December 1980, 37/235 of 21 December 1982 and 38/231 of 20 December 1983,

Bearing in mind Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations which states that "The paramount consideration in the employment of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity. Due regard shall be paid to the

⁹⁴ A/C.5/39/17