

2358 (XXII). United Nations International School

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²² and the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations International School annexed thereto, and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,²³

Noting that the construction of a new school at the 25th Street site leased from the City of New York has been suspended pending the conclusion of feasibility studies on a new site closer to the United Nations complex,

Noting the rapid growth in school enrolment and the urgent need for a solution to the physical problems of the School,

Noting further the slow growth in the Development Fund, the achievement of which is a major condition of the Ford Foundation grant and essential to the financial viability of the School,

Noting that, without an adequate Development Fund, the School again faces an operating deficit of \$49,000 for the current school year,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to extend his good offices to the Board of Trustees of the United Nations International School with a view to reaching a fully satisfactory and speedy solution for both the interim and the permanent accommodation problems;

2. *Decides* to contribute \$49,000 to the International School Fund in 1968 to cover the deficit foreseen for the current school year;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session on the status of the Development Fund and any new proposals designed to achieve the target of \$3 million.

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2359 (XXII). Composition of the Secretariat**A**

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its resolutions emphasizing the need to improve the geographical distribution of the staff of the United Nations Secretariat at all levels,

Reaffirming that the principle of an equitable geographical distribution in the composition of the Secretariat does not conflict with the paramount consideration in the 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,

Reaffirming further that, in view of its international character and in order to avoid an undue predominance of national practices, the policies and administrative methods of the Secretariat should reflect, and profit to the highest degree from, the assets of the various cultures and the technical competence of all Member nations,

Reiterating its invitation to the Secretary-General to give preference to candidates from inadequately represented countries,

²² *Ibid.*, agenda item 84, document A/6962.

²³ *Ibid.*, document A/6974.

Recognizing the need for a more equitable distribution of staff among the Member States as between regions, and within each region, in particular at the level of senior posts,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by the Secretary-General to improve the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat,

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

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on the composition of the Secretariat,²⁴ in particular the measures recommended for the consideration of the General Assembly in paragraph 70 thereof,

1. *Approves* the measures outlined in paragraph 70 of the Secretary-General's report;

2. *Renews* its request to the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to achieve a better geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat at all levels;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his future reports on the composition of the Secretariat a table, to be prepared on the basis of a system, suitable in his view, chosen out of the four systems outlined in annex II, table 11, of his report, showing the geographical distribution of posts by nationality and level;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2241 B (XXI) of 20 December 1966 on the use of the working languages,

Having examined the relevant part of the report submitted by the Secretary-General in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2241 B (XXI),²⁵

Noting that inadequate progress has been made in implementing the above-mentioned resolution,

Considering that the use of several languages by the United Nations could constitute not a hindrance, but rather an enrichment and a means of attaining the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Reaffirms* its interest in the question of the use of the working languages and in related problems of staff at all levels of the Secretariat;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to take steps and to strengthen those taken, so that real progress may be achieved in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2241 B (XXI), with a view to a better utilization of the linguistic abilities of the staff and a better balance among the working languages in the recruitment of Secretariat staff at all levels, and in particular at the higher level, without prejudice to the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General, to this end, to take in particular the necessary steps to ensure:

(a) A linguistic balance within the Secretariat and in particular the presence of staff using the different working languages of the United Nations in the services

²⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 82, document A/6860.

²⁵ *Ibid.*