

(subject to the Staff Assessment Plan provided in staff regulation 3.3 and to post adjustments wherever applied) and, if otherwise eligible, shall receive the allowances which are available to staff members generally.

"Annex I, paragraph 2

"The Secretary-General is authorized, on the basis of appropriate justification and/or reporting, to make additional payments to Under-Secretaries-General and Assistant Secretaries-General to compensate for such special costs as may be reasonably incurred, in the interest of the Organization, in the performance of duties assigned to them by the Secretary-General. The maximum total amount of such payments is to be determined in the annual budget by the General Assembly".

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2370 (XXII). United Nations regular budget

The General Assembly,

Recalling that in paragraph 68 of its second report⁴² the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies expressed the view that further development and application by the United Nations family of organizations of an integrated system of long-term planning on a programmed basis is an essential ingredient in improving their programming and budgetary processes and ensuring throughout the United Nations system the most rational use of available resources,

Recalling further that in paragraph 73 of its second report the *Ad Hoc* Committee formulated precise recommendations to reach the objective indicated in paragraph 68, by taking into account the priority needs of Member States, the over-all capability of the Organization and the probable financial costs to Member States and that, in accordance with Articles 22 and 62 of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolutions pertinent thereto, the several programme-formulating bodies of the United Nations were especially charged to study, report and make recommendations to the General Assembly in their respective areas of competence,

Recalling further that in paragraph 26 of its second report the *Ad Hoc* Committee recommended that:

"The heads of the organizations should transmit preliminary and approximate estimates to the bodies responsible for examining the budget early enough to enable them to consider the main items of the budget well in advance of formal presentation and to make comments and suggestions thereon in good time. This could be done about one year before the date on which the legislative bodies of the organizations are required to give their final approval to the budget",

Considering General Assembly resolution 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966, adopted unanimously, in which the Assembly urged that the recommendations and comments contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee be given the most attentive consideration by Member States and by the United Nations organs and related bodies with a view to the earliest implementation of the recommendations,

⁴² *Ibid.*, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/6343.

Noting that the Secretary-General in his foreword to the budget estimates for the financial year 1968⁴³ directed attention to the fact that renewed emphasis had been placed on the need for basic measures to ensure greater efficiency and real value for money and to the necessity of reconciling work programmes with resources,

Recognizing that it is essential to the sound management and orderly development of the United Nations and to the effective implementation of its programmes that the Secretary-General communicate in advance to the General Assembly preliminary and approximate estimates for succeeding budgets in order to enable the Assembly to act thereon,

1. *Invites* the programme-formulating bodies of the United Nations, including the Economic and Social Council and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 2 below and in consultation with the Secretary-General, to develop their own processes to carry out at the earliest possible date a system of long-term planning and programme formulation, within their respective fields of competence, taking into account the recommendations in paragraph 73 of the second report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies;

2. *Decides* that the Secretary-General, taking into account all the actions of the programme-formulating bodies, including the Economic and Social Council and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, shall suggest to the General Assembly at each regular session a planning estimate for the United Nations regular budget estimates for the second succeeding budgetary period (henceforth referred to as the forecast period); this planning estimate for the forecast period shall be reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and transmitted, together with its comments and recommendations, to the General Assembly no later than 1 December; the Assembly shall consider the planning estimate suggested by the Secretary-General and the comments and recommendations thereon of the Advisory Committee and shall at the same session approve a planning estimate for the forecast period;

3. *Decides further* that the Secretary-General shall then construct the United Nations regular budget estimates for the forecast period, guided by the planning estimate approved by the General Assembly; all organs of the United Nations and their subsidiary bodies financed from the United Nations regular budget are requested to co-operate with the Secretary-General and to be guided by the planning estimate;

4. *Requests* that the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, review the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and take any steps required to bring them into conformity with the procedure set out above;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit for consideration to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session an integrated schedule of meetings for the various bodies responsible for carrying out the several parts of an integrated system of programming and budgeting;

⁴³ *Ibid.*, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/6705 and Corr.1).

6. *Further requests*, bearing in mind the above intent with respect to the planning estimates, that the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in consultation with the Secretary-General, recommend for consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-third session an appropriate definition of "unforeseen and extraordinary expenses", together with a resolution—and such other action as may be appropriate—to cope with the interrelated problems identified in paragraph 73 of its first report to the

Assembly at its twenty-second session,⁴⁴ and in chapter III of the second report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, especially those recommendations relating to transfers and supplementary estimates found in paragraphs 35 to 46 thereof;

7. *Decides further* that the first planning estimate shall be considered and approved for the forecast year 1971.

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⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (A/6707 and Corr.1-3).

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Other decisions

Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters XIV (section VI) and XV to XVII) (Item 12)

At its 1633rd plenary meeting, on 15 December 1967, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Fifth Committee.⁴⁵

Budget estimates for the financial year 1968 (Item 74)

At its 1642nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 1967, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Fifth Committee contained in paragraph 90 of its report.⁴⁶

Personnel questions: composition of the Secretariat (Item 82 (a))

At its 1642nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 1967, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 38 of the report of the Fifth Committee.⁴⁷

Personnel questions: other personnel questions (Item 82 (b))

At its 1642nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 1967, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁴⁸ took note of the note by the Secretary-General.⁴⁹

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/6963.

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 74, document A/7014.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, agenda item 82, document A/7001.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, para 45.

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/6877.