

4. The Secretary-General is authorized:
- (i) To administer as a unit the appropriations provided under section 3 (a) and section 20, chapter III;
 - (ii) To apply the reduction under section 28 to the various sections of the budget concerned;
 - (iii) To apply the reduction under section 29 to the various sections of the budget concerned;
 - (iv) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to transfer credits between sections of the budget.

5. In addition to the appropriations granted by paragraph 1, an amount of \$US14,000 is hereby appropriated for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment from the income of the Library Endowment Fund, in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

*276th plenary meeting,
10 December 1949.*

357 (IV). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1950

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1950:

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 \$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 as may be necessary to provide for reasonable expenses for the proposed Economic Commission for the Middle East should the Economic and Social Council decide that this Commission shall be created in 1950;

(c) Such commitments as may be necessary to provide for expenses of meetings of the Economic and Social Council should the Council, having reconsidered the question of its place of meeting in the light of the debates in the General Assembly, confirm its decision to hold its eleventh session at Geneva;

(d) 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 of witnesses and experts (Statute, Article 50),
- (iii) By the holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22),

and which do not exceed \$24,000, \$25,000 and \$75,000 respectively, under each of these three headings;

The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the next regular session of the General Assembly 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.

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358 (IV). Working Capital Fund

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be maintained to 31 December 1950 at the amount of \$US20,000,000;

2. Members shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale²⁰ adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the fifth 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 1949; provided that, should the advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1949 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 fifth annual budget, or any previous budget;

4. 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 resolution²¹ relating to unforeseen and 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.

²⁰ See resolution 343 (IV), page 46.

²¹ See resolution 357 (IV) on this page.