

based on gross annual salaries as a result of decisions taken by the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* that, with effect from 1 December 1971, the salary of the Secretary-General shall be \$62,500 gross (\$37,850 net) per annum;

2. *Decides further* that the provisions relating to the retirement allowance of the Secretary-General shall henceforth be as follows:

(a) On retirement on the completion of a full term of office, the annual retirement allowance of the Secretary-General shall be one half of the gross salary;

(b) In the event of the Secretary-General's retirement before the completion of the full term of his appointment, he shall be provided with a retirement allowance equal to one half of the full allowance if he has served at least one year, but less than two years; for longer periods, the retirement allowance shall increase by one eighth of the full allowance for each completed year of service beyond one year until reaching its full level on the completion of five years of service;

(c) (i) If the Secretary-General should die in office, his widow shall receive a pension equal to one half of the retirement allowance to which the Secretary-General would have been entitled had he retired on the date of his death; in no case shall the widow's pension be less than one half of the retirement allowance which would have been payable to the Secretary-General after one year of service;

(ii) If the Secretary-General should die while he is in receipt of a retirement allowance, his widow shall receive a pension equal to one half of that retirement allowance;

(iii) If the Secretary-General should die while in office or while he is in receipt of a retirement allowance, benefits equal to those provided for in the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund shall be paid to his surviving children or secondary dependants;

(iv) The conditions under which the benefits listed in (i), (ii) and (iii) above will be payable shall be consistent with those applicable to such benefits when they are paid by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

(d) The provisions contained in appendix D of the Staff Rules of the United Nations shall be applicable *mutatis mutandis* in the event of death, injury or illness of the Secretary-General attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of the United Nations.

*1997th plenary meeting,
29 November 1971.*

2797 (XXVI). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions

A

The General Assembly

Appoints the following person as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a period beginning on 1 January 1972 and ending on 31 December 1973:
Mr. David L. Stottlemeyer.

*2015th plenary meeting,
13 December 1971.*

B

The General Assembly

Appoints the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1972:

Mr. Joseph Quao Cleland,
Mr. Abdulrahim Abby Farah,
Mr. Angus J. Matheson,
Mr. David Silveira da Mota,
Miss Kathleen Whalley.

*2015th plenary meeting,
13 December 1971.*

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As a result of the above appointments, the Committee on Contributions will be composed as follows: Mr. Amjad ALI (Pakistan), Mr. Joseph Quao CLELAND (Ghana), Mr. Abdulrahim Abby FARAH (Somalia), Mr. Angus J. MATHESON (Canada), Mr. Santiago MEYER PICÓN (Mexico), Mr. Takeshi NAITO (Japan), Mr. Stanislaw RACZKOWSKI (Poland), Mr. David SILVEIRA DA MOTA (Brazil), Mr. David L. STOTTELMYER (United States of America), Mr. Maurice VIAUD (France), Miss Kathleen WHALLEY (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Mr. A. V. ZAKHAROV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

2798 (XXVI). Enlargement of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: amendment to rule 157 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971 on the restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to increase the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions from twelve to thirteen members;

2. *Decides* to amend, with effect from 1 January 1972, rule 157 of its rules of procedure to read as follows:

"Rule 157¹³

"The General Assembly shall appoint an Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (hereinafter called the 'Advisory Committee'), with a membership of thirteen, including at least three financial experts of recognized standing."

*2015th plenary meeting,
13 December 1971.*

2834 (XXVI). Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Aware that the increasing number of conferences and meetings is one of the causes of the growth in the budget and in documentation,

1. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's report on the pattern of conferences;¹⁴

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session the

¹³ Formerly rule 156 (see resolution 2837 (XXVI), annex I, para. 9).

