

other bodies, may be reproduced *in extenso* in summary records or as official documents only if they serve as bases for discussion, provided that the relevant decision is taken by the body concerned after a statement of the financial implications has been submitted in accordance with regulation 13.1 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

(f) Each report on the administrative and financial implications of a proposal for a non-recurrent report to be submitted in accordance with financial regulation 13.1 shall be prepared in accordance with the following rules:

- (i) It shall set forth the nature of the document, the possible number of pages, and the type and number of copies to be printed;
- (ii) It shall state how much time will be required to reproduce the requested document in all the working languages;
- (iii) It shall indicate whether there is any previous publication on the same subject in the organizations in the United Nations system which would duplicate or substantially overlap the proposed publication;
- (iv) Where, in the light of discussion, delegations consider a particular report so useful that it should be printed and bound, the report on administrative and financial implications shall state the cost incurred in preparing the mimeographed version, including drafting costs, and the estimated cost of the proposed new edition;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to widen the existing practice of soliciting bids for external printing of publications of the United Nations from all Member States;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a short document setting forth in clear terms the policies laid down by the General Assembly regarding the control and limitation of documentation and to make this document available to members prior to each session of a council, board, commission, committee or other body;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution and to include in his report:

(a) Any reasons he might have for not implementing the recommendations and suggestions referred to in paragraph 2 above;

(b) The information requested in paragraph 5 above;

(c) Any complementary recommendations that he might deem appropriate.

*1829th plenary meeting,
11 December 1969.*

2539 (XXIV). Composition of the Secretariat

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2480 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968,

Taking note of the Secretary-General's report on the composition of the Secretariat,²⁹

²⁹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 83, document A/7745.

Reaffirming the need for an equitable geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat as between regions, and within each region, in particular at the level of senior posts, and the need for a better linguistic balance in the Secretariat,

Desirous that the principles and factors enunciated in its resolution 1852 (XVII) of 19 December 1962 be adequately reflected in the existing system of desirable ranges,

Recognizing that long-term service is conducive to greater efficiency in certain posts entailing complex duties and responsibilities,

I

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to achieve a better geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat at all levels, bearing in mind the requirements of the Charter of the United Nations of efficiency, competence and integrity;

2. *Renews* its invitation to the Secretary-General to give preference to nationals from countries not yet represented or inadequately represented, either in the Secretariat as a whole or specifically at the senior level, in particular with respect to appointments to higher posts;

3. *Requests* that the information included in the reports of the Secretary-General relating to geographical distribution of the staff of the United Nations Development Programme and the staff of the United Nations Children's Fund should reflect the position at the regional as well as the country level;

4. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's intention to prepare a long-term plan of recruitment as a means of accelerating the achievement of an equitable geographical distribution of the staff;³⁰

II

Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to achieve a better linguistic balance within the Secretariat.

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11 December 1969.*

2540 (XXIV). Amendments to the Staff Rules of the United Nations

The General Assembly

Takes note of the changes made by the Secretary-General in the Staff Rules in the year ending on 31 August 1969, as set forth in his note to the Fifth Committee.³¹

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11 December 1969.*

2541 (XXIV). International salary system

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of that part of the report of the International Civil Service Advisory Board on its seventeenth session which is concerned with the principles underlying the international salary system;³²

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the progress made by the Board in the examination of the matters mentioned therein.

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³⁰ *Ibid.*, para. 28 (d).

³¹ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1239.

³² *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1240, annex.