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**Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms**

### Fourth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for 2023

## I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions that contains the proposed resource requirements for 2023 for thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.3](#)). During its consideration of the report, the Committee received additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses dated 29 July 2022.

2. The Secretary-General, in addendum 1 to section 3, Political affairs, of his report on the proposed programme budget for 2023 ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#)), provides an overview of the proposed resource requirements for 2023 for 38 special political missions and related cross-cutting issues. Detailed information in respect of each special political mission is contained in five addenda to section 3 of the proposed programme budget.<sup>1</sup> The addenda cover the specific requirements for thematic

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<sup>1</sup> [A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.2](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.3](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.5](#) and [A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#).



clusters I to III, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI).

3. The resource requirements for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar (cluster I), whose mandate emanates from the General Assembly, are included in the report of the Secretary-General under cluster I, in order to consolidate the overall resource requirements for all special political missions, while the mandate of the Office will be brought to the attention of the Assembly, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

4. The Advisory Committee addresses issues of a cross-cutting nature pertaining to special political missions in its main report (A/77/7/Add.1), while its specific comments and recommendations relating to the budget proposals for thematic clusters I to III, UNAMA and UNAMI are presented in separate related reports.<sup>2</sup>

## II. Budget performance for 2021 and 2022 and resource requirements for 2023

5. The Secretary-General provides a summary of the proposed resource requirements for 2023 for the 15 special political missions under thematic cluster II, compared with the approved resources for 2022 and the expenditures for 2021 (see also A/77/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.3, table 1).

Table 1  
Summary of resource requirements for thematic cluster II

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Mission	2021		2022		2023		Variance 2023 budget vs. 2022 appropriation
	Appropriation (1)	Expenditure (2)	Appropriation (3)	Expenditure (1 January– 30 June) (4)	Total requirements (5)	Non-recurrent requirements (6)	
Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 450.8	992.8	1 419.5	764.3	1 524.2	–	104.7
Panel of Experts on the Sudan	1 067.9	909.0	1 073.1	674.3	1 120.4	–	47.3
Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3 124.8	2 823.2	3 094.5	2 168.4	3 110.6	–	16.1
Panel of Experts on Libya	1 361.3	1 096.0	1 431.5	648.6	1 410.4	–	(21.1)
Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	1 110.5	745.9	1 163.8	353.5	1 193.2	–	29.4
Panel of Experts on Yemen	2 258.2	1 860.7	2 302.2	1 202.5	2 210.0	–	(92.2)
Panel of Experts on South Sudan	1 293.1	651.9	1 253.8	754.1	1 257.6	–	3.8
Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	5 885.7	5 184.1	5 871.5	3 424.7	5 854.9	–	(16.6)

<sup>2</sup> A/77/7/Add.2, A/77/7/Add.3, A/77/7/Add.4, A/77/7/Add.5 and A/77/7/Add.6.

Mission	2021		2022		2023		Variance
	Appropriation	Expenditure	Appropriation	Expenditure (1 January– 30 June)	Total requirements	Non-recurrent requirements	2023 budget vs. 2022 appropriation
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)-(3)
Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution <a href="#">1904 (2009)</a>	632.4	529.8	668.1	327.0	617.3	–	(50.8)
Implementation of Security Council resolution <a href="#">2231 (2015)</a>	1 416.7	1 294.1	1 392.6	629.1	1 533.5	–	140.9
Panel of Experts on Mali	1 167.1	665.1	1 144.7	530.3	1 194.1	–	49.4
Panel of Experts on Somalia	1 855.2	1 591.4	1 878.2	1 137.8	1 858.9	–	(19.3)
Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution <a href="#">1540 (2004)</a> on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	2 978.7	2 508.5	3 137.7	2 047.9	3 135.5	–	(2.2)
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	10 878.7	9 860.9	11 278.7	5 067.8	11 570.9	–	292.2
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	24 357.6	23 617.5	24 461.0	12 437.6	25 632.3	–	1 171.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>60 838.7</b>	<b>54 330.9</b>	<b>61 570.9</b>	<b>32 167.9</b>	<b>63 223.8</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1 652.9</b>

6. The proposed requirements for 2023 for the 15 continuing missions grouped under thematic cluster II amount to \$63,223,800 (net), representing an increase of \$1,652,900, or 2.7 per cent, compared with the 2022 appropriation. A summary of variances between the approved resources for 2022 and proposed resources for 2023 for continuing missions is provided in table 6 of the main report of the Secretary-General ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#)).

7. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was provided with the expenditures as at 30 June 2022 for the 15 missions grouped under thematic cluster II, which amounted to \$32,167,900, or 52.2 per cent, compared with the 2022 appropriation of \$61,570,900. **The Advisory Committee trusts that the Secretary-General will provide updated information on expenditures in 2022 to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.**

## A. Comments and recommendations on staffing requirements

8. Overall, the Secretary-General proposes 265 positions for 2023 for the 15 missions under thematic cluster II, representing a net increase of one position compared with the 264 positions approved for 2022. Upon request, the Advisory Committee was provided with a table presenting positions approved for 2022 and proposed staffing requirements for 2023 for the 15 missions under thematic cluster II (see table 2). Staffing changes are also summarized in annex XVIII to the main report of the Secretary-General ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#)).

Table 2  
**Thematic cluster II: staffing requirements**

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Approved for 2022</i>	<i>Vacant as at 30 June 2022</i>	<i>Proposed for 2023</i>	<i>New positions</i>	<i>Abolishment</i>	<i>Conversion</i>	<i>Reclassification</i>	<i>Reassignment</i>	<i>Redeployment/relocation</i>
Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	2 (2 P-3)	–	2 (2 P-3)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Panel of Experts on the Sudan	1 (1 P-3)	–	1 (1 P-3)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	6 (1 P-4, 2 P-3, 3 GS)	2 (2 P-3)	6 (1 P-4, 2 P-3, 3 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Panel of Experts on Libya	2 (1 P-3, 1 GS)	–	2 (1 P-3, 1 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	2 (1 P-3, 1 GS)	–	2 (1 P-3, 1 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Panel of Experts on Yemen	8 (1 P-3, 5 FS, 2 LL)	1 FS	8 (1 P-3, 5 FS, 2 LL)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Panel of Experts on South Sudan	3 (1 P-3, 2 GS)	1 GS	3 (1 P-3, 2 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	19 (1 P-5, 4 P-4, 6 P-3, 8 GS)	–	19 (1 P-5, 4 P-4, 6 P-3, 8 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1904 (2009)	2 (1 P-4, 1 GS)	–	2 (1 P-4, 1 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)	7 (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3, 2 GS)	2 (1 P-3, 1 GS)	7 (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3, 2 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Panel of Experts on Mali	1 (1 P-3)	–	1 (1 P-3)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Panel of Experts on Somalia	6 (1 P-3, 1 GS, 4 LL)	–	6 (1 P-3, 1 GS, 4 LL)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	5 (1 P-5, 2 P-3, 2 GS)	–	5 (1 P-5, 2 P-3, 2 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	52 (1 ASG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 9 P-5, 20 P-4, 8 P-3, 3 P-2, 8 GS)	5 (1 ASG, 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 GS)	52 (1 ASG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 9 P-5, 20 P-4, 8 P-3, 3 P-2, 8 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	148 (1 ASG, 2 D-1, 5 P-5, 15 P-4, 17 P-3, 4 P-2, 44 FS, 23 NPO, 29 LL, 8 UNV)	14 (1 D-1, 3 P-4, 3 P-3, 2 FS, 1 NPO, 1 LL, 3 UNV)	149 (1 ASG, 2 D-1, 5 P-5, 15 P-4, 17 P-3, 4 P-2, 43 FS, 25 NPO, 29 LL, 8 UNV)	2 (1 NPO, 1 LL)	1 LL	1 FS to 1 NPO	–	2 (1 FS, 1 NPO)	7 (2 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 P-2, 1 FS, 1 LL)

*Abbreviations:* ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; FS, Field Service; GS, General Service; LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; UNV, United Nations Volunteer.

