

2537 (XXIV). Implementation of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies

A

The General Assembly

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities during the first eighteen months of its operations, from 1 January 1968 to 30 June 1969, as transmitted by the Secretary-General.¹⁶

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B

The General Assembly,

Noting the views set forth by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its first report,¹⁷ as well as the concern expressed in statements by the Secretary-General¹⁸ and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹⁹ about the need to avoid a duplication of effort and a waste of resources in the activities of control and investigative bodies and of organs concerned with administrative and co-ordination questions,

Noting also the views expressed in the Fifth Committee in this respect,²⁰

Desiring to know the number of staff engaged in these activities and the amount of financial resources being expended by these bodies and organs in relation to the benefits in economy,

Desiring also to ensure adequate co-ordination of the activities of these bodies and organs in a framework where the appropriate degree of independence of each such body and organ is preserved,

Conscious of the need to establish and maintain a proper and considered relationship between the machinery for control and investigation, on the one hand, and the institutional machinery and functions, on the other hand,

Taking into account the need to strengthen and improve the whole machinery of the United Nations system for control and investigation of administrative and financial activities in the interests of economy and greater efficiency,

1. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare a report setting forth:

- (i) The bodies and organs established for purposes of administrative and budgetary control, investigation and co-ordination, with dates of inception for each;
- (ii) The terms of reference of each such body and organ;
- (iii) The annual expenditures for the financial years 1965 to 1969 inclusive for each body and

organ concerned, in absolute terms and as an aggregate percentage of the total budget for the year;

(iv) The estimated outlay of manpower for the preparation of data for the testimony before or consultation with each such body and organ;

(b) To invite, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, the executive heads of the specialized agencies to supply the same information for inclusion in this report;

(c) To submit this report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Expresses the hope that the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations in 1970 will be the occasion for new efforts to resolve the administrative, budgetary and financial problems of the United Nations in the context of renewed dedication and solemn commitment to the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations.

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C

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the review of the administrative and management procedures concerning the programme and the budget of the International Telecommunication Union;²¹

2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit that report, through the consultative machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to the legislative organ and the executive head of the International Telecommunication Union.

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2538 (XXIV). Publications and documentation of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 593 (VI) of 4 February 1952, 789 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, 1202 (XII) and 1203 (XII) of 13 December 1957, 1272 (XIII) of 14 November 1958, 1851 (XVII) of 19 December 1962, 1987 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966, 2239 (XXI) and 2247 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, 2361 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and 2478 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968,

Reiterating its concern at the growing volume of the publications and documentation of the United Nations, which Governments are finding increasingly difficult to use effectively,

Convinced that, by freeing resources currently being utilized in excessive documentation and in activities that may have wholly or largely outlived their usefulness, the United Nations would be better able to implement programmes of real value to the Governments of Member States,

²¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 81, document A/7765.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 81, document A/C.5/1241.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/7608 and Corr.1).

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 74, document A/C.5/1233.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1234.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Fifth Committee, 1321st, 1324th to 1327th, 1329th and 1332nd meetings.