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The General Assembly

I

INTERNATIONAL COMPUTING CENTRE: 1992 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Approves the budget estimates for the International Computing Centre for the year 1992 amounting to 18,275,000 Swiss francs or 13,053,600 United States dollars;

II

UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR NAMIBIA: SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR NAMIBIAN STUDENTS

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General[16] and approves the proposals made in paragraphs 14 and 15 thereof;

III

REVIEW OF TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES FOR ALL OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Approves the proposals contained in the note by the Secretary-General[17] and the observations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report;[18]

IV

CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE FACILITIES AT ADDIS ABABA AND BANGKOK

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General[19] and concurs with the recommendations and requests made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 28 and 29 of its report;[20]

V

HONORARIUMS PAYABLE TO MEMBERS OF ORGANS AND SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Decides to defer until its forty-seventh session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on this question;[21]

VI

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES FOR UNDER-SECRETARIES-GENERAL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES-GENERAL

Decides to defer until its forty-seventh session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on this question;[22]

VII

REVISED ESTIMATES UNDER SECTION 33F (ADMINISTRATION, VIENNA)

Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to maintain the initial estimates proposed by the Secretary-General for this section, pending a more detailed review by the Advisory Committee of the proposals submitted by the Secretary-General in his report;[23]

VIII

REVISED ESTIMATES UNDER SECTION 32D (CONFERENCE AND LIBRARY SERVICES, VIENNA)

Takes note of the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General to appropriate an additional amount of 803,800 dollars relating to the requirements for the establishment of a common interpretation service at Vienna;

IX

CONTINGENCY FUND

Notes that a balance of 15,237,100 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

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The General Assembly

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Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, contained in paragraphs 11 to 391 of its report on the work of its thirty-first session,[24] including general considerations, overall resource requirements, priorities, methodology and format;

II

POSTS

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraphs 41 to 43 of its report[24] on the changes in the staffing table of the Organization;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review and develop procedures and norms, including workload analyses, to justify the creation, suppression, reclassification, conversion and redeployment of posts and to submit a report with proposals through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account section I, paragraph 17, of Assembly resolution 45/239 A of 21 December 1990;

3. *Takes note* of the number and distribution of high-level posts in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;[25]

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to indicate his proposed changes in the organization of the Secretariat, particularly with regard to high-level posts, in revised estimates to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

5. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee[26] with regard to the changes in the staffing table of the Organization proposed by the Secretary-General, and decides (*a*) to convert from temporary to established status four posts (one D-2, one P-5 and two General Service) in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs in South-East Asia (section 2B.1); (*b*) to defer the establishment of a new

P-4 post of Editor in the Office for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services (section 4B); (*c*) to establish on a temporary basis a P-5 post for the Director of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific at Kathmandu, as indicated in resolution C, section V, below; (*d*) not to endorse the downgrading of the P-4 post to the P-3 level proposed in section 9; (*e*) to keep for 1992 the D-2 post proposed for abolition in section 15 and that the other posts under the subprogramme concerned should be treated as indicated in resolution C, section IX, below; and (*f*) to accept the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to establish a P-5 post for an Evaluation Officer in the Economic Commission for Africa, as indicated in resolution C, section XVII, below;

III

UNDERUTILIZED BALANCES

1. *Endorses* as an ad hoc measure the reduction of 13,343,900 United States dollars recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the basis of underutilized balances;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bear in mind that the across-the-board reductions under each section resulting from the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the underutilized balances are indicative and to consider, in implementing these recommendations, the requirements of programmes and services of the various units in the Secretariat;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to use the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to reflect his proposed transfers of resources among sections of the programme budget, in accordance with the existing financial regulations and rules and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in the relevant part of paragraph 22 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;[26]

IV

ACTIVITIES IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraphs 31 to 33 and 52 of its report;[24]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the possible consolidation of administrative functions in the various units of the Secretariat and to submit proposals thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to review the distribution of resources between substantive central departments and offices and the regional commissions, taking into account the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 41/213 of 19 December 1986, and to reflect his recommendations in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

4. *Notes* that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 does not provide a list of activities that, in the judgement of the Secretary-General, can be discontinued, and requests the Secretary-General, in the implementation of the programme budget, to take into account measures that may improve the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of the Organization, thereby enhancing its capacity and flexibility to respond effectively to needs and mandates;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to develop workload standards and other management techniques, particularly in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

6. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on priority-setting contained in paragraphs 45 to 47 of its report,[24] notes that the broad priority on the economic development of developing countries pertains to a large number of sections of the programme budget, and stresses the importance of ensuring adequate resources for the implementation of mandated activities under each section of the programme budget;

