

ARTICLE 17 (1)

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 17 (1)

The General Assembly shall consider and approve the budget of the Organization.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. Except for certain decisions relating in the main to the determination of miscellaneous income to be taken in aid of the budget appropriations, nothing occurred during the ninth and tenth sessions of the General Assembly which should be added to the Summary of Practice under Article 17 (1) as set out in the Repertory of Practice.

SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

A. The scope of the budget What the budget comprises

2. At its tenth session, the General Assembly took decisions on
(a) The use of income derived from the Staff Assessment Plan 1/, and
(b) The budgetary and financial treatment of certain revenue-producing activities, such as the Visitors' Service and the sale of United Nations

1/ G A resolution 973 (X).

postage stamps ^{2/} which, in comparison to previous years, altered the arrangements for disposal of income from these sources.

Under these new decisions, income derived from the Staff Assessment Plan is credited, from 1 January 1956, to a Tax Equalization Fund; and, from 1 January 1957, direct expenses of certain revenue-producing activities are met from the income of these activities prior to determination of the amount to be credited to miscellaneous income. ^{3/}

****B. The process of considering and approving the budget**

****C. Administration of the budget**

****D. Scope and extent of the powers of the General Assembly to approve expenditures**

****E. Extent of control by the General Assembly over budgetary expenditure**

****F. Extra-budgetary funds**

^{2/} G A (X), annexes, a.i. 38 and 47, p. 82, A/3103, paras. 109-118. The decision was taken by the Fifth Committee. At the 500th meeting of the Fifth Committee, the Chairman pointed out that no formal resolution was required on the question of revenue-producing activities. He stated that the sense of the Committee's views would be given in the report of the Committee on the 1956 budget estimates and would serve as a guide to the Secretary-General in his future action with regard to such activities and to their 1957 budgetary presentation. (G A (X), 5th Com., 500th mtg., para. 62.)

^{3/} For further details on the effect of these decisions, see G A (XI), Suppl. No. 5 (A/3126), pp. 81-98.