9. The Secretary-General proposes staffing changes for 2023 for one mission, namely, the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (UNITAD) comprising the following (A/77/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.3, para. 284 (a) to (k)):

(a) The proposed establishment of two positions, namely: one position of Associate Human Resources Officer (National Professional Officer) in the Office of the Chief of Staff, Baghdad, in combination with the abolishment of the position of Human Resources Assistant (Local level) (see para. 9 (b) below); and one position of Finance Assistant (Local level) in the Kuwait Joint Support Office (see para. 11 below), (ibid., para. 284 (e), (f) and (h));

(b) The proposed abolishment of one position of Human Resources Assistant (Local level) in the Office of the Chief of Staff, Human Resources Unit (ibid., para. 284 (e));

(c) The proposed conversion of one position of Facilities Management Assistant (Field Service) in the Office of the Chief of Staff, mission support, to Associate Facilities Management Officer (National Professional Officer) in Baghdad to contribute to the development of local capacity and reap sustainable benefits of local market and technology knowledge (ibid., para. 284 (g));

(d) The proposed reassignment of two positions, namely: one position of Associate Field Interpreter (National Professional Officer) in the Office of the Chief of Staff, Baghdad, as a position of Associate Protocol Officer (National Professional Officer) in Erbil within the Language Services Unit, as a result of the operational expansion of UNITAD into areas in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, as well as the increased demands in regard to the engagement and liaison with Government counterparts; and one position of Security Information Analyst (Field Service) in the Operations Unit of the Security Section as a position of Security Officer (Field Service) and subsequent redeployment from Baghdad to Erbil (ibid., para. 284 (d) and (i));

(e) The proposed redeployment of seven positions, as follows: (i) one backstopping position of Legal Officer (P-4) from New York to Baghdad in the front office of the Office of the Special Adviser; (ii) four positions in the Office of Field Investigations, namely, one position of Investigator (P-4), one position of Investigator (P-3) and one position of Associate Investigator (P-2) from Field Investigation Unit 3 in Dahuk to the newly established Field Investigation Unit 4 in Erbil to support the investigation of crimes, and one position of Associate Investigator (P-2) from Field Investigation Unit 1 in Dahuk to the newly established Field Investigation Unit 5 in Erbil; and (iii) two positions in the Security Section, namely, one position of Security Officer (Field Service) in the Administration and Support Unit from Baghdad to Erbil and one position of Field Security Assistant (Local level) in the Administration and Support Unit from Dahuk to Erbil (ibid., para. 284 (a), (b), (c), (j) and (k)).

10. Regarding the proposed redeployment of the backstopping position of Legal Officer (P-4) from New York to Baghdad in the front office of the Office of the Special Adviser, it is indicated in the report that the redeployment would meet the increasing demand for legal advice relating to the development of a legal framework to domesticate international crimes in the current Penal Code and would provide legal opinion on the increasing number of third-party requests for information from Member States (ibid., para. 284 (a)). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that in the current staffing of the mission, there was no Legal Officer in the front office of the Office of the Special Adviser based in Baghdad and hence, the proposed redeployment would fill a gap in the functions of legal affairs. The Committee was also informed that no legal expertise was required for backstopping in New York and that it could be provided by the P-5 Senior Political Adviser and Head of the Backstopping Office in New York Headquarters as required. **The Advisory Committee recommends the abolishment of the position of Legal Officer (P-4) in the Backstopping Office in New York and the establishment of a general temporary assistance position of Legal Officer (P-4) in the front office of the Office of the Special Adviser in Baghdad with the application of a 50 per cent vacancy rate.** The Advisory

Committee makes further observations on backstopping support in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions (A/77/7/Add.1).

11. In terms of the establishment of one position of Finance Assistant (Local level) in the Kuwait Joint Support Office, the Secretary-General indicates that the proposal is part of an effort to align the funding sources of the Office to reflect the workload and the client base that the Support Office services; that it is aimed at achieving a more balanced distribution of the workforce of the Support Office among the special political missions; and that it includes proposals to abolish six positions at UNAMA and UNAMI and to establish those positions in four other missions, including UNITAD (A/77/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.3, para. 284 (h)). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that in 2023, the Kuwait Joint Support Office plans to continue supporting: (a) eight field missions with finance- and human resources-related transactional services;<sup>3</sup> and (b) 10 other field missions with more limited dedicated support for education grant and payroll processing requirements only.<sup>4</sup> **The Advisory Committee reiterates that the Kuwait Joint Support Office is not a shared service centre approved by the General Assembly and that, in accordance with Assembly resolution 70/248 A, any changes to the existing and future service delivery model must be approved by the Assembly (see A/76/7/Add.1, para. 62). The Committee therefore recommends against the proposed establishment of one position of Finance Assistant (Local level) in the Kuwait Joint Support Office.** The Advisory Committee makes further observations on the Kuwait Joint Support Office in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions (A/77/7/Add.1). The Committee also makes further observations on the service delivery concept in the context of its review of section 29B, Department of Operational Support, and in the foreword and introduction of its report on the proposed programme budget for 2023.

