

the scheme set out in Assembly resolution 33/14 and the provisions of section V, paragraph 1, of resolution 34/9 B, section VI, paragraph 1, of resolution 35/115 A and section VI, paragraph 1, of resolution 36/138 A, in the proportions determined by the scale of assessments for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982.

*108th plenary meeting
19 March 1982*

36/184. Secretariat of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development

The General Assembly,

Having noted the proposal of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the 1982 administrative budget of the secretariat of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development³⁸ and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁹

Authorizes the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to approve further increases in the staff and other resources of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development up to the levels indicated in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the proposal of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, after the Pledging Conference to be held in 1982,⁴⁰ in the light of requests made by the Administrator and of information on the expected level of operations each time such a request is made.

*103rd plenary meeting
17 December 1981*

36/227. Financial regulations in respect of the funds administered by the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-eighth session,⁴¹ in particular Governing Council decision 81/28 of 30 June 1981 concerning the Financial Regulations of the United Nations Development Programme.

1. *Authorizes* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to adopt financial regulations in respect of all funds administered by the Programme and requests it to report such regulations to the General Assembly;

2. *Decides* to adopt, on a provisional basis, the following measures in implementation of its resolutions 2186 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 and 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967:

(a) The financial regulations of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, after they have been reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, shall be adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, which shall report such regulations to the General Assembly; in the preparation of those regulations, account shall be taken of the special requirements of the operations of the Fund;

³⁸ A/C.5/36/99/Add.2, annex.

³⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee, 74th meeting, paras. 38-40*

⁴⁰ See sect. V, resolution 36/183, sect. II, para. 2

⁴¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1)*

(b) Pending the adoption by the Governing Council of financial regulations for the Fund, the Financial Regulations of the United Nations Development Programme shall apply;

3. *Decides* that until the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries becomes operational in the manner specified in General Assembly resolution 31/177 of 21 December 1976:

(a) The financial regulations for the Fund, after they have been reviewed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, shall be adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, which shall report such regulations to the General Assembly; in the preparation of those regulations, account shall be taken of the special requirements of the operations of the Fund;

(b) Pending the adoption by the Governing Council of financial regulations for the Fund, the Financial Regulations of the United Nations Development Programme shall apply;

*105th plenary meeting
18 December 1981*

36/228. Programme planning

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system.

Recalling also its resolutions 34/224 and 34/225 of 20 December 1979 relating, respectively, to medium-term planning in the United Nations and to the identification of activities that have been completed or are obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective,

Recalling further its resolution 34/164 of 17 December 1979, particularly paragraphs 2, 3 and 6 thereof, in which it approved the "Glossary of Evaluation Terms", took note of the document entitled "Initial guidelines for internal evaluation systems of the United Nations organizations" and urged the Joint Inspection Unit to continue its efforts in the area of evaluation, both internal and external.

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976, the annex to which contains the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination whereby the Committee shall, *inter alia*, recommend an order of priorities among United Nations programmes as defined in the medium-term plan.

Recalling also its resolution 35/9 of 3 November 1980, in which it requested the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to determine new criteria and methods to be employed in setting programme priorities.

Having considered in detail the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the work of its twenty-first session,⁴² the report of the Secretary-General on setting explicit priorities among United Nations programmes⁴³ and the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on the setting of priorities and the identification of obsolete activities in the United Nations⁴⁴ and on evaluation in the United Nations system,⁴⁵

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1981/180 of 23 July 1981, in which the Council endorsed

⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/36/38)*

⁴³ A/C.5/36/1

⁴⁴ See A/36/17

⁴⁵ See A/36/181 and A/36/182.

the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

Considering that the determination of priorities among programmes, the identification of obsolete activities, and evaluation should be fully integrated into the general process of planning, programming and management,

I

OVER-ALL CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the above-mentioned reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the Secretary-General and the Joint Inspection Unit;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations set forth in the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination concerning an order of priorities among programmes⁴⁶ and, in particular:

(a) Requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-second session, proposals enabling it to adopt official rules and regulations governing programme planning, the programme aspects of the budget, the monitoring of implementation and the methods of evaluation, such proposals to take into account all decisions so far taken with respect to planning, programming and evaluation;

(b) Urges that the monitoring of the implementation of programme commitments should be entrusted to a central unit within the Secretariat, noting that, as the work of the unit should include determination of actual programme delivery and a role in the making of decisions that involves their possible modification, that work should be defined in the context of the above-mentioned official rules and regulations, bearing in mind the comments and suggestions made in the reports of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination⁴⁷ and the Joint Inspection Unit,⁴⁸ as well as by delegations in the Fifth Committee;⁴⁹

(c) Decides that the length of the sessions of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should depend on its programme of work and on problems of scheduling, and emphasizes in this connection the need to grant the Committee, for its session in 1982, sufficient time to enable it to make a complete and detailed examination of the draft medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989;

(d) Reaffirms the need for close co-ordination between the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and, for this purpose, requests the Advisory Committee to study the statements submitted by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, and to include its recommendations in a separate chapter of its report or in an addendum thereto for consideration by the General Assembly together with the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

3. *Recommends* that the organizations concerned should increase the effectiveness of their evaluation system and

take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations contained in the reports of the Joint-Inspection Unit,⁴⁵ and in particular those concerning self-evaluation and the integration of evaluation in the planning and management process;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve the evaluation services of the United Nations in accordance with the recommendations contained in the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit;

II

ORDER OF PRIORITY AMONG PROGRAMMES

Decides to adopt the measures and guidelines set out below for the determination of an order of priority among programmes:

1. The principal purpose of establishing priorities among programmes that form an integral part of the general planning and management process is to rationalize and order the activities and provide a guide for the preparation of the programme budget.

