

JAPAN, NIGER, NIGERIA, PERU, POLAND, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly confirmed those nominations.

2744 (XXV). Programme of major maintenance of and improvements to the Palais des Nations and extension of the Palais des Nations

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General dealing with the programme of major maintenance of and improvements to the Palais des Nations, Geneva,⁴⁴ as well as his report on the extension of the Palais des Nations;⁴⁵

2. *Approves* the programme of major maintenance of and improvements to the Palais des Nations as set out in the Secretary-General's report and the provisions relating to the repayment of the loan appearing in that report,⁴⁶ as well as the measures concerning the extension of the Palais des Nations provided in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.⁴⁷

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2745 (XXV). United Nations accommodation in Bangkok and Addis Ababa

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Secretary-General dealing with United Nations accommodation in Bangkok⁴⁸ and Addis Ababa⁴⁹ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁵⁰

2. *Accepts with gratitude* the generous offers of the Governments of the host countries;⁵¹

3. *Concurs* in the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee;⁵²

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, bearing in mind those observations and recommendations, to proceed in accordance with the proposals contained in his reports;⁵³

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly annually on the progress made in the construction of the two projects.

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⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 73, document A/C.5/1332.

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1331.

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1332, para. 30.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 A (A/8008/Add.1-15), document A/8008/Add.8, para. 30.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 73, document A/C.5/1325; A/C.5/1325/Add.1.

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1328; A/C.5/1328/Add.1.

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 A (A/8008/Add.1-15), document A/8008/Add.12.

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 73, documents A/C.5/1325, para. 21 (b), and A/C.5/1328, para. 17 (b).

⁵² *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 A (A/8008/Add.1-15), document A/8008/Add.12, paras. 27-36.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 73, documents A/C.5/1325, paras. 21 and 22, and A/C.5/1328, paras. 17 and 18.

2746 (XXV). United Nations building in Santiago, Chile

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General dealing with the programme of modification and improvement of existing premises and the proposed construction of an additional office building in Santiago, Chile,⁵⁴ as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁵⁵

2. *Concurs* in the recommendations of the Advisory Committee as set out in its report;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to carry forward into 1971 the unencumbered balance of the funds provided in 1970 for the programme of modification and improvement of the existing United Nations building in Santiago, and for the preparation of preliminary plans and cost estimates for the proposed additional office building.

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2747 (XXV). Work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 2618 (XXIV) of 17 December 1969, in which it requested the Secretary-General to reconstitute and convene on a regular basis the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations, so that there would be a continuous interchange of views and exploration of problems among the diplomatic community, the Secretariat and the Government of the host country on matters of mutual interest, and to report the results thereof to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session and annually thereafter,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee;⁵⁶

Noting that the Committee has provided a forum for an airing of views on a variety of matters of interest to Member States,

Welcoming the ratification by the Government of the host country of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,

Considering that the Committee should continue and intensify its consideration of matters of concern to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations and to the host country,

Considering further that a systematic review of the privileges, immunities and conditions of life of diplomatic and Secretariat personnel in New York should now be carried out,

Having heard the views expressing deep concern about the relations between the host country and the diplomatic missions accredited to the United Nations,

Having noted that certain measures have been taken by the Government of the host country and by the City of New York to deal with matters of concern to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations and that assurances have been given by the host country with respect to the future,

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1349.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 8 A (A/8008/Add.1-15), document A/8008/Add.13.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 73, document A/C.5/1319.

1. *Urges* that the Government of the host country make certain that the measures taken to ensure the protection and security of diplomatic missions and their diplomatic personnel are adequate to enable Permanent Missions to the United Nations to perform properly the functions entrusted to them by their Governments;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations in January 1971 and thereafter as frequently as appropriate in order that it may be in a position to examine carefully the matters specified in its terms of reference⁵⁷ and to seek solutions to problems which fall within the broad context of relations with the host country;

3. *Recommends* that the Committee undertake a systematic consideration of the implementation of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,⁵⁸ as well as conditions of life and obligations of members of Permanent Missions to the United Nations;

4. *Authorizes* the Committee to maintain and circulate summary records of its proceedings;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee, to report in a comprehensive manner to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session on the status of the work of the Committee with particular reference to the extent to which existing problems have been solved.

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2748 (XXV). Harmonization and growth of programmes and budgets in the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2617 (XXIV) of 17 December 1969, in which the Secretary-General was requested to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session an economic and financial analysis of the nature of the increase in the activities, staff and budget of the United Nations, clearly distinguishing between the increase in money terms and that in real terms, and also taking into account, *inter alia*, the rise in the contributions to the regular budgets of the specialized agencies,

⁵⁷ Approved by the Committee at its first meeting on 6 April 1966.

⁵⁸ Resolution 169 (II) of 31 October 1947.

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on the subject,⁵⁹

Convinced that, in the year of the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations and on the threshold of the Second United Nations Development Decade, it would be appropriate for Member States to reaffirm their financial commitment to the Organization,

1. *Takes note* of the study prepared by the Secretary-General;⁵⁹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine the possibility of preparing in due course additional data relevant to General Assembly resolution 2617 (XXIV);

3. *Recognizes*, on the basis of the present study, that a large share of the growth in money terms has been applied for additional expenses in connexion with increases in the membership of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, increases in the number of working languages, a general rise in the cost of goods and services and the maintenance of existing establishments;

4. *Considers* that, as a consequence of the adoption of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,⁶⁰ it is desirable that there should be a suitable growth in the activities undertaken by the United Nations system;

5. *Considers* it therefore important to achieve a better harmonization of the programming and budgetary policies in the United Nations system through the establishment of closer links between the action of bodies dealing with substantive issues and those dealing with financial and budgetary questions, *inter alia*, with a view to achieving a more rational and more effective use of the resources that Member States put at the disposal of the United Nations system;

6. *Urges* the Governments of all Member States, in accordance with their relative capacity to pay, to consider devoting an increasing level of resources to the budgets and voluntary programmes of the United Nations system, on the basis of established programme requirements, in order to enable the organizations of that system to continue their present activities in a more effective way and to undertake new activities for the benefit of the world community as a whole;

7. *Also urges* the Governments of all Member States, in a spirit of renewed dedication to the United Nations and the principles embodied in the Charter, to maintain continuity in their contributions to the regular budgets of the organizations of the United Nations system, without detriment to increasing contributions to the various voluntary programmes and funds.

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⁵⁹ A/C.5/1307.

⁶⁰ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

Other decisions

Report of the Economic and Social Council

(Item 12)

At its 1932nd plenary meeting, on 16 December 1970, the General Assembly took note of chapters XII and XIII (sections A, B and E) of the report of the Economic and Social Council.⁶¹

⁶¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8003 and Corr.1).