#### Vacant positions

12. Annex XV to the main report of the Secretary-General (A/77/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1) contains information on vacancy rates. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that, as at 30 June 2022, 25 positions were vacant; for 16 of those positions, the onboarding of the candidate was in process. No positions had been vacant for one year or longer in missions under thematic cluster II. The Committee notes from the supplementary information provided to it that no vacant positions were encumbered as of June 2022 through the granting of the special post allowance for one year or longer. **The Advisory Committee trusts that updated information on the recruitment status of vacant positions will be provided to the General Assembly during the consideration of the present report and in the next budget submission.**

#### Vacancy rates

13. The Advisory Committee also received, upon enquiry, information on the positions and vacancy rates approved, the actual vacancy rates experienced during 2022 and the proposed positions and budgeted vacancy rates for 2023 for the missions under

<sup>3</sup> United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti, Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria, Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia and United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, United Nations Mission in Kosovo, United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan, Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon and United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia.

cluster II (see table 3). The Committee notes that actual and average vacancy rates in 2022 were negligible (0 per cent) for a number of entities under thematic cluster II and recalls that similar rates were also provided in 2021 (see [A/76/7/Add.3](#), table 3). **The Advisory Committee is therefore of the view that the budgeted vacancy rate should reflect the actual and average rates to a greater extent and trusts that further clarification on the budgeted vacancy rates for 2023 will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.**

Table 3  
Number of positions and vacancy rates, 2022 and 2023

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Approved positions 2022</i>	<i>Approved vacancy rate 2022 (percentage)</i>	<i>Vacancy rates as at 30 June 2022 (percentage)</i>	<i>Average vacancy rates January–June 2022 (percentage)</i>	<i>Proposed positions 2023</i>	<i>Budgeted vacancy rate (%) 2023</i>	<i>Number of vacant positions</i>
Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	International staff	2	5.0	0.0	0.0	2	5.0	–
Panel of Experts on the Sudan	International staff	1	5.0	0.0	0.0	1	5.0	–
Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	International staff	6	13.0	33.3	8.3	6	13.0	2
Panel of Experts on Libya	International staff	2	5.0	0.0	33.3	2	5.0	–
Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	International staff	2	5.0	0.0	0.0	2	5.0	–
Panel of Experts on Yemen	International staff	6	7.0	16.7	2.8	6	5.0	1
	National staff (Local level)	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2	0.0	–
Panel of Experts on South Sudan	International staff	3	5.0	33.3	27.8	3	5.0	1
Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions <a href="#">1526 (2004)</a> and <a href="#">2253 (2015)</a> concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	International staff	19	13.0	0.0	1.8	19	10.0	–
Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to Security Council resolution <a href="#">1904 (2009)</a>	International staff	2	5.0	0.0	0.0	2	5.0	–
Implementation of Security Council resolution <a href="#">2231 (2015)</a>	International staff	7	5.0	28.6	16.7	7	5.0	2
Panel of Experts on Mali	International staff	1	5.0	0.0	0.0	1	5.0	–
Panel of Experts on Somalia	International staff	2	5.0	0.0	0.0	2	5.0	–
	National staff (Local level)	4	5.0	0.0	0.0	4	0.0	–

Mission	Category	Approved positions 2022	Approved vacancy rate 2022 (percentage)	Vacancy rates as at 30 June 2022 (percentage)	Average vacancy rates January–June 2022 (percentage)	Proposed positions 2023	Budgeted vacancy rate (%) 2023	Number of vacant positions
Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	International staff	5	5.0	0.0	0.0	5	5.0	–
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	International staff	52	5.5	11.5	10.9	52	5.0	5
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	International staff	88	15.0	10.2	8.7	87	12.0	9
	National Professional Officer	23	37.0	4.3	10.1	25	22.0	1
	National staff (Local level)	29	24.0	3.4	1.1	29	15.0	1
	United Nations Volunteers	8	13.0	37.5	33.3	8	6.0	3

14. Subject to its recommendations in paragraphs 10 and 11 above, the Advisory Committee recommends approval of the staffing proposals of the Secretary-General for 2023. Any related operational costs should be adjusted accordingly.

