

2730 (XXV). Audit report on the consolidated status of funds of the United Nations Development Programme Account

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit report on the consolidated status of funds of the United Nations Development Programme Account as at 31 December 1969¹⁸ and of the audit reports on the status of funds allocated to the participating and executing agencies under the Special Fund component and the Technical Assistance component of the Programme,¹⁹ and of the observations thereon made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.²⁰

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16 December 1970.

2731 (XXV). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly

1. Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on general co-ordination matters,²¹ on the administrative budgets for 1971 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,²² as well as on the review of the administrative and management procedures concerning the programme and budget of the International Labour Organisation²³ and of the World Health Organization;²⁴

2. Requests the Secretary-General to refer the report on general co-ordination matters to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency through the consultative machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, as well as to the members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination for their information and comment, and to the members of the Board of Auditors and of the Joint Inspection Unit for their information;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to refer to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in chapter III of its report on their administrative budgets for 1971, together with the views expressed by members of the Fifth Committee;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to transmit the reports on the review of the administrative and management procedures concerning the programme and budget of the International Labour Organisation and of the World Health Organization to the executive heads of those organizations so that the reports, together with the views expressed by members of the Fifth Committee, may be brought to the attention of the respective legislative organs.

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¹⁸ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/8025).

¹⁹ Ibid., annexes.

²⁰ Ibid., Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 78, document A/8236.

²¹ A/8158 and Corr.1.

²² A/8155.

²³ A/8140.

²⁴ A/8031.

2732 (XXV). Publications and documentation of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General²⁵ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²⁶ submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2538 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 on publications and documentation of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind that its resolutions 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 and 2632 (XXV) of 9 November 1970, as well as the appointment by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination of two special rapporteurs to carry out a survey of certain reports and studies in the economic and social field, provide concurrently for a closely related examination of the whole field of documentation, meetings and procedures of the General Assembly,

1. Decides to defer to the twenty-sixth session its consideration of the item entitled "Publications and documentation of the United Nations";

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session any additional information relating to the implementation of resolution 2538 (XXIV) which he deems appropriate;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue, without detriment to the work programmes of the United Nations, his efforts to reduce expenditures on documentation in areas within his competence and authority, keeping in mind the suggestions specifically made in the Fifth Committee for greater economy in this regard;

4. Invites the Joint Inspection Unit, with reference to paragraphs 17, 18 and 19 of its report on documentation²⁷ and further to paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 2609 (XXIV), to examine and report on the programme of recurrent publications of the United Nations with a view to drawing attention to those which appear to have lost their usefulness or have become redundant or whose value may not measure up to the cost involved in continuing them, and to submit its findings and recommendations to the Assembly at its twenty-sixth session along with the report referred to by the Secretary-General in his report on the pattern of conferences dated 22 September 1970;²⁸

5. Reiterates its appeal, in paragraph 1 of resolution 2538 (XXIV), to all United Nations organs, bodies and committees to consider ways of reducing documentation.

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2735 (XXV). Implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966 and 2360 (XXII) of 19 December 1967

²⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 81, document A/8126.

²⁶ Ibid., document A/8212.

²⁷ See A/7576 and Corr.1.

²⁸ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 75, document A/C.5/1300.