7. *Notes* that objectives of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1993[27] and specific mandates of the General Assembly are not always fully reflected in the programme narratives and activities of some sections of the proposed programme budget, and requests the Secretary-General fully to take into account the views expressed by Member States in implementing the programme budget and in proposing revisions to the medium-term plan;

8. *Also notes* the growing role of extrabudgetary resources in the implementation of the programmes of the Organization, the progress achieved in the presentation of these resources in the programme budget, the impact of voluntary contributions on a number of subprogrammes in the economic and social fields and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 71 and 72 of its report[25] with regard to the need for greater transparency, and decides to keep this question under constant review;

9. *Further notes* that the estimates in the proposed programme budget do not reflect the possible consequences for the activities financed from the regular budget of the decisions taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on new successor arrangements, recognizes that for sections of the programme budget, such as those pertaining to the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the regional commissions, these new arrangements are likely to affect the projected level of resources in 1993 and perhaps in 1992, and invites the Secretary-General to keep the situation under constant review and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, in the most appropriate form;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the costs of services provided by the United Nations to activities financed from extrabudgetary resources and to provide an analysis of appropriate sources of funding for these costs, taking into account relevant intergovernmental decisions and resolutions and existing practices in this regard;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to work in close collaboration with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in the preparation of the report and to take into account paragraph 37 of decision 91/46 of 21 June 1991 of the Governing Council of the Programme;[28]

12. *Requests* that the two reports be reviewed by the Advisory Committee;

V

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the status of technological innovations,[29] and telecommunications activities,[30] in the United Nations and on optical disk storage and retrieval system,[31] and endorses the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report on these projects;[32]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure coordination among all organizational units involved in order to harmonize their activities to prevent future incompatibilities and ensure their efficient and cost-effective use of the technologies;

3. *Approves* phase II of the optical disc storage and retrieval project for the period 1992-1993, subject to the submission of a detailed performance report on the completion of phase I in 1992;

4. *Takes note* of the third progress report of the Secretary-General on the integrated management information system project,[33] expresses concern at the delay in the implementation of the project and at the quality of the information provided to Member States, and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 45 of its first report[26] and in paragraphs 17 to 29 of its thirteenth report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;[32]

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, particularly with regard to the quantifiable increase in productivity, indicating estimated maintenance costs per year on a long-term basis as indicated in paragraph 26 of its report;[32]

6. *Requests* that a report based on an independent expert study and taking into account the views expressed by Member States at the current session be submitted no later than 15 September 1992, to the Advisory Committee, which will review the report and advise the General Assembly on the matter at its forty-seventh session, the purpose of this independent evaluation being to assess the approach and methodology adopted in the development and implementation of the project and to determine whether the project can be expected to provide the benefits outlined in the reports of the Secretary-General and to contribute to a more efficient and effective administrative management of the Organization; in addition, the evaluation should provide suggestions for enhanced information to Member States, *inter alia*, through adequate phasing of the project, with a view to enabling the Assembly to take informed decisions on the subject; the report is to be financed from the existing provision for the project;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit one comprehensive report on new technology projects, including information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account the views expressed by Member States on these matters in the Fifth Committee;

VI

PUBLICATIONS POLICY

1. *Notes* that, in a number of sections of the proposed programme budget, notably of parts IV, V, VI, VII and VIII, there seems to be a large number of publications and an unclear distinction between publications requested by intergovernmental bodies and technical publications produced on the initiative of the Secretariat;

2. *Also notes* that the quality and relevance of publications appear to be uneven and that the policies for pricing and distribution of United Nations publications need to be further refined;

3. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in paragraphs 27 and 32.16 to 32.19 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[26] and emphasizes the need for the Secretariat to utilize better internal printing facilities with a view to reducing the overall cost of printing;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the overall publications policy of the Organization, including its technical aspects and possible coordination at the level of the system, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

VII

WORKLOAD OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

1. *Endorses* the views contained in paragraph 85 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[26]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a review, taking into account all aspects of the implications resulting from the increasing trend on workload of the various committees and commissions, and to submit a report, with appropriate proposals, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

3. *Recognizes* that the working methods of the Advisory Committee are within its competence, and invites the Committee to report its decisions and recommendations, as appropriate, to the General Assembly;

VIII

SEMINAR ON THE METHODOLOGY FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE PROGRAMME BUDGET

1. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraph 49 of its report,[24] on the convening by the Secretary-General of an ad hoc technical seminar to review the question of the methodology used for the preparation of the programme budget, and recommends that this seminar take place during the first part of 1992;

