

7. To request the Council to pursue its work on this matter with a view to simplifying the structure of the inter-governmental organizations and reducing the over-all cost of participation therein.

*255th plenary meeting,  
24 November 1949.*

### **311 (IV). Budgets of the specialized agencies for 1950**

#### A

*The General Assembly,*

*Having reviewed* the sixth report<sup>5</sup> of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the budgets of the specialized agencies for 1950,

1. *Requests* the several specialized agencies and the several organs of the United Nations to give continued attention to the relative urgency and productivity of each of their projects, with a view to obtaining the best results from the budget expenditures of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Refugee Organization, the International Telecommunication Union and the Universal Postal Union;

2. *Requests* the specialized agencies and the United Nations to give continuing attention to a reduction in the total number of meetings and to strive towards a balanced over-all meeting calendar to facilitate programme and budgetary co-ordination;

3. *Draws* the attention of Member States of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies to the necessity for prompt payment of contributions to assure the adequate financing of budgets approved by them;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the heads of the specialized agencies to review the arrangements of the agencies as to their reserve funds, including the adequacy of the existing funds and simplicity of arrangements, and the purposes and conditions for the use of these funds; and to study methods for maximum utilization of soft currencies for the financing of expenditures;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the heads of the specialized agencies to intensify their efforts to achieve a common form of budget, giving particular attention to common definitions of administrative and operational expenses, to the quality of budget justification and to methods for showing estimates of reimbursement for services rendered;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the heads of the specialized agencies to continue further their studies of the organization of administrative and financial services and

<sup>5</sup> See *Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly, Annex to the Joint Second and Third Committee*, document A/1005.

the standards of conference services, in order to achieve a maximum of economy and efficiency;

7. *Urges* the specialized agencies not already participating in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Scheme to take the necessary steps to this end; and to adhere to the joint system of external audit approved by a majority of the specialized agencies through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

8. *Requests* the specialized agencies to supply the Secretary-General of the United Nations with appropriate information concerning total assessments under the 1950 budgets by 1 December 1949 in order that complete information may be sent to all Governments by the beginning of the new fiscal year.

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#### B

*The General Assembly,*

*Believing* that there is room for closer relationship between the assessments of Member States in the contributions both of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies,

1. *Recognizes* that, to the extent that the contributions of members of the specialized agencies are assessed in accordance with principles similar to those on which the contributions of Members of the United Nations are based, it is desirable that the same data should be utilized for the assessment of those contributions;

2. *Authorizes* the Committee on Contributions to recommend or advise on the scale of contributions for a specialized agency if requested by that agency to do so;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform each agency that the Committee is available to perform this service.

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#### C

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined* the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 3 of the Charter,

1. *Notes with concern* that, since some contributions are in arrears, the expenditure of certain agencies considerably exceeds the funds reasonably expected to be received during the year;

2. *Recommends* to each specialized agency that it keep its expenditure each year from its regular budget within the amount of funds reasonably expected to be received in respect of that year, and that the programme of expenditure be reviewed periodically during the year so that, if necessary, it can be adjusted to keep it, as far as possible, within the limits of the anticipated annual receipts;

3. *Requests* that this recommendation be brought to the attention of the next meeting of the governing body and of the assembly of each specialized agency.

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