

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Fund for Area Planning and Development, Inc., for the considerable financial outlay and the time and effort devoted to the feasibility study it has made regarding the acquisition and development for possible use by the United Nations of the area located south of the Headquarters site and east of First Avenue, and for the excellence of the technical presentation of proposed construction plans;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed, at an estimated cost to the United Nations of \$250,000 in 1969, with the preparation of detailed plans and specifications on which reliable cost estimates could be based and to report on the result to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in formulating his further proposals, to take into account projected space requirements at Headquarters beyond 1976 and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the problem of accommodation at Headquarters considered in the over-all context of the development of the United Nations during the next twenty years and the disposition of staff during this period in relation to available and potential accommodation in New York, Geneva or at United Nations offices in other localities.

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21 December 1968.*

2488 (XXIII). Plans for the extension of conference facilities at the Palais des Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General⁵⁰ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵¹ concerning changes in the programme for the extension of conference facilities at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, approved under General Assembly resolution 2246 (XXI) of 20 December 1966,

1. *Approves* the revisions in the programme for the extension of the Palais des Nations as set out in the reports of the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as well as the proposals for financing the entire programme, as modified, at a construction cost not to exceed \$US 22 million;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the execution of the revised programme;

3. *Decides* that the schedule of annual budget instalments contained in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2246 (XXI) shall be amended as follows:

| | <i>Annual instalment (US dollars)</i> |
|----------------------------------|---|
| For the years 1967 to 1970 | 1,000,000 |
| For the years 1971 to 1974 | 1,500,000 |
| For the years 1975 to 1981 | 1,860,000 |
| For the year 1982 | 1,830,000 |
| Instead of: | |
| For the years 1967 to 1974 | 1,000,000 |
| For the years 1975 to 1979 | 1,500,000 |
| For the year 1980 | 495,000 |

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1179.

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, document A/7337.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions informed of developments in the progress of the extension programme and to report annually to the General Assembly on this matter until the new construction is completed.

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2489 (XXIII). Expenses to be incurred by the United Nations in respect of individuals or groups of experts appointed by organs or subsidiary organs for the performance of special *ad hoc* tasks

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision by resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 on the payment by the United Nations of travel and subsistence costs in respect of members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, as well as its endorsement at the 1082nd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1961,⁵² of the recommendation by the Fifth Committee regarding the rules governing the payment of honoraria to such members,⁵³

Considering that additional rules are called for to govern such payments to individuals appointed by organs or subsidiary organs to undertake in their personal capacity the performance of special studies or other *ad hoc* tasks on behalf of the bodies involved,

1. *Reaffirms* the basic principles governing the payment of travel and subsistence costs of members of organs and subsidiary organs as laid down in General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII);

2. *Reaffirms* the basic principles adopted at its 1082nd plenary meeting governing the payment of honoraria to such persons, according to which neither a fee nor any other remuneration in addition to subsistence allowances at the standard rate shall normally be paid to members of organs or subsidiary organs;

3. *Decides* that the following additional rules shall become effective as from 1 January 1969:

(a) A clear distinction shall be drawn between:

- (i) Individuals appointed by organs or subsidiary organs to undertake in their personal capacity the performance of special studies or other *ad hoc* tasks on behalf of the bodies involved;
- (ii) Experts or consultants appointed by the Secretary-General to assist him in the performance of special studies or other *ad hoc* tasks entrusted to the Secretariat;

(b) Cases falling under category (i) above shall be governed by the rules established by the General Assembly in its resolution 1798 (XVII) on the payment of travel and subsistence costs of members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations and the decision taken by the General Assembly at its sixteenth session on the payment of honoraria, namely, that neither a fee nor any other remuneration in addition to travel expenses and a subsistence allowance at the standard rate shall normally be payable;

(c) If a fee or remuneration is proposed by way of exception to the established rules, the decision shall invariably be taken by the General Assembly after prior examination by the Fifth Committee of any

⁵² *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Plenary Meetings, 1082nd meeting, para. 7.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 54, document A/5005, para. 10.