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Forty-second report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for 2021

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered an advance version of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session ([A/75/845](#)). During its consideration of the report, the Advisory Committee received additional information, concluding with written responses received on 14 April 2021.

2. In its resolution [75/245](#) B on the United Nations common system, adopted on 16 April 2021, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, inter alia:

(a) To provide in the context of his next report detailed updated information on the divergence in the jurisprudence of the two tribunals on matters relating to the International Civil Service Commission and an assessment of its impact on the cohesion of the United Nations common system;

(b) To submit a further report with detailed proposals and thorough analysis on practical options, giving priority to measures involving changes to the adjudication of cases involving International Civil Service Commission matters, as set out under option D, and measures under option B, limited to the review of tribunal judgments and issuance of guidance by the Commission, as well as increased exchanges between the tribunals, as set out in section IV of the report of the Secretary-General, and to present it for the consideration of the General Assembly no later than the seventy-seventh session;

(c) To provide, during the main part of its seventy-sixth session, an informal briefing on the status of progress in the preparation of the report on the jurisdictional set-up of the United Nations common system.



3. The Secretary-General indicates in his report that the requested activities and report would entail the following additional non-recurrent resource requirements in 2021 and 2022 ([A/75/845](#), para. 4):

(a) Two temporary positions, of a Principal Legal Officer (D-1) and an Associate Legal Officer (P-2), from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2022;

(b) A provision for travel for one trip by the two staff from New York to Geneva for in-person meetings;

(c) Contractual services for the processing of one report, estimated at 20,000 words, to be translated into all official languages and submitted at the main part of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly.

4. The Secretary-General explains in his report that the above-mentioned requirements for 2021 have not been included in the programme budget for 2021, meaning that additional resources in the amount of \$212,000 under section 29A, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, would be required. Additional requirements in the amount of \$495,200 for 2022, comprising \$62,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$432,300 under section 29A, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, would be included in the respective sections of the proposed programme budget for 2022.

5. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly, as proposed by the Secretary-General, are set out in paragraph 6 of his report. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly:**

(a) **Approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$212,000 (of which all is non-recurrent) under section 29A, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, of the programme budget for 2021;**

(b) **Approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$25,200 (of which all is non-recurrent) under section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for 2021, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**