¹⁴ A/8448 and Add.1.

study called for under the terms of paragraph 6 (b) of its resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 and to include in the study consideration of other locations;

3. *Decides* to continue in force for 1972 the provisions of paragraph 9 of resolution 2609 (XXIV) relating to the pattern of conferences;

4. *Approves* the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1972, as submitted by the Secretary-General in his report;¹⁵

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session a calendar of conferences for 1973 and a preliminary calendar for 1974;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to include in the study to be undertaken in accordance with paragraph 6 (b) of resolution 2609 (XXIV) an assessment of possible measures to ensure that the pattern of conferences is organized on the most effective and efficient basis.

*2023rd plenary meeting,
17 December 1971.*

2836 (XXVI). Publications and documentation of the United Nations¹⁶

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 593 (VI) of 4 February 1952, 789 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, 1202 (XII) and 1203 (XII) of 13 December 1957, 1272 (XIII) of 14 November 1958, 1851 (XVII) of 19 December 1962, 1987 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966, 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, 2361 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2478 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 and 2732 (XXV) of 16 December 1970,

Having considered part A of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,¹⁷ section IX of the report of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly¹⁸ and the comments of the Secretary-General¹⁹ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁰

Welcoming the action taken by the Economic and Social Council, in section III of resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971, to improve the effectiveness and reduce the volume of its documentation,

Expressing its appreciation to the Joint Inspection Unit and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for their reports,

Convinced that the control and limitation of United Nations documentation is necessary for the effective and economical operation of the Organization,

1. *Takes note* of part A, relating to documentation, of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, and the related comments of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and section IX, relating to documentation, of the report of the Special Committee on the Ration-

alization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reduce in 1972 the volume of documentation originating in the Secretariat, other than meetings records, by 15 per cent over-all, compared with the volume of such documentation in 1970 and, to that end, to take such administrative action as may be necessary, including the establishment of departmental quotas, to achieve that target;

3. *Decides* that the reports submitted to it by its subsidiary organs, by its Main Committees, by the Trade and Development Board and by the Industrial Development Board shall be drafted on the basis of the following principles:

(a) The reports should be action-oriented and concise and should contain precise information confined to a description of the work done by the organ concerned, to the conclusions it has reached, to its decisions and to the recommendations made to the General Assembly;

(b) Introductions containing background information should, as far as possible, be confined to matters of substance rather than procedure and should contain only what it is essential to bring to the notice of the General Assembly;

(c) The account of the deliberations should be concise and should be supplemented, as necessary, by cross-references to the summary records;

(d) Texts available in easily accessible documents should not be incorporated in or annexed to the report;

(e) Texts which are not easily accessible should not be annexed when their substance can reasonably be incorporated in the main body of the report;

(f) Participants should not be listed by name, unless they are serving in their individual capacity;

(g) Where appropriate, reports should include a summary of the proposals, conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

4. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to request its subsidiary bodies to follow the principles set forth in paragraph 3 above when preparing their reports to the Council;

5. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board and the Industrial Development Board to adopt decisions for the control of their documentation, applying *mutatis mutandis* the guidelines set out in section III of Economic and Social Council resolution 1623 (LI);

6. *Invites* the Security Council to implement recommendation 7 contained in part A, section IX, of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;

7. *Invites* the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council, the Trade and Development Board and the Industrial Development Board to adopt decisions containing provisions similar to those in paragraph 10 (b) of General Assembly resolution 2538 (XXIV);

8. *Decides* that for the purposes of paragraph 10 (b) of resolution 2538 (XXIV) the term "summary records" shall mean any meetings records that are prepared by *précis*-writers and/or translators;

9. *Requests* all its Main Committees, when considering items on their agenda which involve the submission of annual reports of subsidiary organs or of the Secretary-General, to review whether such reports can be submitted at less frequent intervals;

¹⁵ A/8448/Add.1, annex I; see also A/8448/Add.2.

¹⁶ See also resolution 2837 (XXVI), annex II, sect. VIII.

¹⁷ See A/8319 and Corr.1.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/8426).*

¹⁹ See A/8488.

²⁰ A/8532 and Corr.1 and 2.