

Mindful of rule 156 of its rules of procedure³⁴ and desiring, accordingly, to increase the participation of members from developing countries in the Advisory Committee,

1. *Decides* to increase the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions from thirteen to sixteen members;

2. *Decides* to amend, with effect from 1 January 1978, rules 155 to 157 of its rules of procedure to read as follows:

"Rule 155

"The General Assembly shall appoint an Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions consisting of sixteen members, including at least three financial experts of recognized standing.

"Rule 156

"The members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience and shall serve for a period of three years corresponding to three calendar years. Members shall retire by rotation and shall be eligible for reappointment. The three financial experts shall not retire simultaneously. The General Assembly shall appoint the members of the Advisory Committee at the regular session immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the members or, in case of vacancies, at the next session.

"Rule 157

"The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions shall be responsible for expert examination of the programme budget of the United Nations and shall assist the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee). At the beginning of each regular session at which the proposed programme budget for the following biennium is to be considered, it shall submit to the General Assembly a detailed report on the proposed programme budget for that biennium. It shall also submit, at such times as may be specified in the applicable provisions of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,³⁵ a report on the accounts of the United Nations and all United Nations entities for which the Secretary-General has administrative responsibility. It shall examine on behalf of the General Assembly the administrative budgets of specialized agencies and proposals for financial and budgetary arrangements with such agencies. It shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to it under the Financial Regulations of the United Nations."

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32/104. Financial emergency of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the collective responsibility of Member States for the financial security of the United Nations,

³⁴ A/520/Rev.12 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.74.I.6) and Amend.1.

³⁵ ST/SGB/Financial Rules/1/Rev.2 (1978).

Recalling the Secretary-General's statements of 25 September 1975³⁶ and 14 April 1976³⁷ in which he drew attention to the serious financial situation of the United Nations,

Noting with concern that the short-term deficit of the Organization has continued to grow,

Recalling its resolutions 3049 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, 3538 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 and 31/191 of 22 December 1976,

Bearing in mind the need to implement without further delay the consensus of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations³⁸ adopted by the General Assembly on 1 September 1965,³⁹

Reaffirming the determination of Member States to arrive at a lasting solution of the financial problems of the Organization,

Mindful of the positions of principle of Member States,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations,⁴⁰ including the guidelines submitted by the Chairman of the Committee for discussion and negotiation, as contained in paragraph 18 of the report, and of the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee;

2. *Expresses concern* that the Committee was unable to reach a consensus on a solution to the financial problems of the Organization;

3. *Urges* all Member States, particularly those among them whose efforts can promote an accord, to negotiate with the aim of bringing about a lasting solution to the financial problems of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Committee to keep the financial situation of the United Nations under review and to continue its efforts to bring about a comprehensive settlement of the financial problems of the Organization;

5. *Further requests* the Committee to submit, if necessary, a supplementary report on further developments to be considered at the thirty-third session of the General Assembly;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, at the thirty-third session, detailed information regarding the extent, rate of increase and composition of the deficit of the Organization, as well as voluntary contributions received from Member States and other sources;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations: report of the Negotiating Committee on the Financial Emergency of the United Nations".

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³⁶ A/C.5/1685.

³⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/31/37)*, paras. 9 and 10.

³⁸ *Ibid.*, *Nineteenth Session, Annexes*, annex No. 21, document A/5916, para. 2.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, *Nineteenth Session, Plenary Meetings*, 1331st meeting, paras. 3 and 4. See also resolution 2053 (XX).

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/31/37)*.