2. *Also endorses* the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, contained in paragraphs 53, 400 and 401 of its report,[24] concerning the submission of a prototype of a new budget format, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

IX

CONTINGENCY FUND

1. *Recalls* its resolution 45/255 of 21 December 1990, by which it established provisionally the level of the contingency fund of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 at a level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate of 2,462,400,000 dollars, that is, 19 million dollars;

2. *Takes note* of the adjustment made by the Secretary-General to the preliminary estimates from 2,462,400,000 dollars to 2,366,300,000 dollars, and decides that the revised level of the contingency fund stands at 18 million dollars;

X

BUDGET-RELATED STAFFING ISSUES

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the nature and level of regular budget funding of Staff Union activities and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to take into account section XIII, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 45/241 of 21 December 1990 in the implementation of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

3. *Decides* that a turnover rate of 0.5 per cent shall be applied in respect of General Service staff in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

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The General Assembly,

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SECTION 1. OVERALL POLICY-MAKING, DIRECTION AND COORDINATION

Having accepted the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the posts for its secretariat, and having noted the increasing workload of the Advisory Committee,

1. *Stresses* the statutory nature and the importance of the functions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and invites the Secretary-General to keep under review the method of financing of posts in the secretariat of the Advisory Committee that are not part of the regular budget;

2. *Decides* that, starting in 1992, the travel expenses and subsistence allowances of the members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for attendance at the joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination should be authorized under the regular budget of the Organization, on the understanding that there will be no increase in the total appropriation of the relevant part of section 1 and that claims related to the regular sessions of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will have first priority;

II

SECTION 2. GOOD OFFICES AND PEACEMAKING; PEACEKEEPING; RESEARCH AND THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reflect the wording contained in General Assembly resolution 46/48 on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, adopted by the Assembly on 9 December 1991 on the recommendation of the Special Political Committee, in the programme budget and in the medium-term plan;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to ensure that the activities of the Office for Research and the Collection of Information fully complement the activities of other offices, including the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit appropriate information on the financial and related aspects of special missions, particularly cost absorption, in the context of budget performance reports;

III

SECTION 3. POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Recalling its resolutions 32/71 of 9 December 1977 and 40/243 of 18 December 1985, as well as the relevant observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991[34] on the venues of meetings of subsidiary bodies,

Requests the Committee on Conferences to expedite its review of United Nations bodies meeting away from their established headquarters and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

IV

SECTION 4. POLITICAL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS AND SECRETARIAT SERVICES

1. *Decides* to consider at its forty-seventh session the report of the Secretary-General on the organization of editorial services at United Nations Headquarters,[35] which was requested by the Committee for Programme and Coordination in paragraph 96 of its report;[24]

2. *Also decides* to postpone its decision on the proposal of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the establishment of a P-4 post of Editor, pending final decision on the results of the review of editorial services at its forty-seventh session;

3. *Accepts* the reclassification of the post of Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination from the P-4 to the P-5 level;

4. *Notes* the responsibilities currently attached to this post and the inconsistencies in the levels of secretaries of various intergovernmental policy-making organs, and requests the Secretary-General to keep under review the levels of these posts, bearing in mind the other responsibilities associated with the posts, and to submit proposals as appropriate to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

V

SECTION 5. DISARMAMENT

1. *Accepts* the proposal of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the granting of a subvention of 440,000 United States dollars to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, reiterates its request contained in section IV of its resolution 44/201 B of 21 December 1989, and endorses the observations and recommendations contained in paragraphs 5.9 and 5.10 of the report of the Advisory Committee[26] stressing the need for the eventual self-sufficiency of the Institute and urging that every effort should be made to encourage donors to make additional unrestricted contributions which could be used to defray the administrative costs of the Institute;

2. *Decides* to establish a P-5 post for the Director of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific at Kathmandu, effective 1 January 1992, on a temporary basis, subject to a review for the need to establish this post on a permanent basis for the next biennium;

VI

SECTION 9. LEGAL ACTIVITIES

1. *Recalls* the concerns expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the persistent backlog in the publication of the United Nations *Treaty Series* and invites the Secretary-General to take innovative and cost-effective measures to address this problem;

2. *Endorses* the comments and observations made by the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 9.6 and 9.7 of its report,[26] on the questions of travel and publication policy in the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

3. *Takes note* of the proposals of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee regarding the reclassification of two posts in the Codification Division, and decides not to endorse these proposals;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in administering the staffing table of section 9, to take fully into account the views expressed by Member States on the proposed reclassifications;

VII

SECTION 11A. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

1. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed reclassification of a D-1 post, and decides, in the light of the increasing importance of system-wide coordination in the economic and social fields, to keep this question under constant review;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the programme narrative under section 11A, taking into account all relevant mandates adopted by the General Assembly;

