

the results of those consultations to an informal plenary session of the General Assembly, no later than 1 February 2009;

(d) Also decided, taking into consideration the results achieved so far in the Open-ended Working Group, and building on the progress achieved thus far, in particular during its sixty-first and sixty-second sessions, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, to commence intergovernmental negotiations in informal plenary of the General Assembly during its sixty-third session, but not later than 28 February 2009, based on proposals by Member States, in good faith, with mutual respect and in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, seeking a solution that can garner the widest possible political acceptance by Member States;

(e) Further decided that the basis for the intergovernmental negotiations would be as follows:

(i) The positions and proposals of Member States, regional groups and other groupings of Member States;

(ii) The five key issues: categories of membership; the question of the veto; regional representation; size of an enlarged Security Council and working methods of the Council; and the relationship between the Council and the General Assembly;

(iii) The following documents: report of the Open-ended Working Group on its work during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly;²⁴ Assembly decision 61/561; and the report of the Open-ended Working Group on its work during the sixty-second session of the Assembly;²³

(f) Decided that the Open-ended Working Group should continue to exert efforts during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly aimed at achieving general agreement among Member States in the consideration of all issues relevant to the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, taking into account the progress achieved during the forty-eighth to sixty-second sessions of the Assembly;

(g) Also decided that the Open-ended Working Group should submit a report to the General Assembly before the end of its sixty-third session, including any agreed recommendations.

2. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

62/545. Questions deferred for future consideration

B²⁵

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 3 April 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:²⁶

Section A

Decided to defer until the second part of its resumed sixty-second session consideration of the following agenda item and related documents:

²⁴ *Ibid.*, *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 47 (A/61/47)*.

²⁵ Decision 62/545, in section B.6 of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 49* and corrigendum (A/62/49 and A/62/49 (Vol. II)/Corr.1), vol. II, becomes decision 62/545 A.

²⁶ A/62/604/Add.1, para. 6.

IV. Decisions

Item 126

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on United Nations procurement activities²⁷

Comprehensive report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on United Nations procurement activities²⁸

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the application of the best value for money principle in United Nations procurement, and note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon²⁹

Section B

Decided to defer until its sixty-third session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 128

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009

Report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 3, Political affairs, section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 35, Staff assessment, related to the strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs³⁰

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 3, Political affairs, section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 35, Staff assessment, related to the strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs³¹

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the management of special political missions by the Department of Political Affairs³²

Letter dated 7 March 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda and Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General³³

Letter dated 12 March 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Permanent Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda and Cuba to the United Nations³⁴

Item 133

Human resources management

Report of the Secretary-General on the staffing of field missions, including the use of 300- and 100-series appointments³⁵

Report of the Secretary-General on detailed proposals for streamlining United Nations contractual arrangements³⁶

²⁷ A/62/525.

²⁸ A/62/721.

²⁹ A/61/846 and Add.1.

³⁰ A/62/521 and Corr.1.

³¹ A/62/7/Add.32. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

³² A/61/357.

³³ A/C.5/62/24.

³⁴ A/C.5/62/25.

³⁵ A/61/732.

³⁶ A/62/274.

IV. Decisions

Report of the Secretary-General on the harmonization of conditions of service³⁷

Addendum to the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2006³⁸

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on human resources management³⁹

Item 138

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 139

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive proposal on appropriate incentives to retain staff of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia⁴⁰

Report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2007⁴¹

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on a comprehensive proposal on appropriate incentives to retain staff of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia⁴²

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At its 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁴³ decided to defer until its sixty-third session consideration of the following agenda item and related documents:

Item 140

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Secretary-General on the overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and budget for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009⁴⁴

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on conduct and discipline, including full justification of all posts⁴⁵

Report of the Secretary-General on peacekeeping best practices⁴⁶

³⁷ A/61/861.

³⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 30, addendum (A/61/30/Add.1).*

³⁹ A/62/7/Add.14. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

⁴⁰ A/62/681.

⁴¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 30 and corrigendum (A/62/30 and Corr.1), chap. II.*

⁴² A/62/734.

⁴³ A/62/604/Add.2, para. 15.

⁴⁴ A/62/727.

⁴⁵ A/62/758.

⁴⁶ A/62/593 and Corr.1.

Note by the Secretary-General on the comprehensive report on training in peacekeeping⁴⁷

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations⁴⁸

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007, and note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments thereon⁴⁹

62/547. Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 3 April 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,⁵⁰ having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁵¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:⁵²

(a) Endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of its report;⁵²

(b) Decided to set, effective 1 April 2008, the annual net base salary of the members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda at 158,000 United States dollars, with the corresponding post adjustment per multiplier point equal to 1 per cent of the net base salary, to which would be applied the post adjustment multiplier for the Netherlands or the United Republic of Tanzania, as appropriate, taking into account the adjustment mechanism as proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraph 77 of his report;⁵³

(c) Recalled paragraph 11 of its resolution 61/262 of 4 April 2007 and decided to revert to the issue of the pension scheme during the second part of its resumed sixty-second session.

62/549. Use of 300-series and 100-series appointments

At its 109th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:⁵⁴

(a) Decided to continue to suspend the application of the four-year maximum limit for appointments of limited duration until 31 December 2008;

(b) Authorized the Secretary-General, bearing in mind paragraph (a) above, to reappoint, under the 100 series of the Staff Rules, those mission staff whose service under 300-series contracts reached the four-year limit by 31 December 2008, provided that their functions were reviewed and found necessary and their performance was confirmed as fully satisfactory;

(c) Requested the Secretary-General to continue the practice of using 300-series contracts as the primary instrument for the appointment of new staff.

⁴⁷ A/62/676.

⁴⁸ A/62/781.

⁴⁹ A/62/281 (Part II) and Add.1.

⁵⁰ A/62/563/Add.3, para. 9.

⁵¹ A/62/538 and Add.1 and 2.

⁵² A/62/7/Add.36. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

⁵³ A/62/538.

⁵⁴ A/62/600/Add.1, para. 14.