

2. The appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above shall be financed by contributions from Members after adjustment as provided by the Financial Regulations, subject to the provision of paragraph 1 of the resolution relating to the Working Capital Fund.¹⁸ For this purpose, miscellaneous income for the financial year 1953 is estimated at \$US 6,238,200;

3. The Secretary-General is authorized:

- (i) To administer as a unit the following appropriations:
 - (a) Provisions under section 3a, section 20, chapter III, and section 25, chapter VI;
 - (b) Provisions under section 13, section 20, chapter II, section 21, and in respect of section 26 for items relating to public information;
 - (c) Provisions under the various sections in part III for travel on official business;
- (ii) To apply the reduction under section 33 to various sections of the budget;
- (iii) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to transfer credits between sections of the budget;

4. The Secretary-General is further authorized to enter into such arrangements with the competent authorities of the Republic and Canton of Geneva in connexion with the exchange of the property called *Le Chêne* owned by the United Nations for the property called *Le Bocage* owned by the Republic and Canton of Geneva as he may see fit under the provisions set forth in document A/C.5/510;

5. In addition to the appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$US 13,000 is hereby appropriated for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment, from the income of the Library Endowment Fund, in accordance with the object and provisions of the endowment.

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21 December 1952.

675 (VII). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1953

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the financial year 1953,

The Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, is authorized to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$US 2,000,000 if the Secretary-General certifies that they relate to the maintenance of peace and security or to urgent economic rehabilitation;

(b) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$25,000 as are occasioned by the holding of an inter-governmental commodity conference;

(c) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$50,000 as are required for the United Nations Good Offices Commission on the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa;

(d) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$50,000 as are required for the Commission on the question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa;

(e) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$129,000 as are required for the purchase of Korean service medals and ribbons;

(f) Such commitments, duly certified by the President of the International Court of Justice, relating to expenses occasioned:

- (i) By the designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute, Article 31),
 - (ii) By the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or by the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50),
 - (iii) By the holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22),
- and not exceeding \$24,000, \$25,000, and \$75,000, respectively, under each of the above three headings;

The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its next regular session all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the General Assembly in respect of such commitments.

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21 December 1952.

676 (VII). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1953

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund is established for the financial year 1953 at the amount of \$US 21,500,000 to be derived:

(a) As to \$20,000,000 from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present resolution;

(b) As to \$1,239,203, by previous transfer of the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1950,

¹⁸ See resolution 676 (VII), above.

not already applied against Members' assessments for 1951 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 585 A (VI) of 21 December 1951;

(c) As to \$260,797 by transfer of part of the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1951 not already applied against Members' assessments for 1952;

2. Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 (a) above in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the eighth annual budget;¹⁹

3. There shall be set off against this new allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1952, under General Assembly resolution 585 A (VI), paragraph 2; provided that, should the advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1952 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provision of paragraph 2 hereof, the excess shall be set off against the amount of contributions payable by that Member in respect of the eighth annual budget, or any previous budget;

4. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.²⁰ The Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purposes, do not exceed \$250,000 to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities. Advances in excess of the total of \$250,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Secretary-General shall submit, with the annual accounts, an explanation of the outstanding balance of the revolving fund at the end of each year;

(d) Loans to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions of agencies to be established by inter-governmental agreement under the auspices of the United Nations to finance their work, pending receipt by the agencies concerned of sufficient contributions under their own budgets. In making such loans, which shall normally be repayable within two years, the Secretary-General shall have regard to the proposed financial resources of the agency concerned, and shall obtain the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for any cash issues which would increase the aggregate balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) at any one time to an amount in excess of \$3,000,000 and for any issue which would increase

the balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) in respect of any one agency to an amount in excess of \$1,000,000, provided that, notwithstanding the above provisions, the Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization shall be authorized to postpone until 31 December 1953 repayment of the outstanding balance of the loans made to the Interim Commission;

(e) Such sums as, together with the sums previously advanced and outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed \$420,000 to continue the Staff Housing Fund in order to finance rental payments, guarantee deposits and working capital requirements for housing the staff of the Secretariat. Such advances shall be reimbursed to the Working Capital Fund following the recovery of rental advances, guarantee deposits and working capital advances;

(f) Such sums not exceeding \$90,000 as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums and deposits where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the financial year in which payment is made. This amount may be increased with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year during the life of the related policies to cover the charges applicable to each such year;

(g) Such sums not exceeding \$1,000,000 as may be necessary to complete the Headquarters of the United Nations.

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21 December 1952.*

677 (VII). Payment of honoraria to rapporteurs of United Nations bodies

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the appointment of a person as rapporteur of a United Nations body confers honour upon his country and distinction upon himself,

1. *Considers that no such appointment should carry remuneration;*

2. *Requests all organs of the United Nations to bear in mind in future the views of the General Assembly as expressed in the present resolution.*

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21 December 1952.*

678 (VII). Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for the year ended 31 December 1951

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note of the annual report²¹ of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for the year ended 31 December 1951;*

¹⁹ See resolution 665 (VII), p. 46.

²⁰ See resolution 675 (VII), p. 51.

²¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 8.*