## B. Comments and recommendations on operational costs

15. The proposed resources for operational costs under thematic cluster II for 2023 amount to \$26,142,500, reflecting an increase of \$755,300, or 2.9 per cent, compared with the appropriation of \$25,657,200 for 2022. The Advisory Committee was provided with information on the operational costs for cluster II, including the expenditure for 2021, the appropriation for 2022 and the proposed requirements for 2023, as shown in table 4.

Table 4  
Thematic cluster II: operational costs

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	2021		2022		2023		Variance 2023 budget vs. 2022 appropriation
	Appropriation	Expenditure	Appropriation	Expenditure (1 January– 30 June)	Total requirements	Non-recurrent requirements	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)-(3)
1. Experts	13 367.5	10 034.7	13 450.5	9 256.9	13 571.1	–	120.6
2. Consultants and consulting services	172.2	167.3	174.3	21.1	77.0	–	(97.3)
3. Official travel	1 968.0	542.2	1 799.5	692.2	2 052.3	–	252.8
4. Facilities and infrastructure	4 637.6	4 021.8	4 517.4	1 477.9	4 737.9	–	220.5
5. Ground transportation	422.6	1 115.6	413.4	116.0	314.9	–	(98.5)
6. Air operations	43.0	78.3	–	8.1	200.0	–	200.0



Category of expenditure	2021		2022		2023		Variance
	Appropriation	Expenditure	Appropriation	Expenditure (1 January– 30 June)	Total requirements	Non-recurrent requirements	2023 budget vs. 2022 appropriation
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)-(3)
7. Marine operations	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
8. Communications and information technology	3 693.8	3 223.2	3 610.8	1 493.4	3 851.9	–	241.1
9. Medical	250.6	63.9	254.4	0.8	165.8	–	(88.6)
10. Special equipment	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
11. Other supplies, services and equipment	1 434.2	1 138.5	1 436.9	687.3	1 441.6	–	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 989.5</b>	<b>20 385.5</b>	<b>25 657.2</b>	<b>13 753.7</b>	<b>26 412.5</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>755.3</b>

### Panel of Experts on Mali

#### *Official travel*

16. The proposed provision of \$143,500 for 2023 under official travel for the Panel of Experts on Mali represents no increase compared with the approved resources for 2022 and would provide for the travel of the Political Affairs Officer to support the overall implementation of the sanctions regime (\$19,900) and of five Security Officers to provide dedicated close protection during the Panel's trips to Mali in accordance with the security measures recommended by the Department of Safety and Security (\$123,600). The Advisory Committee notes that expenditures amounted to \$19,800 for 2021 and \$3,300 as at 30 June 2022 against the provisions of \$159,500 for 2021 and \$143,500 for 2022. **The Advisory Committee reiterates its view that greater use should be made of virtual meetings and online training tools (see also paras. 19 and 23 below). Taking into consideration the low level of expenditures in 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$21,500, to the proposed resources for 2023 under official travel for the Panel of Experts on Mali.**

#### *Facilities and infrastructure*

17. The Advisory Committee received supplementary information indicating that the proposed provision of \$159,700 for 2023 under facilities and infrastructure, representing no increase compared with the approved resources for 2022, would provide mainly for the rental of premises (\$17,000) for office space for one staff member in New York and security services (\$142,500) for close protection for the team when visiting Mali. The Committee notes that no expenditures were incurred as at 30 June 2022 and that expenditures amounting to \$18,900 were incurred for 2021 against the provision of \$159,700. **Taking into consideration the low level of expenditures in 2021 and the lack of expenditures during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$24,000, to the proposed resources for 2023 under facilities and infrastructure for the Panel of Experts on Mali (see also para. 16 above).**

### Panel of Experts on Somalia

#### *Facilities and infrastructure*

18. The Advisory Committee received supplementary information indicating that the proposed provision of \$129,800 for 2023 under facilities and infrastructure,

representing no increase compared with the approved resources for 2022, would provide mainly for the rental of premises (\$49,000) for the two positions in New York and four positions in Nairobi and security services in Somalia, residential security in Nairobi and security services and escort for the experts of the Panel to be made available by the United Nations Office at Nairobi (\$75,000). Expenditures amounted to \$69,300 for 2021 and \$11,800 as at 30 June 2022 against the provisions of \$81,500 for 2021 and \$129,800 for 2022. **Taking into consideration the low level of expenditures in 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$19,500, to the proposed resources for 2023 under facilities and infrastructure for the Panel of Experts on Somalia.**