SECTION 11B. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

Endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 11B.7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[26] on the question of the rental of office space for the secretariat of the World Food Council, and urges the Secretary-General to make every effort to obtain premises at a lower cost for this secretariat;

SECTION 11C. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and encourages the Secretary-General to redeploy resources from within section 11C to provide for any additional consultancy requirements;

VIII

SECTION 13. DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

1. *Notes* the different presentation of the activities on non-governmental organizations in section 13, and stresses that the functions of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs in this regard remain unchanged;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine activities related to "centrally planned economies" in the light of global economic developments and to report to the General Assembly in the context of the revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 to be submitted at the forty-seventh session;

3. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial arrangements for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development,[36] endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to provide regular budget funding for the Conference, and requests the Secretary-General to make all necessary efforts to seek voluntary contributions funding for the Conference;

IX

SECTION 15. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

1. *Takes note* of the negative growth proposed for this section over the revised estimates for the biennium 1990-1991, stresses the importance of the programme on trade and development in relation to the broad priority on the economic development of developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the activities proposed under this section, including, if necessary, through the redeployment of resources in accordance with established procedures;

2. *Also takes note* of the proposals of the Secretary-General to abolish a D-2 post and to redeploy the other twelve posts of subprogramme 5, and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Recognizes* that new mandates and new activities might emerge under section 15;

4. *Decides* that the thirteen posts under subprogramme 5 mentioned above should be retained for 1992, with the corresponding appropriation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make proposals on these posts for 1993 to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, taking into account the results of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, other mandates of relevant intergovernmental bodies and the possibility for curtailing activities

under this subprogramme mentioned in the statement of programme budget implications for the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;[37]

X

SECTION 16. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE

Requests that the detailed recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on section 16 of the proposed programme budget should be made available to the budget committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at its October session in the odd-numbered year before the beginning of the budgetary biennium;

XI

SECTION 17. UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

1. *Endorses* the recommendation contained in paragraph 265 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination[24] that all non-mandated activities should be excluded from the programme narrative of section 17;

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the conference servicing of intergovernmental bodies convened at Nairobi,[38] endorses the relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, stresses that interpretation services should be available for all official languages of the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to report on possible additional financial requirements under section 17 in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study the possibility of alternative arrangements for the secretariat of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, including its possible merger with the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

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SECTION 18. CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Takes note of the negative growth proposed for this section, stresses the importance of the programme on science and technology for development in relation to the broad priority on the economic development of developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the activities proposed under this section, including enhanced coordination with the regional commissions and, if necessary, through the redeployment of resources in accordance with established procedures;

XIII

SECTION 19. UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT)

1. *Endorses* the recommendation contained in paragraph 276 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination,[24] and stresses that the activities envisaged under subprogrammes 1, 6 and 8 should be fully responsive to the needs of the various regions, including Latin America and the Caribbean;

2. *Also endorses* the relevant recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the translation of documentation into Chinese, and invites the Secretary-General to reflect any related additional appropriation in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 under section 19;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to ensure that all publications of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) are translated into all official languages in a timely manner;

XIV

SECTION 20. UNITED NATIONS CENTRE ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed reclassification of the General Service post of Managing Editor, *The CTC Reporter* magazine, pending the completion of the review of the publication policy of the Organization;

XV

SECTION 21. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

1. *Stresses* the importance of the preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in 1995, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are provided for the preparation during the biennium 1992-1993;

2. *Also stresses* the importance of the appropriate servicing of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and requests the Secretary-General to ensure such servicing, including through the redeployment of resources;

XVI

SECTION 22. INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL

Endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 301 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination,[24] and stresses the need for allocation of adequate resources for activities undertaken pursuant to this recommendation;

Administrative and financial arrangements regarding the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

1. *Decides* to establish, as from 1 January 1992, under the direct responsibility of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme as a fund for financing operational activities mainly in developing countries and to transfer to it the financial resources of the former United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;

2. *Authorizes* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug control issues, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/38 of 21 June 1991 and General Assembly resolution 46/104 of 16 December 1991, to ap-

prove, on the basis of the proposals of the Executive Director of the Programme, both the budget of the programme of the Fund and the administrative and programme support costs budget, other than expenditures borne by the regular budget of the United Nations, and requests the Commission to report to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the ways in which it plans to carry out the administrative and financial functions;

3. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its comments and recommendations on the administrative and programme support costs budget of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to consider ways to streamline the proposed structure for the Programme, taking into account, *inter alia*, the observations of the Advisory Committee and the views expressed in the Fifth Committee, including the need to promote regional cooperation under the coordination of the Programme in consultation with the regional commissions and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

5. *Decides* to consider the arrangements relating to personnel for the Programme to be funded from the regular budget of the United Nations at a later stage during the current session of the General Assembly, and meanwhile requests the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary to expedite the recruitment of such personnel;

6. *Notes* that the paramount consideration in the employment of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and that due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible;

7. *Notes also* the intention of the Secretary-General to promulgate financial rules for the Fund, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, it being understood that the references in the said financial rules to the role and functions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall be consistent with the role of the Commission given in paragraph 2 above;

8. *Decides* that, notwithstanding regulations 11.1 and 11.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Executive Director of the Programme shall maintain the accounts of the Fund of the Programme and shall be responsible for submitting the said accounts and related financial statements, no later than 31 March following the end of the financial period, to the Board of Auditors and for submitting financial reports to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and to the General Assembly;

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SECTION 23. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

1. *Accepts* the proposals of the Secretary-General and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the multinational programming and operational centres, taking into account the relevant evaluation report,[39] the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination,[24] the report of the Secretary-General,[40] the relevant decisions of the Economic and Social Council, paragraph 23.9 of the report of the Advisory Committee[26] and further views expressed by the Secretariat during the consideration of this question at the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the multinational programming and operational centres with the remaining Professional and General Service posts and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the self-evaluation capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa[41] and the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish the P-5 post of Evaluation Officer for the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 1992-1993 and to review the functions of this post in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

3. *Accepts* the proposals of the Secretary-General and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the situation of the Institute, in the light of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/72 of 27 July 1990;

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SECTION 24. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

1. *Takes note* of the proposed priorities among subprogrammes, invites the Secretary-General to be guided by the work programme and the priorities recommended by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in implementing the programme budget, and stresses the importance of submitting new proposals in the context of the revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assess the capacity of the Commission to fulfil its role for the strengthening of multilateral regional and subregional cooperation, having regard to the resources available in the Commission, and to propose measures for the strengthening of the Commission in the context of the revised estimates of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, taking into account the work programme of the Commission;

XIX

SECTION 28. HUMAN RIGHTS

1. *Accepts* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with regard to posts, and requests the Secretary-General to provide complete information concerning management and workload analysis, as indicated by the Advisory Committee, to enable the Committee to make appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 on the establishment of the temporary posts on a permanent basis, on the understanding that the arrangements on temporary posts will be included in a long-term solution for the resources of the Centre for Human Rights;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with regard to the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on the level

of general temporary assistance for section 28, to ensure that adequate resources are available during the biennium 1992-1993;

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SECTION 29A. OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding the financing of additional posts from the regular budget, requests the Secretary-General to review with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees the current arrangements for the financing of administrative and other posts at the Office, taking into account the financial situation of the Office and the United Nations and all relevant intergovernmental decisions, and to make proposals, as appropriate, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

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SECTION 29B. UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

1. *Takes note* of the proposals of the Secretary-General, and requests him to review the resource requirements of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East under the regular budget, taking into account General Assembly resolution 3331 B (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, subsequent practices and the reasons which led him to put forward the proposals contained in paragraph 29B.8 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;[25]

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make recommendations in this regard, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

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SECTION 31. PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. *Notes* that the Trust Fund for Information Support for African Economic Recovery and Development should have been mentioned in section 11A, stresses the importance of the Fund for the implementation of the activities mandated under programme 45 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997,[27] and invites the Secretary-General to mobilize resources for the Fund and requests him to report in the most appropriate form to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

2. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring cultural diversity and equality of languages in the activities of the Department of Public Information, particularly with regard to audiovisual materials and radio programmes;

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SECTION 32. CONFERENCE SERVICES

Requests the Secretary-General to keep under review workload standards in the Department of Conference Services, taking into account technological innovations and the need for further progress in productivity, and to report thereon in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

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BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1992-1993:

1. Appropriations totalling 2,389,234,900 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

Section	*(US dollars)*
PART I. *Overall policy-making, direction and coordination*	
1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	35 545 500
TOTAL, PART I	35 545 500
PART II. *Political affairs*	
2. Good offices and peace-making; peace-keeping; research and the collection of information	97 580 600
3. Political and Security Council affairs	15 822 800
4. Political and General Assembly affairs and Secretariat services .	12 486 300
5. Disarmament	13 264 400
6. Special political questions; regional cooperation; trusteeship and decolonization	9 499 100
7. Elimination of apartheid	8 300 300
TOTAL, PART II	156 953 500