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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE JOINT SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEE AND THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, MEETING JOINTLY

411 (V). Administrative budgets of the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Having received the sixth report¹ of 1950 of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the budgets of the specialized agencies for 1951,

1. *Urges* the specialized agencies to intensify their efforts to stabilize their regular budgets by the elimination or deferment of less urgent projects;

2. *Draws* the attention of all States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies to the necessity for prompt payment of contributions to assure the adequate financing of budgets approved by them;

3. *Requests* specialized agencies participating in the technical assistance programme to provide information concerning the estimates for expenditure of technical assistance funds, as well as other extra-budgetary funds, in their regular budget documents, and to agree to the transmittal to the General Assembly of the United Nations, for examination and approval, of the audit reports relating to expenditure of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account after approval of the appropriate audit reports by the general conferences of the specialized agencies;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies to consider at an early date the adoption of common financial regulations and staff regulations modelled on those adopted by the General Assembly, so far as their constitutional arrangements will permit;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the heads of the specialized agencies, to pay particular attention, in 1951, to the further development of satisfactory arrangements for the provision of common services, particularly in respect of regional and branch offices of the United Nations and specialized agencies, with a view to achieving greater efficiency and economy;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the heads of the specialized agencies and with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to report to the next regular session of the General Assembly in respect of progress made in achieving a common salary system, in developing common budgetary policies and a common form of budget, in increasing the utilization of soft currencies, in effi-

ciencies and economies to be achieved through further development of common services, and in dealing with arrears in contributions;

7. *Requests* the specialized agencies and the United Nations to make every effort, during 1951, to meet as fully as possible demands for expert assistance in Korea and other operational programmes where the need is urgent, by deferment of less urgent projects.

*314th plenary meeting,
1 December 1950.*

412 (V). Utilization of the services of the United Nations Investments Committee by specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Noting that certain specialized agencies may require advice on the nature and extent of investment of their funds,

1. *Authorizes* the United Nations Investments Committee to provide advice to a specialized agency at the request of that agency;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the specialized agencies that the United Nations Investments Committee is available for this purpose.

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413 (V). Concentration of effort and resources

The General Assembly,

Recalling its responsibilities under Article 17, paragraph 3, and Article 58 of the Charter,

Recalling its resolution 310 (IV) declaring that the resources devoted to the economic and social work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should be concentrated on tasks of primary importance,

Taking note of the work of the Economic and Social Council at its eleventh session² in determining criteria for establishing priorities within the fields allotted to the various bodies composing and associated with the United Nations,

Recognizing that the successful carrying out of the economic and social work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies may be jeopardized by undertak-

¹ See document A/1441.

² See Economic and Social Council resolution 324 (XI).

ing so many projects as to exceed the available technical, administrative and financial resources,

Recognizing that the extent of activity is determined by the programme decisions and by the budgetary appropriations of the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

Declaring that the resources placed at the disposal of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should be applied where they are most needed,

1. *Requests* each specialized agency to review its 1952 programme during 1951, using the criteria set forth in the report³ of the Co-ordination Committee as approved by the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council and the specialized agencies to indicate, when new projects are adopted, which current projects may be deferred, modified or eliminated to ensure that the economic and social work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies will be carried on most effectively;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To review, during 1951, the 1952 programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, using the criteria set forth in the report of the Co-ordination Committee as approved by the Economic and Social Council;

(b) To seek, in reviewing the programmes, the assistance of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative and financial aspects of this matter;

(c) To report to the sixth session of the General Assembly on the results of these reviews;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the administrative heads of the specialized agencies, to include in annex IV to the Secretary-General's budget estimates a summary schedule of the estimated costs of the projects provided for in the budgets of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies; and, further,

Having noted the steps taken and progress made by the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General, the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the specialized agencies,

5. *Urges* that the efforts which are being made to ensure the fullest co-ordination of the programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies be vigorously pursued.

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414 (V). Membership in the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Considering the principle of international co-operation as an important condition for the full success of the activities of the specialized agencies,

Noting that some of the specialized agencies do not enjoy participation of all Member States in their work,

³ See documents E/1810 and E/1810/Corr.1.

⁴ See document A/C.2&3/93—A/C.5/375, annex II.

Expresses the hope that those Members not participating at the present time may find their way to assume or resume, as soon as possible, full participation in the specialized agencies.

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415 (V). Transfer of functions of the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission

The General Assembly,

Noting resolutions 262 B (IX) and 333 H (XI) of the Economic and Social Council and the resolution⁴ adopted by the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission on 12 August 1950,

1. *Approves* the plan contained in the report prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission, concerning the transfer of the functions of the Commission to the United Nations and which is annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Notes* the decision of the Commission with respect to its residual assets;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Commission for donating its library and its archives to the United Nations on the conditions specified in the above-mentioned plan;

4. *Notes* that these arrangements do not involve the assumption by the United Nations of responsibility for any liabilities of the Commission;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission, to make arrangements for the transfer of the functions of the Commission and of its library and archives to the United Nations on a mutually satisfactory date prior to 31 December 1951;

6. *Pays tribute* to the accomplishments of the Commission, during the long period of its existence, in the field of the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders.

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ANNEX

Plan^a prepared by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in consultation with the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission:

(a) All Members of the United Nations, and all existing members of the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission (IPPC) which are not Members of the United Nations, and any other States designated by the Economic and Social Council, shall be invited by the Council to appoint one or more representatives of expert qualifications or experience, professional or scientific, in the field of the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders. The experts so appointed shall act in the first instance as individual correspondents with the United Nations Department of Social Affairs.

^a For the draft plan, see annex I of document A/C.2&3/93—A/C.5/375.