#### **Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate**

##### *Official travel*

19. The proposed provision of \$836,000 for 2023 under official travel for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, representing an increase of \$500, or 0.06 per cent, compared with the approved resources for 2022 would provide for travel in order to monitor the implementation of Security Council resolutions [1373 \(2001\)](#) and [1624 \(2005\)](#) and to facilitate the delivery of technical assistance aimed at assisting Member States in rectifying identified gaps in implementation. Expenditures amounted to \$3,200 for 2021 and \$200,100 as at 30 June 2022 against the provisions of \$928,300 for 2021 and \$835,500 for 2022. **Taking into consideration the low level of expenditures in 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$125,400, to the proposed resources for 2023 under official travel for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.**

##### *Communications and information technology*

20. The proposed provision of \$206,900 for 2023 under communications and information technology represents no increase compared with the approved resources for 2022. Expenditures amounted to \$129,300 for 2021 and \$88,200 as at 30 June 2022 against the provisions of \$185,400 for 2021 and \$206,900 for 2022. **Taking into consideration the low level of expenditures in 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 10 per cent, or \$20,700, to the proposed resources for 2023 under communications and information technology for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.**

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##### *Consultants*

21. The Advisory Committee received supplementary information indicating that the proposed provision for consultancy services of \$77,000 for 2023 represents a decrease of \$97,300, or 55.8 per cent, compared with the approved resources for 2021, mainly attributable to a reduction in the need for specialized expertise in investigative information systems and cyberforensics and cybersecurity owing to the increased in-house capacity resulting from recent recruitments. Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that updates to cybersecurity requirements had been covered by means of: (a) a dedicated information systems officer in the UNITAD Information Systems Unit, who acts as focal point with the Field Technology Section of UNAMI and is jointly responsible for monitoring and maintaining network security at UNITAD; and (b) an associate digital forensics investigation officer with expertise in open-source

intelligence investigations in the UNITAD Forensic Science Unit, who provides the Investigative Team with skilled, cybersecure open-source intelligence investigations. **The Advisory Committee reiterates that the use of consultants should be kept to an absolute minimum and that core activities should be performed by in-house capacity (see A/75/7/Add.3, para. 18). Furthermore, in view of the availability of in-house capacity, the Committee recommends a reduction of 10 per cent, or \$7,700, to the proposed resources for 2023 under consultants for UNITAD.**

22. The Advisory Committee was further informed that, separately from the UNITAD information technology system and, through a combination of ongoing cross-training in cybersecurity to other members of the Investigative Team and the procurement and implementation of specialized software licences (as approved by the Office of Information and Communications Technology), trained investigators could perform open-source intelligence searches that anonymize and protect the identity of the investigator and protect the user from online malware and malicious attacks. **The Advisory Committee trusts that the lessons learned and best practices, including measures to achieve the efficient use of resources, will be shared with other departments, offices and entities, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the context of its investigative missions.**

#### *Official travel*

23. The Advisory Committee received supplementary information indicating that the proposed provision of \$599,700 for 2023 under official travel for UNITAD, representing an increase of \$209,100, or 53.5 per cent, compared with the approved resources for 2022, would provide for: (a) non-training travel (\$539,300) mainly for field-based investigative activities, information analysis, political consultations and close protection; and (b) travel for training (\$60,400). Expenditures amounted to \$336,100 for 2021 and \$271,200 as at 30 June 2022 against the provisions of \$454,500 for 2021 and \$390,600 for 2022. Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that UNITAD had adapted to remote and online training sessions and meetings post-COVID and that the majority of expenditure for travel both within and outside of the mission area was to facilitate engagement with external partners and stakeholders mainly by the Office of the Special Adviser for outreach with the international community, regional political consultations and fundraising, in support of the UNITAD mandate. **Taking into consideration the low level of expenditures in 2021 and the proposed changes to the staffing structure of the mission (see para. 9 above), the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 10 per cent, or \$60,000, to the proposed resources for 2023 under official travel for UNITAD.**

