

37/236. Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/212 of 17 December 1980 and 36/232 of 18 December 1981,

1. *Takes note with concern* of the report submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General on behalf of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁹⁴ which showed, *inter alia*, a marked deterioration in the observance of the principles related to privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations;

2. *Reaffirms* the above-mentioned resolutions;

3. *Welcomes* the measures approved by the Secretary-General to enhance the safety and protection of international civil servants as outlined in his report;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to suggest in his annual report on this issue to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session further steps designed to alleviate the present situation.

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B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations,⁹⁴

Drawing attention to the unprecedented character of the mass arrest by the Israeli authorities in the territory of Lebanon of a great number of the officials of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and as mentioned in paragraph 6 of the Secretary-General's report,

1. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to take measures without delay to establish the whereabouts of, to find out the charges made against and to arrange a meeting with the officials of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East incarcerated by the Israeli authorities in Lebanon, in order to obtain their earliest release;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform Member States promptly about measures taken under paragraph 1 above and about their results.

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37/237. Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983

The General Assembly

I

TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE COSTS IN RESPECT OF MEMBERS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY BODIES FOR SPECIAL CONFERENCES

Decides that, when a commission, committee or other intergovernmental body, the members of which are entitled,

⁹⁴ A/C.5/37/34 and Corr.1.

under the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to payment from United Nations funds of any or all travel expenses, subsistence allowance and honorariums in connection with their attendance at sessions of the said body, is designated as the preparatory body for a special conference, the members' entitlement to such payments shall not extend to sessions at which the body in question acts as the preparatory body for the special conference, unless the Assembly decides otherwise;

II

TRAVEL OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ATTEND REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR THE SEVENTH UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

Authorizes, as an exception to the provisions of paragraph 2 (b) of its resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962, the necessary resources for the implementation of paragraph 10 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/29 of 4 May 1982;

III

FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL IN THE UNITED NATIONS

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on first-class travel in the United Nations⁹⁵ and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁹⁶

2. *Concurs* with the interpretation of paragraph 2 (b) of its resolution 32/198 of 21 December 1977 proposed by the Secretary-General in his report, in respect of the travel of members of organs, subsidiary organs or other bodies established by the General Assembly whose membership consists of persons serving in their individual capacities and chairmen of intergovernmental committees who travel at United Nations expense;

IV

INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL JUTE COUNCIL

Decides that, should the appropriations approved at the current session as an advance to the International Jute Council not be required in 1983 or should they be used only partially, any uncommitted balance remaining at the end of the biennium 1982-1983 should be treated in accordance with the provisions of regulations 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, and that the provisions of General Assembly resolution 36/116 B of 10 December 1981 should not apply to any such balance;

V

COMMUNICATIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Communications in the United Nations system",⁹⁷ of the comments thereon of the Secretary-General⁹⁸ and of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,⁹⁹ as well as of the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁰⁰

⁹⁵ A/C.5/37/18 and Corr.1.

⁹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Fifth Committee, 22nd meeting, para. 61.*

⁹⁷ See A/37/372.

⁹⁸ A/37/372/Add.1, annex.

⁹⁹ A/37/372/Add.2, annex.

¹⁰⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Fifth Committee, 39th meeting, paras. 7 and 8.*

VI

INTERNATIONAL COMPUTING CENTRE

Approves the 1983 budget estimates of the International Computing Centre, amounting to \$5,580,200, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁰¹

VII

INTERORGANIZATION SECRETARIAT SERVICES FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Approves the proposal made by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination at its third regular session in 1982 for the continuation in 1983 of interorganization secretariat services in the field of information systems at the same real level as embodied in the budget of the secretariat of the Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems for the biennium 1980-1981;

VIII

USE OF CONSULTANTS AND EXPERTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,¹⁰² the comments thereon of the Secretary-General¹⁰³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁰⁴

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his future reports on consultants and experts detailed information on the employment of former staff members, including the date of separation from service, the period of post-separation employment and the amount paid to the former staff member;

3. *Decides* that, as an interim measure, no former staff member who is in receipt of a pension benefit from the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund shall receive from United Nations funds, regular budget or extrabudgetary, for work performed by him or her under contract or a special service agreement, emoluments in a total amount exceeding \$12,000 in any one calendar year;

4. *Decides further* to review the situation at its thirty-ninth session in the light of the additional information to be provided by the Secretary-General in response to the request addressed to him in paragraph 2 above;

IX

UNITED NATIONS ACCOMMODATION AT NAIROBI

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations accommodation at Nairobi¹⁰⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁰⁶

2. *Approves* the proposals of the Secretary-General as described in paragraphs 24 and 27 of his report, subject to the conditions specified in paragraph 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

X

COMMON SERVICES AT THE UNITED NATIONS ACCOMMODATION AT NAIROBI

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on common services at the United Nations accommodation at

Nairobi¹⁰⁷ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹⁰⁸

2. *Concurs* with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 15 and 16 of its report;

XI

ADEQUACY OF THE CONFERENCE FACILITIES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA AT ADDIS ABABA

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the adequacy of the conference facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa¹⁰⁹ and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹¹⁰

XII

CHANGES IN THE TOP ECHELON OF THE SECRETARIAT

Approves, with effect from 1 January 1983, the following reclassifications:

(a) To the level of Under-Secretary-General, the posts of:

- (i) Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna;
- (ii) Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(b) To the level of Assistant Secretary-General, the posts of:

- (i) Head of the Centre against *Apartheid* of the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs;
- (ii) Head of the Centre for Human Rights;

XIII

JOB CLASSIFICATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE STAFF

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the job classification and career development of language staff;¹¹¹

XIV

EDUCATION GRANT FOR CERTAIN FULL-TIME OFFICIALS OTHER THAN MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT

1. *Takes note* of the views expressed by Member States on the question of the education grant for certain full-time officials other than members of the Secretariat;

2. *Decides* to consider this question as part of an overall review of compensation and other conditions of service of the full-time officials other than members of the Secretariat;

3. *Further decides* that this review shall be carried out at its thirty-eighth session on the basis of a report by the Secretary-General;

XV

CONTRACTUAL STATUS OF LANGUAGE TEACHERS

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the contractual status of language teachers at Headquarters.

