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#### Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-second session

### Draft report

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#### Addendum

### Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015

(Item 3 (b))

#### Programme 28

#### Safety and security

1. At its 16th meeting, on 13 June 2012, the Committee considered programme 28, Safety and security, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 28)).

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

#### Discussion

3. The importance of the programme in ensuring the safety and security of United Nations personnel as they carried out their work was emphasized.

4. Clarification was sought regarding the scope of security provided by the United Nations security management system, particularly in respect of intergovernmental meetings and events not organized by the Organization, but attended by United Nations personnel. Clarification was also sought as to whether a mechanism was in place to assist such persons in the case of security incidents.



5. Clarification was sought regarding the composition of the 150,000 personnel in over 2,000 duty stations referred to in the overall orientation. Clarification was also sought with regard to the term “United Nations personnel”.

6. Clarification was sought regarding the challenges and lessons learned, as presented in the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/67/77), in particular, measures to improve effectiveness and mitigate duplication of effort throughout the security management system and the necessary modernization of information technology management systems. Concern was expressed about any delays that might result from an examination of the Organization’s human resources systems that regulated recruitment.

7. Also in the context of the programme performance report for the biennium 2010-2011, clarification was sought regarding the budget implementation rates.

8. As to the determination of dangerous duty stations, questions were raised about the nature of changes envisaged in the safety and security of designated duty stations, and the financial impact of such designations upon the United Nations Secretariat, agencies, funds and programmes.

9. It was noted that the overall orientation of the programme had changed from enabling programmes and activities of the United Nations to be carried out in the safest way to providing leadership and operational support to the United Nations security management system. Further explanation was sought as to the security risk management methodology referenced in the overall orientation and it was noted that there was no further reference to security risk management in the programme’s framework.

10. Clarification was sought regarding the new mechanism of accountability and when it had been adopted. It was noted that the objective of subprogramme 1 had changed and clarification was sought as to whether security would still be provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Regarding expected accomplishment (b), concern was expressed that it related to specific operations, namely close protection operations, and did not refer to security more broadly.

11. With regard to the strategy of component 1 of subprogramme 2, concerns were raised that the role of host countries in the coordination of security activities was not fully reflected.

12. As to component 2 of subprogramme 2, clarification was sought regarding the impact of the security training being provided. Questions were raised with regard to the Department’s role relating to aviation risk management.

### **Conclusions and recommendations**

13. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 28, Safety and security, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015.**