

**37/236. Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations**

**A**

*The General Assembly.*

Recalling its resolutions 35/212 of 17 December 1980 and 36/232 of 18 December 1981,

1. *Takes note with concern* of the report submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General on behalf of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>94</sup> which showed, *inter alia*, a marked deterioration in the observance of the principles related to privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations;

2. *Reaffirms* the above-mentioned resolutions;

3. *Welcomes* the measures approved by the Secretary-General to enhance the safety and protection of international civil servants as outlined in his report;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to suggest in his annual report on this issue to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session further steps designed to alleviate the present situation.

*114th plenary meeting  
21 December 1982*

**B**

*The General Assembly.*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations,<sup>94</sup>

*Drawing attention* to the unprecedented character of the mass arrest by the Israeli authorities in the territory of Lebanon of a great number of the officials of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and as mentioned in paragraph 6 of the Secretary-General's report,

1. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to take measures without delay to establish the whereabouts of, to find out the charges made against and to arrange a meeting with the officials of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East incarcerated by the Israeli authorities in Lebanon, in order to obtain their earliest release;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform Member States promptly about measures taken under paragraph 1 above and about their results.

*114th plenary meeting  
21 December 1982*

**37/237. Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983**

*The General Assembly*

**I**

**TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE COSTS IN RESPECT OF MEMBERS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY BODIES FOR SPECIAL CONFERENCES**

*Decides that*, when a commission, committee or other intergovernmental body, the members of which are entitled,

<sup>94</sup> A/C.5/37/34 and Corr.1.

under the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to payment from United Nations funds of any or all travel expenses, subsistence allowance and honorariums in connection with their attendance at sessions of the said body, is designated as the preparatory body for a special conference, the members' entitlement to such payments shall not extend to sessions at which the body in question acts as the preparatory body for the special conference, unless the Assembly decides otherwise;

**II**

**TRAVEL OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ATTEND REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR THE SEVENTH UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS**

*Authorizes*, as an exception to the provisions of paragraph 2 (b) of its resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962, the necessary resources for the implementation of paragraph 10 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/29 of 4 May 1982;

**III**

**FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL IN THE UNITED NATIONS**

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on first-class travel in the United Nations<sup>95</sup> and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>96</sup>

2. *Concurs* with the interpretation of paragraph 2 (b) of its resolution 32/198 of 21 December 1977 proposed by the Secretary-General in his report, in respect of the travel of members of organs, subsidiary organs or other bodies established by the General Assembly whose membership consists of persons serving in their individual capacities and chairmen of intergovernmental committees who travel at United Nations expense;

**IV**

**INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL JUTE COUNCIL**

*Decides that*, should the appropriations approved at the current session as an advance to the International Jute Council not be required in 1983 or should they be used only partially, any uncommitted balance remaining at the end of the biennium 1982-1983 should be treated in accordance with the provisions of regulations 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, and that the provisions of General Assembly resolution 36/116 B of 10 December 1981 should not apply to any such balance;

**V**

**COMMUNICATIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM**

*Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Communications in the United Nations system",<sup>97</sup> of the comments thereon of the Secretary-General<sup>98</sup> and of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,<sup>99</sup> as well as of the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>100</sup>

<sup>95</sup> A/C.5/37/18 and Corr.1.

<sup>96</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Fifth Committee, 22nd meeting, para. 61.*

<sup>97</sup> See A/37/372.

<sup>98</sup> A/37/372/Add.1, annex.

<sup>99</sup> A/37/372/Add.2, annex.

<sup>100</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Fifth Committee, 39th meeting, paras. 7 and 8.*