¹⁰¹ A/C.5/37/40.

¹⁰² See A/37/358 and Corr.2.

¹⁰³ A/37/358/Add.1, annex.

¹⁰⁴ A/37/684.

¹⁰⁵ A/C.5/37/66.

¹⁰⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7A* (A/37/7/Add.1-24), document A/37/7/Add.17, sect. A.

¹⁰⁷ A/C.5/37/49.

¹⁰⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7A* (A/37/7/Add.1-24), document A/37/7/Add.17, sect. B.

¹⁰⁹ A/C.5/37/67.

¹¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7A* (A/37/7/Add.1-24), document A/37/7/Add.18.

¹¹¹ A/C.5/37/65/Add.2 and Corr.1.

Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi and the headquarters of regional commissions¹¹² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹¹³

2. *Adopts*, on an interim basis, the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee in its report;

3. *Decides* to consider fully the question of the contractual status of language teachers at its thirty-eighth session on the basis of an updated report to be submitted by the Secretary-General.

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37/238. Review of the financing of the administrative costs of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the financing of the administrative costs of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹¹⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹¹⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Endorses* the opinion of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that decisions on the proposals of the Secretary-General concerning the transfer of posts should be taken on a case-by-case basis in the context of his proposed programme budgets for the 1984-1985 and subsequent bienniums;

3. *Concurs* in the other comments and observations of the Advisory Committee in its report.

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37/239. Report of the Committee of Governmental Experts to Evaluate the Present Structure of the Secretariat in the Administrative, Finance and Personnel Areas

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the final report of the Committee of Governmental Experts to Evaluate the Present Structure of the Secretariat in the Administrative, Finance and Personnel Areas;¹¹⁶

2. *Commends* the report of the Committee to the Secretary-General;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the suggestions highlighted in paragraph 39 of the report of the Committee, as well as the related views of the Fifth Committee thereon, in his consideration of the administrative structure of the Secretariat and his present review on decentralizing the decision-making in administrative matters referred to in paragraph 25 and in annex I, paragraph 15, of the report;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-ninth session, within the context of the programme budget for the biennium 1984-1985, a

report on the major issues identified by the Committee, including changes in the administrative structure that he considers appropriate.

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37/240. Travel and Subsistence Regulations of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 85 (I) of 11 December 1946,

Approves the revised Travel and Subsistence Regulations of the International Court of Justice as contained in the annex to the present resolution.

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ANNEX

Travel and Subsistence Regulations of the International Court of Justice

Article 1

TRAVEL EXPENSES

1. The United Nations shall pay, subject to the conditions of these regulations, the travel expenses of the members of the International Court of Justice necessarily incurred on duly authorized journeys. The following shall be deemed to be duly authorized journeys:

(a) For members of the Court and one close relative residing with them to attend sessions at the seat of the Court;

(b) For members of the Court and one close relative residing with them to attend a session which is held at a place other than the seat of the Court;

(c) In the case of the President of the Court, who by virtue of Article 22 of the Statute must reside at the seat of the Court:

(i) At the time of his election to the Presidency, a journey from his home to the seat of the Court in connection with any transfer of residence;

(ii) In the calendar year following that of his election to the Presidency, a return journey from the seat of the Court to his home at the time of that election;

(iii) At the end of his term of office as President, a journey from the seat of the Court to his home at the time of his election to that office, or to any other place provided that the cost of the journey is no greater.

Where the spouse and/or dependent children of the President reside with him at the seat of the Court, the United Nations shall reimburse their travel expenses for journeys undertaken in conjunction with (i), (ii) and (iii) above;

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (a) above, in the case of any member of the Court other than the President who takes up residence at the seat of the Court in compliance with Article 23 of its Statute, solely:

(i) A journey from his home, at the time of appointment, to the seat of the Court, in connection with the transfer of his residence;

(ii) A return journey every second calendar year after the year of appointment from the seat of the Court to his home at the time of appointment;

(iii) A journey upon termination of appointment from the seat of the Court to his home at the time of appointment, or to any other place provided that the cost of the journey is not greater than the cost of the journey to his home at the time of appointment.

Where the spouse and/or dependent children of the member of the Court reside with him at the seat of the Court, the United Nations shall reimburse the travel expenses for journeys undertaken in conjunction with (i), (ii) and (iii) of the present subparagraph;

(iv) Any journey within the meaning of subparagraph (b) above;

(e) Journeys of any *ad hoc* judge chosen under Article 31 of the Statute of the Court and one close relative residing with him, in accordance with

¹¹² A/C.5/37/63.

¹¹³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/37/7/Add.1-24), document A/37/7/Add.24.

¹¹⁴ A/C.5/37/1 and Corr.1.

¹¹⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7A (A/37/7/Add.1-24), document A/37/7/Add.3.

¹¹⁶ Ibid., Supplement No. 44 (A/37/44).