#### *Communications and information technology*

24. The proposed provision of \$2,599,300 for 2023 under communications and information technology represents an increase of \$165,500, or 6.8 per cent, compared with the approved resources for 2022. The proposed increase is attributable mainly to higher requirements for the maintenance of communications and information technology equipment and support services as well as the acquisition of mandate-critical software, offset in part by fewer acquisitions of communications and information technology equipment given that digital evidence vault and removable storage media have been acquired in 2022, as well as lower requirements for telecommunication network services owing to the reduction in price for Internet and mobile communications services. Expenditures amounted to \$2,334,900 for 2021 and \$878,000 as at 30 June 2022 against the provisions of \$2,617,400 for 2021 and \$2,433,800 for 2022. **Taking into consideration the low level of expenditures in 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee is not convinced that the proposed requirements are fully justified and recommends a**

**reduction of 5 per cent, or \$130,000, to the proposed resources for 2023 under communications and information technology for UNITAD.** The Advisory Committee makes further observations on communications and information technology resources in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions ([A/77/7/Add.1](#)).

*Medical services*

25. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was provided with the information on medical services and service providers contained in table 5 below and notes the cost-sharing services for the Panels of Experts on Yemen and Somalia and for UNITAD with United Nations system service providers, thereby allowing for greater efficiencies in terms of cost- and service-sharing.

**Table 5**  
**Information on medical services and service providers for special political missions, 2021–2023**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Type of medical service</i>	<i>Service provider</i>	<i>Selection criteria</i>	<i>2021 Approved</i>	<i>2021 Actual</i>	<i>2022 Approved</i>	<i>2022 Actual</i>	<i>2023 Proposed</i>	<i>Number of service provider personnel to provide the services</i>	<i>Number of United Nations personnel who receive the services</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Reason for chosen services</i>
Panel of Experts on Yemen	Cost-sharing arrangement with United Nations country team for the joint medical clinic in Yemen	United Nations Development Programme	Letter of agreement with all participating entities	8.0	–	8.0	–	8.0	N/A	7	Sana'a and Aden, Yemen	
Panel of Experts on Somalia	Share of the common medical services costs for all United Nations offices based in Nairobi	United Nations Office at Nairobi	Service being provided through service- level agreement signed between the Panel of Experts on Somalia and the United Nations Office at Nairobi	–	3.7	3.8	–	3.8	N/A	4	Nairobi	It is cost-efficient to share the medical services with other entities.
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	Cost-sharing arrangement with the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq for the provision of medical services in Iraq	United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	Service- level agreement	242.6	–	242.6	60.2	154.0	N/A	196	Baghdad, Dahuk and Erbil, Iraq	

26. **Subject to its recommendations in paragraphs 14, 16 to 21, 23 and 24 above, the Advisory Committee recommends approval of the proposals of the Secretary-General for operational costs for 2023.**

### C. Other matters

#### *Gender balance*

27. Annex XVI to the main report of the Secretary-General indicates the gender distribution of civilian staff and experts in thematic cluster II as at 30 April 2022 (A/77/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1). The Advisory Committee was provided with information as at 15 July 2022 indicating the selection of new staff in 2019 (17 females and 17 males), 2020 (19 females and 18 males), 2021 (32 females and 18 males) and 2022 (8 females and 6 males) in the Professional and higher categories. **The Advisory Committee notes the efforts made to date and trusts that they will continue to be made to improve the gender balance of thematic cluster II entities and that updated information regarding gender representation and the related recruitment efforts will be provided in the context of all future budget submissions.** The Committee makes further observations on gender in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions (A/77/7/Add.1).

#### *Geographical representation*

28. Information provided to the Advisory Committee upon enquiry shows that as at 30 June 2022, the geographical representation among the 70 members of the expert panels was as follows: 22 from the Western European and other States, 15 from the African States, 15 from the Asia-Pacific States, 6 from the Eastern European States, 5 from the Latin American and Caribbean States and 7: Vacant. The Committee was also informed of the distribution of all levels of staff categories funded under both regular budget and extrabudgetary funds as at 30 June, as follows: 112 from the Asia-Pacific States; 106 from the Western European and other States; 25 from the Eastern European States; 22 from the African States; and 5 from the Latin American and Caribbean States. **The Advisory Committee trusts that further efforts will be made to achieve equitable geographical representation of Member States amongst the staff in thematic cluster II and that updated information thereon will be included in all future budget submissions.** The Committee makes further observations on geographical representation in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions (A/77/7/Add.1).

