

1. *Decides* to defer until the twenty-seventh session the question of new construction and major alterations at United Nations Headquarters;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a detailed and comprehensive study of the situation created by the shortage of space at Headquarters, including the prospects of executing the project referred to in General Assembly resolution 2618 (XXIV), and to submit a report to the Assembly at its twenty-seventh session, together with the concrete proposals and recommendations he might consider appropriate to meet that situation in the light of any new development;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session, in a detailed and comprehensive manner, the studies mentioned in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of resolution 2618 (XXIV), which were to have been submitted at the twenty-sixth session.

2031st plenary meeting,
22 December 1971.

2896 (XXVI). Mural commemorating the World Youth Assembly

The General Assembly,

Considering that the World Youth Assembly, held within the framework of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, recognized the important role that youth should play in the world,

Taking into account that youth constitutes more than half the population of the world,

Recognizing that the World Youth Assembly served a most useful purpose in bringing together the youth from nearly all the countries of the world, irrespective of the political or ideological systems to which those countries belonged,

Noting that the World Youth Assembly paved the way for a better understanding among youth designed to contribute to efforts for bringing about peace, justice and progress in the world,

1. *Decides* that a mural shall be painted at United Nations Headquarters to commemorate the World Youth Assembly;

2. *Decides* that the cost of such a mural shall be financed from the surplus voluntary funds of the World Youth Assembly, within the maximum amount of \$10,000.

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22 December 1971.

2897 (XXVI). Review and reappraisal of United Nations information policies and activities

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review and reappraisal of United Nations information policies and activities,⁵¹ the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵² and the relevant statements made

in the Fifth Committee by the representatives of the Secretary-General,

Reaffirming its resolutions 13 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 595 (VI) of 4 February 1952 and subsequent resolutions on public information in the United Nations,

Bearing in mind that various United Nations bodies make recommendations on policy guidelines related to information in their area of concern,

Reaffirming the importance of United Nations information centres as appropriate instruments for informing the peoples of the world about the Organization's objectives and activities,

Stressing the need for maintaining central control and direction in the implementation of information policies and guidelines,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the review and reappraisal of United Nations information policies and activities;

2. *Decides* that the basic principles laid down in General Assembly resolution 13 (I) and confirmed in resolution 595 (VI) do not need to be revised, amended or enlarged and that they should continue to be applied, subject to such directives as the Assembly has already given or may give from time to time;

3. *Approves* the Secretary-General's proposals for the acquisition and replacement of equipment for 1972, as set out in annex I of the addendum to his report,⁵³ and decides to consider at the twenty-seventh session the balance of the Secretary-General's programme of future acquisition and replacement;

4. *Endorses* the proposals contained in subparagraphs 261 (iii), (iv), (viii), (x), (xii) and (xiv) of the Secretary-General's report;⁵⁴

5. *Approves in principle* the Secretary-General's proposal on the establishment of a regional production bureau⁵⁵ and decides to consider all aspects of its implementation at the twenty-seventh session;

6. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1405 (XIV) of 1 December 1959, should review the composition of the Consultative Panel on Public Information to ensure that it reflects the present situation in the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to convene the Panel before the twenty-seventh session to advise him on the information policies and activities of the United Nations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ascertain the publicity and promotional needs of the various bodies of the United Nations which undertake universal causes approved by the General Assembly, in order that those needs may be taken into account when considering the budgetary requirements for the Office of Public Information for 1973 and subsequent years;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint to the United Nations information centres highly qualified Professional staff in the field of information, who should give their undivided attention to the dissemination of information and the building of public support for United Nations activities, particularly in the economic, social and political fields;

⁵¹ A/C.5/1320/Rev.1 and Add.1.

⁵² Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8 A (A/8408/Add.1-30), document A/8408/Add.4.

⁵³ A/C.5/1320/Rev.1/Add.1.

⁵⁴ A/C.5/1320/Rev.1.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 216.

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to eliminate any shortcomings that may persist in the formulation and execution of information programmes and activities, particularly in the economic and social fields;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the allocation of adequate resources effectively to meet additional needs in the information activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization during the Second United Nations Development Decade;

11. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's statement of 16 November 1971⁵⁶ and requests him, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 13 (I) of 13 February 1946, 595 (VI) of 4 February 1952 and 2567 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969, to review the present administrative arrangements for the Centre for Economic and Social Information and to reorganize the Office of Public Information with a view to ensuring central control and direction in the implementation of information policies and guidelines and thereby enabling the Office to carry out its mandate more effectively;

12. *Recommends* to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, when it considers at its thirteenth session the Administrator's proposal on the Development Support Information Service, that it should entrust as many as possible of its information activities to the United Nations and other executing agencies;

⁵⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee*, 1456th meeting, paras. 11-16.

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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22 December 1971.

2898 (XXVI). Restructuring of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs as a response to the Second United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General⁵⁷ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁵⁸ on the restructuring of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, including the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 8 to 11 of its report;

2. *Takes note also* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Department of Economic and Social Affairs;⁵⁹

3. *Endorses* the suggestion made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 11 of its report.

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22 December 1971.

⁵⁷ A/C.5/1380 and Corr.1.

⁵⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8 A* (A/8408/Add.1-30), document A/8408/Add.13.

⁵⁹ A/8446, annex II.

2899 (XXVI). Budget for the financial year 1972

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BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1972

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1972:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 213,124,410 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

Section	(US dollars)
PART I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences	
1. Travel and other expenses of representatives and members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies	1,449,900
2. Special meetings and conferences	2,903,600
TOTAL, PART I	4,353,500
PART II. Staff costs and related expenses	
3. Salaries and wages	96,189,160
4. Common staff costs	21,951,100
5. Travel of staff	2,656,100
6. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 5, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality	159,000
TOTAL, PART II	120,955,360
PART III. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	
7. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of premises	9,614,000
TOTAL, PART III	9,614,000