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Fourth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The present report is submitted by the Advisory Committee in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/310 of 18 June 2003, in which the Assembly concurred with the recommendation of the Committee concerning the salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and the salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (see A/57/7/Add.25, para. 9) and requested the Committee to submit proposals to it at its fifty-eighth session with a view to formalizing conditions and procedures related to the salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and the salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of UNDP.

2. Under the current practice, proposals for changes in the salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and the salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of UNDP are approved by the General Assembly on the basis of a recommendation of the Advisory Committee. In general, the Committee has reported to the Assembly in this regard whenever a change in the salary scales for staff in the Professional and higher categories is approved by the Assembly. References to the most recent reviews are contained in the report of the Committee of 11 March 2003 (A/57/7/Add.25).

3. **The Advisory Committee does not see a need, at this time, to change the current practice, as set out in paragraph 2 above and in its report of 11 March 2003.**