#### *Extrabudgetary resources*

29. Extrabudgetary contributions estimated at \$4,300,000 for UNITAD and \$781,036 for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate are expected to be received in 2023. Table 6 below shows the extrabudgetary contributions estimated and received in 2020, 2021 and 2022 as at 19 July 2022.

Table 6  
**Extrabudgetary resources, 2020–2023**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Donor</i>	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual received</i>	<i>Difference</i>
			<i>contribution</i>		
			<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(b)-(a)</i>
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	2020	Office of Counter-Terrorism	454 998	164 076	(290 922)
	2020	United Nations Partnership for Development Framework	629 165	833 400	204 235
	2020	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	80 080	80 080	–
	2020	Japan	366 983	384 454	17 471
	2020	Germany	96 199	–	(96 199)
	2020	Switzerland	188 250	200 000	11 750
<b>Total</b>			<b>1 815 675</b>	<b>1 662 010</b>	<b>(153 665)</b>
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	2020	Germany	–	1 167 500	1 167 500
	2020	Denmark	–	736 268	736 268
	2020	European Commission	–	2 760 404	2 760 404
	2020	Netherlands	–	234 667	234 667
	2020	United States of America	–	3 425 000	3 425 000
<b>Total</b>			<b>–</b>	<b>8 323 839</b>	<b>8 323 839</b>
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	2021	Office of Counter-Terrorism	756 640	535 329	(221 311)
	2021	United Nations Partnership for Development Framework	334 639	–	(334 639)
	2021	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	74 360	74 360	–
	2021	Japan	53 063	27 096	(25 967)
	2021	Germany	36 160	36 160	–
	2021	Switzerland	164 713	39 626	(125 087)
	<b>Total</b>			<b>1 419 575</b>	<b>712 571</b>

Mission	Year	Donor	Estimated contribution	Actual received	Difference
			(a)	(b)	(b)-(a)
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	2021	Germany	1 000 000	1 161 300	161 300
	2021	Denmark	–	962 927	962 927
	2021	European Commission	–	753 835	753 835
	2021	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1 219 512	–	(1 219 512)
	2021	Netherlands	580 000	588 800	8 800
	2021	Hungary	–	61 383	61 383
	2021	Finland	–	338 160	338 160
	2021	Slovakia	–	22 562	22 562
	2021	United States of America	3 000 000	3 925 000	925 000
<b>Total</b>			<b>5 799 512</b>	<b>7 813 967</b>	<b>2 014 455</b>
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	2022	Office of Counter-Terrorism	650 444	388 435	(262 009)
	2022	United Nations Partnership for Development Framework	320 926	–	(320 926)
	2022	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	123 217	–	(123 217)
	2022	Japan	–	–	–
	2022	Germany	–	–	–
	2022	Switzerland	40 000	–	(40 000)
	<b>Total</b>			<b>1 134 587</b>	<b>388 435</b>
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	2022	Germany	1 000 000	–	(1 000 000)
	2022	Denmark	574 787	574 787	–
	2022	European Commission	3 886 313	–	(3 886 313)
	2022	United States of America	2 250 000	250 000	(2 000 000)
	2022	India	200 000	200 000	–
<b>Total</b>			<b>7 911 100</b>	<b>1 024 787</b>	<b>(6 886 313)</b>
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	2023	Office of Counter-Terrorism	305 532	–	–
	2023	United Nations Partnership for Development Framework	475 504	–	–
<b>Total</b>			<b>781 036</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>



<i>Mission</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Donor</i>	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual received</i>	<i>Difference</i>
			<i>contribution</i>		
			<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(b)-(a)</i>
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	2023	Germany	1 000 000	–	–
	2023	Netherlands	1 000 000	–	–
	2023	Finland	300 000	–	–
	2023	United States of America	2 000 000	–	–
<b>Total</b>			<b>4 300 000</b>	–	–

*Note:* The Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate has a contribution agreement with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and exchanges of letters with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and has applied for and received funding from the United Nations Partnership for Development Framework.