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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/67/L.49/Rev.1 on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/67/14). The Committee notes that the mandate of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Myanmar emanates from the General Assembly and that the related budgetary requirements are simultaneously included in the Secretary-General's report on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, so as to consolidate the overall resource requirements for all special political missions (see A/67/346, para. 3).

2. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the statement, under the terms of paragraph 21 of draft resolution A/C.3/67/L.49/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General: (a) to continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights, the transition to democracy and the national reconciliation process with the Government and the people of Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders, including democracy and human rights groups, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in this regard; (b) to give all necessary assistance to enable the Special Adviser and the Special Rapporteur to



discharge their mandates fully, effectively and in a coordinated manner; and (c) to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, as well as to the Human Rights Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution.

3. The activities by which the requests would be implemented are described in paragraphs 4 to 10 of the statement. Paragraphs 11 to 15 contain information on the estimated resource requirements. The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General estimates that the costs of continuing his good offices to facilitate the process of national reconciliation and democratization through his Special Adviser on Myanmar for the one-year period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 would amount to \$1,397,800 net (\$1,519,900 gross). A more detailed breakdown of the related costs is provided as part of the Secretary-General's report on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/67/346/Add.1, paras. 25-27).

4. With regard to the request contained in the latter part of paragraph 21 (b) of the draft resolution pertaining to the Special Rapporteur, the Advisory Committee notes that the related requirements are considered of a perennial nature. Therefore, a provision of an estimated \$73,600 per annum to implement the activities of the Special Rapporteur has been made under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, and additional resources are not requested under this budget section.

5. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/67/L.49/Rev.1, resources amounting to \$1,397,800 net (\$1,519,900 gross) would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 for the continuation of the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar. The Committee draws the attention of the Fifth Committee to the fact that those requirements, which would be charged against the appropriation for 2013 for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, have already been submitted to the General Assembly at its current session (see A/67/346/Add.1, paras. 25-27), and the relevant observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee are contained in its related report (A/67/604).**