

report of the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session,¹⁵

Recognizing that the principle of an equitable geographical distribution in the composition of the Secretariat does not conflict with the paramount considerations of employment of staff, namely, the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity as laid down in Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General¹⁶ and the improvements that have taken place in the geographical distribution of the staff,

Recognizing that significant imbalances in the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat continue to exist,

Recognizing further the necessity of correcting these imbalances as early as possible,

1. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General should be guided in his efforts to achieve a more equitable geographical distribution, within the general framework of his report, by the following principles and factors:

(a) In the recruitment of all staff, due regard shall be paid to securing as wide a geographical distribution as possible;

(b) In the Secretariat proper, an equitable geographical distribution should take into account the fact of membership, Members' contributions and their populations as outlined in the Secretary-General's report, particularly paragraph 69 (b) thereof; no Member State should be considered "over-represented" if it has no more than five of its nationals on the staff by virtue of its membership;

(c) The relative importance of posts at different levels;

(d) The need for a more balanced regional composition of the staff at levels of D-1 and above;

(e) In career appointments, particular account should be taken of the need to reduce "under-representation";

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review periodically the geographical distribution of the staffs of the Technical Assistance Board, the Special Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund, and to report annually to the General Assembly on this matter;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session on the progress achieved in the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat.

*1199th plenary meeting,
19 December 1962.*

1853 (XVII). United Nations International School

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, together with the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations International School,¹⁷ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on this subject,¹⁸

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 64, document A/5063.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Seventeenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 70, document A/5270.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, agenda item 72, document A/5308.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, document A/5319.

Noting the action taken by the Secretary-General and the Board of Trustees to locate a permanent site for the School, to raise funds from voluntary sources to acquire the site, and to build the new School,

Noting further the progress made in reducing the operating deficit of the School,

Noting also the increasing number of applications for admission to the School and its role in the recruitment and retention of qualified personnel for the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 1439 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 by which the General Assembly decided to contribute to the International School Fund for a period of five years such continuing financial assistance as the Assembly might consider necessary, and its subsequent resolutions 1591 (XV) of 20 December 1960 and 1727 (XVI) of 20 December 1961 by which it contributed grants to liquidate the operational deficit and to begin planning for the permanent accommodation of the School,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Mayor and the City of New York for their continuing co-operation in the location of a permanent site for the United Nations International School and in extending the availability of the present temporary premises;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to use his good offices to assist the Board of Trustees in raising from voluntary sources the additional funds required for the construction of the School and the creation of an endowment fund;

3. *Decides* to contribute \$50,000 to the International School Fund towards liquidating the operational deficit anticipated for the current school year;

4. *Decides* to contribute \$20,000 to the International School Fund for the purpose of forwarding plans for the permanent accommodation of the School.

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1854 (XVII). Administrative and budgetary procedures of the United Nations

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The General Assembly,

Having regard to resolution 1731 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, in which the General Assembly recognized its need for authoritative legal guidance as to obligations of Member States under the Charter of the United Nations in the matter of financing the United Nations operations in the Congo and in the Middle East,

Recalling the question submitted to the International Court of Justice in that resolution,

Having received the Court's advisory opinion of 20 July 1962,¹⁹ transmitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General,²⁰ that the expenditures authorized in the General Assembly resolutions designated in resolution 1731 (XVI) constitute "expenses of the Organization" within the meaning of Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter,

¹⁹ *Certain expenses of the United Nations (Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter)*, Advisory Opinion of 20 July 1962: I.C.J. Reports, p. 151.

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 64, document A/5161.*