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Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

Eighth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the second addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized, containing the proposed resource requirements for the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Cyprus for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002 (A/C.5/56/25/Add.2).

2. In his letter dated 5 December 2001 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1182), the Secretary-General informed the Council that efforts relating to his mission of good offices in Cyprus would continue at least throughout 2002 and that, in furtherance of the mission, his Special Adviser on Cyprus would continue to be assisted by a small team. The Advisory Committee notes that in his letter dated 10 December 2001 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1162), the Secretary-General refers to a meeting held on 4 December 2001 between Glafcos Clerides and Rauf Denktash in the United Nations Protected Area in the presence of his Special Adviser on Cyprus. At that meeting, agreement was reached between the parties to begin direct talks on 16 January 2002.

3. The Advisory Committee recalls that, by a letter dated 5 July 2001, it had concurred in the request of the

Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$374,400 for the Special Adviser on Cyprus for the six-month period ending 31 December 2001 (see annex). The related appropriation was requested in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/56/674).

4. As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/25/Add.2, sect. III), the total requirements relating to the efforts of the Special Adviser on Cyprus for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002 are estimated at \$1,413,400.

5. The estimate of \$1,247,200 under civilian personnel costs provides for the continuation of three posts (1 P-5, 1 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level)) (\$298,300); the engagement and travel of one legal adviser and three substantive and technical experts for a total of 25 work-months (\$374,800); and travel of the Special Adviser and his staff in connection with approximately 10 rounds of negotiations between the parties (\$574,200) (A/C.5/56/25/Add.2, annex I.B, paras. 1-3).

6. The estimate of \$166,200 for operational costs includes provision for minor alterations of premises to be used for the negotiations between the parties



(\$5,000); rental of vehicles for local transportation (\$5,600); commercial communications (\$6,000); office furniture for the conference room where negotiations will take place (\$10,000); acquisition of data-processing and other equipment, spare parts and supplies (\$102,400); supplies and services (\$27,200) and air and surface freight (\$10,000).

7. The Advisory Committee recommends that an amount of \$1,413,400 be charged against the provision for special political missions requested under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the Special Adviser on Cyprus for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002. The Committee will take the information contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/25/Add.2) into account when it resumes consideration of the estimates contained in documents A/C.5/56/25 and Add.1 in February 2002 (see A/56/7/Add.5, para. 5, and A/56/7/Add.6, para. 11).

Annex

Letter dated 5 July 2001 from the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the Secretary-General

The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the Controller's letter of 27 June 2001 seeking the concurrence of the Committee to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$374,400 relating to the Special Adviser on Cyprus. This request is made pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 54/252 of 23 December 1999 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

By a letter dated 5 June 2001 (S/2001/557), the President of the Security Council informed you that the Council had taken note of your indication that efforts related to your mission of good offices in Cyprus would continue at least throughout the current year.

As indicated in the Controller's letter, the initial requirements of your Special Adviser on Cyprus estimated at \$711,800 were charged against the commitment authority granted to you in paragraph 1 (a) of General Assembly resolution 54/252 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses and were reported to the General Assembly in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 2000-2001.

As also indicated in the letter, the General Assembly approved net additional resources of \$35,400 for the mission, for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001, after taking into account the unencumbered balance of \$409,300 from the initial commitment authority; after recosting, the total appropriation for the mission amounted to \$751,800.

The Advisory Committee notes from the Controller's letter that a total of \$624,400 would be required for the continuation of the mission of good offices in Cyprus for another six-month period, ending 31 December 2001.

The Advisory Committee also notes from the letter that, to date, a total of \$501,500 has been incurred, resulting in an unencumbered balance of \$250,000. Accordingly, the additional requirements for the continuation of the mission until the end of 2001 would amount to \$374,400.

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 54/252 of 23 December 1999 on unforeseen

and extraordinary expenses, the Advisory Committee concurs in your request to enter into commitments in the amount not exceeding \$374,400. The Committee notes from the Controller's letter that this matter shall be reverted to in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2000-2001.

(Signed) C. S. M. Mselle
Chairman