

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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48/220. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/215 of 23 December 1992,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General²³ and the relevant recommendations contained in his report A/48/565 and Corr.1,

Recognizing the need for a continuing dialogue at the intergovernmental level to analyse possible solutions for the improvement of the financial situation of the Organization,

1. *Reaffirms* the obligation of Member States to pay assessed contributions promptly and in full;

2. *Recognizes* that non-payment of assessed contributions in full and on time has damaged and continues to damage the ability of the Organization to implement its activities effectively;

3. *Decides* to continue consideration of this item and, *inter alia*, the above-mentioned reports, at its resumed forty-eighth session.

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48/221. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions, in particular resolution 47/201 of 22 December 1992, and decision 46/446 of 20 December 1991,

Having considered the annual reports of the Joint Inspection Unit for the periods 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991,²⁴ 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992,²⁵ and 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993,²⁶ and its work programmes for the related periods,²⁷ as well as the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit²⁸ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁹

Expressing its appreciation to the Joint Inspection Unit for the measures taken with regard to improving its programming methods, increasing its productivity and enhancing its performance,

Stressing the importance of timely substantive consideration of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit by Member States and the participating organizations, especially those organizations which have been inspected,

Emphasizing the need for greater management efficiency, transparency and coordination on the part of the participating organizations within the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, the only independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

Recognizing the need to give adequate means to the Joint Inspection Unit in order to enable it to carry out its functions,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities during the period 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993,²⁶ of its work programme for 1993,³⁰ and of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit;³¹

2. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit to study carefully all problems arising during the start-up phase of peace-keeping operations;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Joint Inspection Unit aimed at improving its programming methods, output and quality of work, and requests it to continue its efforts to comply with the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²⁹ and that it report thereon to the General Assembly;

4. *Invites* the Joint Inspection Unit, in its future work programmes, to put more emphasis on inspection and evaluation to ensure optimum use of funds in order to enhance the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations system;

5. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit, when appropriate, to provide in its reports information on estimated financial implications or possible cost-savings resulting from implementation of the recommendations formulated therein;

6. *Calls upon* the Joint Inspection Unit to follow up on the implementation of its recommendations and to include the relevant information regularly in its annual reports;

7. *Also invites* the Joint Inspection Unit to maintain a close relationship with the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the International Civil Service Commission, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Board of Auditors, the Panel of External Auditors and organizations and bodies within the United Nations system in order to ensure greater and more cost-effective coordination of their respective activities for the promotion of management efficiency, greater accountability and transparency of the United Nations and other participating organizations;

8. *Requests* the executive heads of the participating organizations to increase their efforts to make detailed and

timely comments on Joint Inspection Unit reports and to ensure that their governing bodies consider these reports;

9. *Calls upon* the executive heads of the participating organizations concerned to ensure that Joint Inspection Unit recommendations approved by their governing bodies are implemented and to report thereon;

10. *Recognizes* the need to enhance the contribution of the Joint Inspection Unit to the management efficiency and transparency of the organizations within the United Nations system;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to include in the report called for in its decision 47/454 of 23 December 1992 and to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session proposals regarding the procedures for selecting Inspectors, with a view to improving the selection process, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution;³²

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the participating organizations, without prejudice to article 20 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, to consider providing the Unit with extrabudgetary resources and programme support funds for specific activities of inspection, evaluation and investigation in those areas which are linked to those resources;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Joint Inspection Unit to study and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on means by which the Unit could enhance its inspection and evaluation of specific fields of activities, such as peace-keeping operations, humanitarian assistance, operational activities for development and technical and financial matters;

14. *Requests* the governing bodies of all the participating organizations and programmes, when considering reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, particularly those having financial implications, to keep the Unit informed;

15. *Decides* to keep under review some of the proposals of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in paragraph 40 of its annual report;²⁶

16. *Notes* the preliminary work programme of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1994-1995 and beyond.³³

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48/222. Pattern of conferences

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences,³⁴

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, 46/190 of 20 December 1991 and 47/202 A to C of 22 December 1992,

1. *Approves* the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 1994-1995 as submitted and amended by the Committee on Conferences;³⁵

2. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make adjustments in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1994 that may become necessary as a result of action and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

3. *Invites* the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to increase their efforts to rationalize their meeting and documentation requirements with a view to reducing them to the maximum extent possible;

4. *Also invites* the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider dispensing with summary records;

5. *Welcomes* the decision of the Committee on Conferences to continue to monitor the conference services provided to organs and programmes not funded from the regular budget of the United Nations with a view to identifying cost savings;

6. *Endorses* the efforts of the Committee on Conferences to improve the utilization of conference-servicing resources, and takes note of the Committee's decision in paragraph 23 of its report to raise the benchmark figure to 80 per cent, pending further analysis of the expanded methodology;

7. *Welcomes* the decision of the Committee on Conferences to continue the experimental methodology in respect of the utilization of conference-servicing resources, and requests the Secretariat to expand the information presented to include analyses of trends and figures on the utilization of conference-servicing capacity;

8. *Endorses* the decision of the Committee on Conferences to request its Chairman to consult on its behalf with the chairmen of organs concerned, where the utilization factor is lower than the established benchmark figure applicable for the last three sessions, and requests the Committee to report the results of the consultations to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

9. *Urges* those bodies whose utilization factor is below the applicable benchmark figure for the last three sessions to review and consider reducing the amount of conference-servicing resources requested;

10. *Recommends* that the measures to ensure optimum utilization of conference services contained in annex II to the report of the Committee on Conferences be implemented, as applicable, by all subsidiary organs in order to achieve the most efficient and effective use of conference-servicing resources;

11. *Requests* the chairmen of the relevant organs and subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly to propose to Member States, at the beginning of each session, the adoption of time-limits for speakers;

12. *Welcomes* the decision of the Committee on Conferences to play an informational role *vis-à-vis* subsidiary organs,