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## Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

### Report of the Fifth Committee\*

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#### I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled “Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 3rd, 4th, 8th, 10th to 12th, 14th to 21st and 23rd meetings, on 12, 13, 21 and 27 October, 3, 4, 10, 17, 19 and 25 November and 1, 8, 15, 16 and 23 December 2015. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.<sup>1</sup>
3. At the 3rd meeting, on 12 October, introductory statements were made by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

\* At its 23rd meeting, on 23 December 2015, the Fifth Committee considered and adopted its draft report, submitted by the Secretariat on behalf of the Rapporteur, which had been circulated in the Committee under the provisional symbol [A/C.5/70/L.23](#) and is reproduced in its entirety in the present document.

<sup>1</sup> [A/C.5/70/SR.3](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.4](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.8](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.10](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.11](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.12](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.14](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.15](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.16](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.17](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.18](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.19](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.20](#), [A/C.5/70/SR.21](#) and [A/C.5/70/SR.23](#).



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Reports of the Secretary-General<sup>2</sup>

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7](#))

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fifty-fifth session ([A/70/16](#), chap. II.A)

Report of the Secretary-General on the consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 ([A/70/80](#), chap. I)

Ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account ([A/70/97](#))

Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 ([A/70/86](#))

Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of the management and administration of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" ([A/70/68](#)) and his comments thereon ([A/70/68/Add.1](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Records and archives management in the United Nations" ([A/70/280](#)) and his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon ([A/70/280/Add.1](#))

**International Public Sector Accounting Standards**

Eighth progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations ([A/70/329](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.2](#))

**Limited budgetary discretion**

Report of the Secretary-General on limited budgetary discretion ([A/70/396](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.5](#))

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<sup>2</sup> [A/70/6](#) (Introduction), (Sect. 1), (Sect. 2) and Corr.1, (Sect. 3) and Corr.1, (Sect. 4), (Sect. 5) and Corr.1, (Sects. 6 and 7), (Sect. 8) and Corr.1, (Sects. 9-13), (Sect. 14) and Corr.1, (Sects. 15 and 16), (Sect. 17) and Corr.1, (Sect. 18) and Corr.1, (Sects. 19-23), (Sect. 24) and Corr.1, (Sects. 25-27), (Sect. 28) and Corrs.1 and 2, (Sect. 29), (Sect. 29A) and Corr.1, (Sect. 29B), (Sect. 29C) and Corr.1, (Sects. 29D and E), (Sect. 29F) and Corr.1, (Sects. 29G and H) and (Sects. 30-36) and (Income sects. 1-3).

**Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2016-2017**

Note by the Secretary-General ([A/70/349](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.9](#))

**Request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/403](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.20](#))

**Information and communications technology in the United Nations**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/364](#) and Corr.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.18](#))

**Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund**

Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board ([A/70/325](#))

Report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly ([A/C.5/70/2](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.6](#))

**Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/565](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.30](#))

**Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in General Assembly resolution 69/292, entitled “Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction”**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/543](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.25](#))

**Progress in the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and update on the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/363](#) and Corr.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.21](#))

**Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva**

Second annual progress report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/394](#) and Corr.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.8](#))

**Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/589](#) and Corr.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.39](#))

**Proposal for the seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/356](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.3](#))

**Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015**

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly ([A/C.5/70/3](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.4](#))

**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and twenty-third special session**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/562](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.28](#))

### **International Trade Centre**

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget of the International Trade Centre for the biennium 2016-2017 ([A/70/6 \(Sect. 13\)](#)/Add.1/Rev.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.1](#))

### **Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2015 session**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/430](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.23](#))

### **Enterprise resource planning project**

Seventh progress report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/369](#) and Corrs.1 and 2)

Fourth annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system ([A/70/158](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.19](#))

### **Study on the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters for the period from 2015 to 2034**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/398](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.22](#))

### **Framework for a global service delivery model of the United Nations Secretariat**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/323](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/436](#))

### **Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/348](#) and Add.1-7 and Add.7/Corr.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.10-17](#))

### **Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation**

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/603](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.35](#))

## Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/C.5/70/19](#) and Corr.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.34](#))

5. The table below summarizes the recommendations of the Fifth Committee for each section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. The recommendations are based on the proposals of the Secretary-General, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, revised estimates and statements of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General and the appropriations required for the implementation of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its current session.

