

The benefits of P.P.B.S. should be great. The system will give agency heads the means for continuous and systematic review of their agency's activities. It will give the President and the Congress a method of reviewing and evaluating whole programmes rather than incremental requests--and of conducting that evaluation in a meaningful perspective. It should reveal those programmes which are obsolete or of little utility, and those which promise most effectively to meet pressing national needs. It should make possible a more efficient and more productive allocation of the resources of the Federal Government.

In the international organization arena, the I.L.O., in introducing this year its "Programme Planning and Control System", has taken a major step in adopting more modern and useful techniques in the rapidly developing field of public administration. It should be recognized that there is no one system of programme budgeting which can be applied to all situations. The system used is not the most important consideration; rather, adoption of the concepts and developing an integrated framework for their application is of fundamental importance.

Adoption of these concepts, in an integrated system for programme formulation and budget presentation by the organizations of the United Nations system is, in our view, a very promising new approach to the question of how international organizations can more efficiently serve the purpose for which they were established.

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