

584 (VI). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1952

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The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the financial year 1952,

The Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the financial regulations of the United Nations, is authorized to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$US 2,000,000 if the Secretary-General certifies that they relate to the maintenance of peace and security or to urgent economic rehabilitation;

(b) Such commitments, duly certified by the President of the International Court of Justice, relating to expenses occasioned:

(i) By the designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute, Article 31),

(ii) By the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or by the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50),

(iii) By the maintenance in office of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3),

(iv) By the holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22),

(v) By the payment of pensions and removal expenses of judges who have not been re-elected,

and not exceeding \$24,000, \$25,000, \$40,000, \$75,000 and \$27,000, respectively, under each of the above five headings;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$40,000 as are required for the establishment of an International Bureau for Declarations of Death, in accordance with the terms of article 8 of the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons;

The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its next regular session all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the General Assembly in respect of such commitments.

*357th plenary meeting,
21 December 1951.*

B

The General Assembly

Resolves that the above resolution 584 A (VI) on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1952 adopted by the General Assembly at its 357th plenary meeting on 21 December 1951, is supplemented by the following sub-paragraphs to be inserted before the last sentence of the resolution:

“(d) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$72,000 which may be necessary to provide for reasonable additional expenses to implement the programme of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Forced Labour;

“(e) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$41,000 which may be necessary to provide for reasonable expenses for a visit to the Trust Territories of Togoland”.

*373rd plenary meeting,
4 February 1952.*

585 (VI). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1952

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The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund is established for the financial year 1952 at the amount of \$US 21,239,203, to be derived:

(a) As to \$20,000,000 from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present resolution;

(b) As to \$1,239,203 by temporary transfer of the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1950 not already applied against Members' assessments for 1951;

2. Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 (a) above in accordance with the scale¹⁴ adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the seventh annual budget;

3. There shall be set off against this new allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1951; provided that, should the advance paid by any member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1951 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provision of paragraph 2 hereof, the excess shall be set off against the amount of contributions payable by that Member in respect of the seventh annual budget, or any previous budget;

4. The Secretary-General is authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of the Financial Regulations, to withhold the application of adjustments against contributions for the year 1952 in the amount of \$1,239,203, and to transfer this amount as a credit to the Working Capital Fund pending a further consideration by the General Assembly at its seventh session;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolution¹⁵ relating to unforeseen and

¹⁴ See resolution 582 (VI), page 70.

¹⁵ See resolution 584 (VI), page 74.

extraordinary expenses. The Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purposes, do not exceed \$250,000 to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities. Advances in excess of the total of \$250,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Secretary-General shall submit, with the annual accounts, an explanation of the outstanding balance of the revolving fund at the end of each year;

(d) Loans to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions of agencies to be established by inter-governmental agreement under the auspices of the United Nations to finance their work, pending receipt by the agencies concerned of sufficient contributions under their own budgets. In making such loans, which shall normally be repayable within two years, the Secretary-General shall have regard to the proposed financial resources of the agency concerned, and shall obtain the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for any cash issues which would increase the aggregate balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) at any one time to an amount in excess of \$3,000,000 and for any issue which would increase the balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) in respect of any one agency to an amount in excess of \$1,000,000, provided that, notwithstanding the above provisions, the Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization shall be authorized to postpone until 31 December 1952 repayment of the outstanding balance of the loans made to the Interim Commission;

(e) Such sums as, together with the sums previously advanced and outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed \$420,000 to continue the Staff Housing Fund in order to finance advance rental payments, guarantee deposits and working capital requirements for housing the staff of the Secretariat. Such advances shall be reimbursed to the Working Capital Fund following the recovery of rental advances, guarantee deposits and working capital advances;

(f) Such sums not exceeding \$90,000 as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums and deposits where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the financial year in which payment is made. This amount may be increased with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year during the life of the related policies to cover the charges applicable to each such year;

(g) Such sums, if any, as may be necessary to reimburse staff members for national income taxes paid by them in respect of payments received from the United Nations during 1952, or in respect of prior years for which reimbursement has not previously been made;

6. The governments of Member States be invited to examine methods whereby, within the limits of their constitutional processes, a substantial proportion of

their contributions would be paid within the first quarter of each year, and to report through the Secretary-General to the next regular session of the General Assembly on the result of that examination.

*357th plenary meeting,
21 December 1951.*

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The General Assembly

Resolves that paragraph 5 of the above resolution 585 A (VI) on the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1952 adopted by the General Assembly at its 357th plenary meeting on 21 December 1951 is supplemented by the following sub-paragraphs:

“(h) Such sums not exceeding \$2,000,000 as may be necessary to complete the permanent Headquarters of the United Nations;

“(i) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, sums deemed to be available and not exceeding \$5,000,000 for the financing of operations under the terms of resolution 513 (VI) adopted by the General Assembly at its 365th plenary meeting on 26 January 1952 relating to assistance to Palestine refugees. Sums so advanced shall be repayable as may be practicable and in any event not later than 31 December 1952”.

*373rd plenary meeting,
4 February 1952.*

586 (VI). Agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the premises of the Peace Palace at The Hague

The General Assembly,

Considering that the contribution payable by the International Court of Justice in respect of the use of the Peace Palace under the terms of article II of the agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the premises of the Peace Palace at The Hague as contained in annex A to General Assembly resolution 84 (I), adopted by the General Assembly on 11 December 1946, is no longer sufficient to defray the costs which the Carnegie Foundation are required to pay under the terms of the said agreement,

Approves the Supplementary Agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague as set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

*357th plenary meeting,
21 December 1951.*

ANNEX

Supplementary Agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague

1. The United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation hereby agree that article II of the agreement between the United