

32/72. Committee on Conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3351 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974,

Having noted the report of the Committee on Conferences,²³

1. *Decides* to retain the Committee on Conferences, composed of twenty-two Member States, subject to review of its terms of reference as required;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, to appoint Member States, on the basis of an equitable geographical balance, to serve on the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term;

3. *Decides* that the Committee on Conferences shall have the terms of reference set forth below:

(a) To advise the General Assembly on the calendar of conferences;

(b) To act on behalf of the General Assembly in dealing with departures from the approved calendar of conferences that have administrative and financial implications;

(c) To recommend to the General Assembly means to provide the optimum apportionment of conference resources, facilities and services, including documentation, in order to ensure their most efficient and effective use;

(d) To advise the General Assembly on the current and future requirements of the Organization for conference services, facilities and documentation;

(e) To advise the General Assembly on means to ensure improved co-ordination of conferences within the United Nations system, including conference services and facilities, and to conduct the appropriate consultations in that regard;

4. *Requests* its subsidiary bodies to seek the advice of the Committee on Conferences with regard to the scheduling of their regular meetings and with regard to any proposed changes in their established pattern of sessions.

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The President of the General Assembly subsequently informed the Secretary-General²⁴ that, in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above resolution, he had appointed the members of the Committee on Conferences.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following Member States: ALGERIA, AUSTRIA, CANADA, CHILE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EGYPT, FRANCE, HONDURAS, INDONESIA, IVORY COAST, JAPAN, KENYA, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SRI LANKA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and YUGOSLAVIA.

32/73. Investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in transnational corporations and in developing countries**A**

The General Assembly,

Recalling that in its resolution 31/197 of 22 December 1976 it requested the Secretary-General to ensure

²³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 32 (A/32/32).

²⁴ A/32/497 and Add.1.

that the resources which the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund holds invested in shares of transnational corporations are invested on safe and profitable terms and, to the greatest extent practicable, in sound investments in developing countries,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund investments in transnational corporations and in developing countries,²⁵

Noting that since the adoption of resolution 31/197 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund investments in transnational corporations have risen to \$772 million in bonds and equities as at 31 March 1977, while direct bond investments in the developing countries have only increased to \$22 million,

Recalling that the third preambular paragraph of resolution 31/197 took into account that investments by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in shares of transnational corporations might contradict the objectives and purposes of the organizations of the United Nations system,

Recalling also the resolutions adopted by the United Nations and other international organizations concerning the new international economic order and the transnational corporations,

Noting with satisfaction the decision of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board that, where investments in the developed and the developing world equally satisfy the criteria of safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility, priority should be given to investment in developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts in consultation with the Investments Committee, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 31/197, to ensure that, subject to careful observance of the requirements of safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility, and in strict conformity with the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, a larger proportion of the investment of the resources of the Fund is made in developing countries;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board²⁶ and of the Secretary-General²⁷ with regard to the investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in transnational corporations and in developing countries,

Recalling that in its resolution 3527 (XXX) of 16 December 1975 it requested the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to increase the investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund directly in developing countries on safe and profitable terms,

Noting that the efforts of the Secretary-General to increase the investments of the United Nations Joint

²⁵ A/C.5/32/25.

²⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/32/9) and A/32/9/Add.1.*

²⁷ A/C.5/32/25.

Staff Pension Fund in developing countries as indicated in his report²⁸ do not cover the continent of Africa,

Requests the Secretary-General to initiate negotiations with financial institutions in Africa with a view to investing some of the portfolio of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund directly in Africa on safe and profitable terms and to report on the matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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32/74. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for 1977²⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁰

I

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

1. *Approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, totalling \$3,363,400 (net) for 1978 and supplementary expenses totalling \$49,800 (net) for 1977 for the administration of the Fund, as estimated in annex III to the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;²⁹

2. *Concurs* with the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 2 to 9 of its report;³⁰

II

EMERGENCY FUND

Authorizes the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund, for a further period of one year, by an amount not exceeding \$100,000;

III

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Decides to admit the International Fund for Agricultural Development to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, in accordance with article 3 of the Regulations of the Fund, with effect from the date on which it becomes a specialized agency;

IV

TRANSFER OF PENSION RIGHTS

Concurs in the agreement approved by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board with the Commission of the European Communities under article 13 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund with respect to continuity of pension rights between the Commission and the Fund;

²⁸ *Ibid.*, annex II.

²⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/32/9) and A/32/9/Add.1.*

³⁰ A/32/319.

V

TEMPORARY MEASURES APPLICABLE TO EXISTING PENSIONERS

Authorizes the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to continue to implement in 1978 the payments to existing pensioners authorized in section VII of General Assembly resolution 31/196 of 22 December 1976, in accordance with paragraph 68 of the report of the Board.³¹

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9 December 1977*

32/102. Draft Agreement between the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development³¹

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³² on the draft Agreement between the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development,³³

Bearing in mind the provisions in the draft Agreement regarding co-operation between the Fund and the International Civil Service Commission on matters concerning the regulation and co-ordination of the conditions of service of staff,

Bearing further in mind the principle contained in article 9 of the statute of the International Civil Service Commission which aims at the development of a single, unified international civil service through the application of common personnel standards, methods and arrangements,

Invites the International Fund for Agricultural Development, once constituted, to participate in the United Nations common system for the regulation and co-ordination of the conditions of employment of staff and, in particular, to accept the statute of the International Civil Service Commission.

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32/103. Enlargement of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: amendments to rules 155 to 157 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 14 (I) of 13 February 1946 on the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and its resolutions 1659 (XVI) of 28 November 1961 and 2798 (XXVI) of 13 December 1971 on the enlargement of the Committee,

Noting that the membership of the United Nations has increased substantially since the adoption of the resolutions enlarging the Advisory Committee,

³¹ See also sect. V, resolution 32/107, and sect. X.B.7, decision 32/428 A.

³² A/32/325.

³³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/32/3), annex V.*