

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).