

5. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in 1967, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved in General Assembly resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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2245 (XXI). System of travel and subsistence allowances to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 on the system of travel and subsistence allowances to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, and the provisions of the annex to that resolution,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on standards of air travel accommodation³⁰ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on that subject,³¹

Decides that paragraph 4 of the annex to its resolution 1798 (XVII), as amended by resolution 2128 (XX) of 21 December 1965, shall be amended to read as follows:

"4. Payment of travel expenses shall be limited to the cost of economy class accommodation by air or its equivalent by recognized public transport *via* a direct route, except that in the case of one representative of each Member State attending regular, special or emergency special sessions of the General Assembly and of all persons who serve in their individual capacities, as distinct from those serving as representatives of Governments, payment of travel expenses shall be limited to the cost of first-class accommodation by air or its equivalent by recognized public transport *via* a direct route. The cost of air travel shall normally be regarded as the ceiling regardless of any alternative mode of transport used."

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20 December 1966.*

2246 (XXI). Extension of conference facilities at the Palais des Nations

The General Assembly,

Taking note with approval of the reports of the Secretary-General³² and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³ concerning the extension of the conference facilities at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Swiss governmental authorities for the co-operation and assistance given to the United Nations in this matter;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the plans for the extension of the Palais des Nations within a maximum expenditure of \$15 million;

³⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 74, document A/C.5/1074.*

³¹ *Ibid.*, document A/6502.

³² *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1076.

³³ *Ibid.*, document A/6524.

3. *Further authorizes* the Secretary-General to accept the offer of the Swiss authorities of a gift of 4 million Swiss francs (\$925,000) towards the cost of the project and to accept a loan, as required, at 3 per cent interest to assist in the financing of the project and to be repayable in instalments within the period 1972-1980;

4. *Decides* to finance the programme in such a way that the amount to be met from the budget estimates in successive years over the period 1967 to 1980 shall be:

	<i>US dollars</i>
For the years 1967-1974	1,000,000
For the years 1975-1979	1,500,000
For the year 1980	495,000

5. *Decides* to establish a special account in which all funds made available for the project of the extension of the Palais des Nations will be deposited and to which the unexpended balance of the annual appropriations will automatically revert.

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2247 (XXI). Publications and documentation of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Taking into account the budget estimates for the financial year 1967³⁴ and the sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session,³⁵

Bearing in mind the second report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,³⁶

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to instruct the Publications Board:

(a) To review the present practice of preparation and publication of Official Records and Supplements and Annexes of all organs of the United Nations, with the aim of determining whether any economy can be achieved;

(b) To review the publications programme in order to ascertain whether publications, studies and reports are prepared in accordance with pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and other policy-making bodies, as well as to determine whether any publication may have lost its usefulness or become redundant;

(c) To study the documentation of the Organization with a view to suggesting possible ways and means of achieving possible economy both in extent and cost;

(d) To harmonize the publication programme of the United Nations with those of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, with a view to eliminating possible duplication;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To submit to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at its summer

³⁴ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/6305).*

³⁵ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 7 (A/6307).*

³⁶ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/6343.*

session, on the basis of the above-mentioned studies by the Publications Board, a preliminary report containing such suggestions and recommendations as may be appropriate for the elimination, consolidation or reduction in frequency of various publications;

(b) To report to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session;

3. *Asks* the Secretary-General to ensure, in the spirit of paragraph 3 of section I of Economic and

Social Council resolution 1090 E (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965, that documents submitted to the United Nations organs should be available to the Member States in sufficient time and simultaneously in the working languages envisaged by various internal regulations.

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Other decisions

Budget estimates for the financial year 1967 (item 74)

At its 1501st plenary meeting, on 20 December 1966, the General Assembly took note of the decision of the Fifth Committee, contained in paragraph 76 of its report,⁸⁷ to postpone further discussion of the question of the United Nations bond issue to the twenty-second session.

Pattern of conferences⁸⁸ (item 75)

At its 1501st plenary meeting, on 20 December 1966, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁸⁹ took note with approval of the programme of conferences for 1967 given in the Secretary-General's report⁴⁰ and of the observations contained in the twenty-seventh report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session.⁴¹

Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency⁴² (item 78)

At its 1495th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1966, the General Assembly took note of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Fifth Committee's report⁴³ and, in particular, of the proposed interpretation of the modification of paragraph 53 of part B of its resolution 1240 (XIII) of 14 October 1958 by resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965, as follows:

"The United Nations Development Programme shall be governed by financial regulations consistent with the financial regulations and policies of the United Nations. The financial regulations for the United Nations Development Programme shall be drafted by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Administrator, for approval by the Governing Council, after review by the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions."

Personnel questions⁴⁴ (item 81)

At its 1501st plenary meeting, on 20 December 1966, the General Assembly took note of the decision of the Fifth Committee contained in paragraph 35 of its report.⁴⁵

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, agenda item 74, document A/6631.

⁸⁸ See also resolution 2239 (XXI), p. 87.

⁸⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 75, document A/6629, para. 11.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/6437.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, document A/6575.

⁴² See also resolution 2196 (XXI), p. 87.

⁴³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 78, document A/6596.

⁴⁴ See also resolution 2241 (XXI), p. 89.

⁴⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 81, document A/6605.