

355 (IV). Reports of 1949 of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the reports¹⁹ submitted to it in 1949 by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
2. Records its recognition of the high value of the work performed by the Advisory Committee in the interests of the United Nations.

*274th plenary meeting,
9 December 1949.*

356 (IV). Budget appropriations for the financial year 1950

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1950

1. An amount of \$US49,641,773 is hereby appropriated for the following purposes:

	<i>Dollars (US)</i>	
A. UNITED NATIONS		
<i>Section</i>		
<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees</i>		
1. The General Assembly and commissions and committees thereof	1,326,960	
2. The Security Council and commissions and committees thereof	357,600	
3. The Economic and Social Council and commissions and committees thereof.....	325,390	
(a) Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	39,900	
(b) Regional economic commissions.....	53,560	418,850
4. The Trusteeship Council and commissions and committees thereof	175,750	
TOTAL, PART I		2,279,160
<i>Part II. Special conferences, investigations and inquiries</i>		
5. Special conferences		53,600
6. Investigations and inquiries.....	3,417,700	
(a) United Nations Field Service.....	337,000	
(b) Permanent international regime for the Jerusalem area and protection of the Holy Places	8,000,000	11,754,700
TOTAL, PART II		11,808,300
<i>Part III. Headquarters, New York</i>		
7. Executive Office of the Secretary-General....	512,000	
(a) Library	449,500	
8. Department of Security Council Affairs.....	841,200	
9. Military Staff Committee secretariat.....	144,800	
10. Department of Economic Affairs.....	2,450,000	
11. Department of Social Affairs.....	1,689,500	
12. Department for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.....	935,000	
13. Department of Public Information.....	3,264,250	
14. Department of Legal Affairs.....	527,300	
15. Conference and General Services.....	8,731,200	
16. Administrative and Financial Services.....	1,720,000	
17. Common staff costs.....	3,888,000	
18. Common services	2,110,300	
19. Permanent equipment	241,800	
TOTAL, PART III		27,504,850
Carried forward		41,592,310

¹⁹ See *Official Records of the third session of the General Assembly, Part II, Plenary Meetings, Annexes, document A/843, Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly, Supplement No. 7, Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly, Annex to the Fifth Committee, documents A/1001, A/1002, A/1003, A/1021, A/1040, A/1046, A/1047, A/1051, A/1055, A/1056, A/1057, A/1059, A/1061, A/1067, A/1070, A/1071, A/1085, A/1086, A/1087, A/1088, A/1091, A/1153, A/1154, A/1155, A/1156, A/1157, A/1158, A/1160, A/1161, A/1210, A/1226 and Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly, Annex to the Joint Second and Third Committee, document A/1005.*

	<i>Dollars (US)</i>		
			41,592,310
	Brought forward		
<i>Part IV. United Nations Office at Geneva</i>			
20. The European Office (excluding direct costs, chapter III, secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body)	4,141,990		
Chapter III, the secretariat (direct costs) of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	53,410	4,195,400	
			4,195,400
	TOTAL, PART IV		
<i>Part V. Information Centres</i>			
21. Information centres (other than information services, European Office).....		839,550	
			839,550
	TOTAL, PART V		
<i>Part VI. Regional Economic Commissions (other than the Economic Commission for Europe)</i>			
22. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East		686,850	
23. Economic Commission for Latin America.....		525,500	
			1,212,350
	TOTAL, PART VI		
<i>Part VII. Hospitality</i>			
24. Hospitality		20,000	
			20,000
	TOTAL, PART VII		
<i>Part VIII. Technical programmes</i>			
25. Advisory social welfare functions.....		635,900	
(a) Technical assistance for economic development		539,000	
(b) International Centre for training in public administration		149,500	
			1,324,400
	TOTAL, PART VIII		
<i>Part IX. Special expenses</i>			
26. Transfer of assets of the League of Nations to the United Nations.....		533,768	
			533,768
	TOTAL, PART IX		
B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE			
<i>Part X. The International Court of Justice</i>			
27. The International Court of Justice.....		634,765	
			634,765
	TOTAL, PART X		
C. SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS			
<i>Part XI. Global reduction on account of contractual printing and devaluation of certain currencies</i>			
28. Global reduction on provisions for contractual printing		—(210,770)	
29. Global reduction on account of devaluation of currencies		—(500,000)	
			—(710,770)
	TOTAL, PART XI		
	GRAND TOTAL AFTER REDUCTION		49,641,773

2. The appropriations granted by paragraph 1 shall be financed by contributions from Members after adjustment as provided by regulation 17 of the Provisional Financial Regulations. For this purpose, miscellaneous income for the financial year 1950 is estimated at \$US5,091,740.

3. Amounts not exceeding the appropriations granted by paragraph 1 shall be available for payment of obligations in respect of goods supplied and services rendered during the period 1 January 1950 to 31 December 1950.

4. The Secretary-General is authorized:
- (i) To administer as a unit the appropriations provided under section 3 (a) and section 20, chapter III;
 - (ii) To apply the reduction under section 28 to the various sections of the budget concerned;
 - (iii) To apply the reduction under section 29 to the various sections of the budget concerned;
 - (iv) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to transfer credits between sections of the budget.

5. In addition to the appropriations granted by paragraph 1, an amount of \$US14,000 is hereby appropriated for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment from the income of the Library Endowment Fund, in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

*276th plenary meeting,
10 December 1949.*

357 (IV). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1950

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1950:

The Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and subject to the financial regulations of the United Nations, is authorized to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$2,000,000 if the Secretary-General certifies that they relate to the maintenance of peace and security or to urgent economic rehabilitation;

(b) Such commitments as may be necessary to provide for reasonable expenses for the proposed Economic Commission for the Middle East should the Economic and Social Council decide that this Commission shall be created in 1950;

(c) Such commitments as may be necessary to provide for expenses of meetings of the Economic and Social Council should the Council, having reconsidered the question of its place of meeting in the light of the debates in the General Assembly, confirm its decision to hold its eleventh session at Geneva;

(d) Such commitments, duly certified by the President of the International Court of Justice, relating to expenses occasioned:

- (i) By the designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute, Article 31),
- (ii) By the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30) or of witnesses and experts (Statute, Article 50),
- (iii) By the holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22),

and which do not exceed \$24,000, \$25,000 and \$75,000 respectively, under each of these three headings;

The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the next regular session of the General Assembly all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the General Assembly in respect of such commitments.

*276th plenary meeting,
10 December 1949.*

358 (IV). Working Capital Fund

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be maintained to 31 December 1950 at the amount of \$US20,000,000;

2. Members shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale²⁰ adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the fifth annual budget;

3. There shall be set off against this new allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1949; provided that, should the advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1949 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provision of paragraph 2 hereof, the excess shall be set off against the amount of contributions payable by that Member in respect of the fifth annual budget, or any previous budget;

4. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolution²¹ relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses. The Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purposes, do not exceed \$250,000 to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities. Advances in excess of the total of \$250,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Secretary-General shall submit, with the annual accounts, an explanation of the outstanding balance of the revolving fund at the end of each year;

(d) Loans to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions of agencies to be established by inter-governmental agreement under the auspices of the United Nations to finance their work, pending receipt by the agencies concerned of sufficient contributions under their own budgets.

²⁰ See resolution 343 (IV), page 46.

²¹ See resolution 357 (IV) on this page.