2. The order of priority should be established as follows:

(a) At the highest level, it should be established by as precise an indication as possible of the problems and of the over-all orientation and trends deriving from authoritative instruments such as the Charter of the United Nations, the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade⁵⁰ and the resolutions on the new international economic order. The introduction to the medium-term plan should, accordingly, analyse the trends that reflect the over-all priorities.

(b) At the subprogramme level in the draft medium-term plan or the proposed programme budget, it should be established by a decision of the General Assembly to accept, curtail, reformulate or reject subprogrammes on the basis of the budget and programme performance reports, the detailed evaluation reports and the recommendations of the competent intergovernmental bodies, it being understood that the priorities established at the subprogramme level should contribute to the achievement of the over-all priorities determined at the highest level.

3. Without prejudice to arrangements and procedures now in force and to the specific character of the common services, the establishment of an order of priority should apply to all the substantive activities of the Organization and to the common services and serve as a guide for the allocation of all its budgetary and extrabudgetary resources. For that purpose the decisions on priorities should be brought to the attention of Member States and the governing boards of the voluntary funds.

4. The establishment of an order of priority should be based principally on the importance of the objective to Member States, the capacity of the Organization to achieve it and the real effectiveness and usefulness of the results.

5. The timetable and the procedures for the introduction of the new system for setting priorities should extend over a period of two and a half years, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General.⁵¹

6. A report on the operation of this new system for setting priorities should be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination. That critical report should reveal the difficulties encountered, make suggestions for dealing with them and indicate whether further changes must

⁴⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/36/38), paras. 453-472.*

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, para. 466.

⁴⁸ See A/36/171, paras. 86-89.

⁴⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Fifth Committee, 27th, 30th, 33rd-37th and 65th meetings; and ibid., Fifth Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.*

⁵⁰ Resolution 35/56, annex.

⁵¹ A/C.5/36/L, para. 58, table 7.

be made in structures and procedures including, *inter alia*, those proposed by the Joint Inspection Unit⁴⁴ and by delegations during the debate on priorities in the Fifth Committee at the thirty-sixth session.⁴⁹

III

ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED OR ARE OBSOLETE, OF MARGINAL USEFULNESS OR INEFFECTIVE

1. *Reaffirms* the need to integrate the identification of activities that have been completed or are obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective in the general process of planning, programming, budgeting evaluation and management;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the General Assembly, in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget and through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, with a list of the activities considered obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective, in order to facilitate decision-making;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to achieve better implementation of General Assembly resolutions 3534 (XXX) of 17 December 1975, 31/93 of 14 December 1976, 32/201 of 21 December 1977, 33/204 of 29 January 1979, 34/225 of 20 December 1979 and 35/209 of 17 December 1980, concerning activities that have been completed or are obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective and for this purpose requests him to continue to refine further, if necessary, the criteria for the determination of those activities.

*105th plenary meeting
18 December 1981*

B

The General Assembly,

Confirming its continued support for the development of evaluation systems and evaluation units within each agency.

Emphasizing its support for the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on evaluation in the United Nations system,⁴⁵

Encouraging all agencies to co-operate with the Joint Inspection Unit in assuring their own evaluation capacity, in order to make evaluation an integral part of the agency's programming and development process.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations evaluation systems and evaluation units by:

(a) Specifying the responsibilities and tasks of the United Nations evaluation units;

(b) Preparing for the General Assembly precise evaluation plans linked to the medium-term planning process and the budget cycle;

(c) Developing guidelines for the planning and design of programmes and projects to make them more susceptible to evaluation;

(d) Designing and issuing basic standards for the conduct, content and process of evaluation and assuring that the quality of the evaluation products is continually assessed;

(e) Taking appropriate measures to ensure that evaluation findings shall be promptly and systematically utilized in the management decision-making process and that follow-up evaluation findings and recommendations shall be carried out;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, on the implementation of paragraph 1 above.

*105th plenary meeting
18 December 1981*

36/229. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Concerned with the need for effective administrative and budgetary co-ordination within the framework of the United Nations system.

Recalling its decision of 15 December 1975 to consider in depth the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency" normally in off-budget years,⁵²

Recalling also its resolutions 33/142 A of 20 December 1978 and 35/114 of 10 December 1980,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,⁵³

1. *Concurs* with the observations and comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in its report;

2. *Refers* to the organizations concerned the observations and comments contained in the above-mentioned report, as well as the comments and observations made in the course of the debate in the Fifth Committee;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to refer to the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, matters arising out of the report of the Advisory Committee and of the related debate in the Fifth Committee that call for their attention and necessary action;

4. *Transmits* the report of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Auditors, the Panel of External Auditors, the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Joint Inspection Unit for their information;

5. *Decides* that the Advisory Committee shall report on administrative and budgetary co-ordination in the following way:

(a) Once every two years, beginning in 1982, the reports shall contain detailed analyses of the budgets of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

(b) In intervening years, the reports shall be confined to tabular material and, as necessary, to special studies dealing with administrative and budgetary problems common to the United Nations system.

*105th plenary meeting
18 December 1981*

36/230. Impact of inflation and monetary instability

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the increased cost of inflation, which is seriously affecting the budget of the United Nations and the budget of the United Nations system as a whole,

Concerned also at the persistence of inflation and monetary instability in those developed countries in which the United Nations makes its expenditures, which affects Member States that are not responsible for the losses experienced.

⁵² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034), p. 146, item 98.*

⁵³ A/36/641