## Summary of the recommendations of the Fifth Committee on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	<i>Amount approved</i>	<i>Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates</i>
<b>A. Expenditure sections</b>		
<i>I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination</i>		
Proposed programme budget	119 707.7	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(427.6)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(4 454.3)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(177.8)	
Other adjustments	(380.6)	
Financial implications:		
Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/2</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.6</a> )	246.0	
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(20.1)	
Operational arrangements and conditions of service of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ( <a href="#">A/70/544</a> )	2 593.9	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	340.8	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>117 428.0</b>	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
2. <i>General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</i>		
Proposed programme budget	657 189.8	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(3 412.1)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(36 329.1)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(1 530.0)	
Other adjustments	(2 463.6)	
Financial implications:		
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and twenty-third special session ( <a href="#">A/70/562</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.28</a> )	3 354.6	
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/4</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.24</a> )	238.3	
Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ( <a href="#">A/70/589</a> and Corr.1, <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.39</a> )	—	
Rights of indigenous peoples ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/16</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.32</a> )	—	
Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/14</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.31</a> )	—	
Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/10</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.26</a> )	565.5	
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(166.2)	
Programme budget implications: Open-ended Working Group on the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament	392.9	
Persons with albinism ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/15</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.33</a> )	—	
Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in General Assembly resolution 69/292, entitled “Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction” ( <a href="#">A/70/543</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.25</a> )	670.0	
Organization of the 2016 High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/20</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.40</a> )	—	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	(387.9)	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>618 122.2</b>	

	<i>Amount approved</i>	<i>Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates</i>
<b>3. Political affairs</b>		
Proposed programme budget	1 243 967.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(165.1)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(3 586.1)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(269.8)	
Other adjustments	(1 107.1)	
Financial implications:		
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(36.0)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	0.3	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1 238 803.6</b>	
<b>4. Disarmament</b>		
Proposed programme budget	25 241.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(94.8)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(816.7)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(41.0)	
Other adjustments	(66.1)	
Financial implications:		
Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/10</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.26</a> )	756.0	
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(5.3)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	(22.8)	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>24 950.7</b>	
<b>5. Peacekeeping operations</b>		
Proposed programme budget	116 119.9	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	322.0	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(6 108.3)	



	<i>Amount approved</i>	<i>Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates</i>
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(541.0)	
Other adjustments	(142.0)	
Financial implications:		
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(27.9)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	1.3	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>109 624.0</b>	
6. <i>Peaceful uses of outer space</i>		
Proposed programme budget	8 125.7	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(37.0)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 100.1)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(8.5)	
Other adjustments	(13.5)	
Financial implications:		
Matters relating to activities under the United Nations Programme on Space Applications in 2016 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/11</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.27</a> )	197.8	
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(1.9)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	(0.2)	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7 162.3</b>	
7. <i>International Court of Justice</i>		
Proposed programme budget	52 723.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(181.0)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(5 884.1)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(81.4)	
Other adjustments	(594.4)	

		Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
Financial implications:			
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )		(8.1)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		1.3	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>45 975.7</b>	
8.	<i>Legal affairs</i>		
Proposed programme budget		50 869.9	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(152.7)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(2 031.2)	
Fifth Committee:			
Vacancy rates		(101.0)	
Other adjustments		(96.8)	
Financial implications:			
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/13</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.36</a> )		—	
Oceans and the law of the sea ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/17</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.38</a> )		378.4	2 1 P-4, 1 P-3
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )		(13.5)	
Request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia ( <a href="#">A/70/403</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.20</a> )		—	
Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone ( <a href="#">A/70/565</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.30</a> )		—	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(7.2)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>48 845.9</b>	
9.	<i>Economic and social affairs</i>		
Proposed programme budget		175 806.7	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(14 405.0)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(3 880.8)	
Fifth Committee:			
Vacancy rates		(358.8)	
Other adjustments		(132.6)	

		Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
Financial implications:			
	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2015 session ( <a href="#">A/70/430</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.23</a> )	1 275.1	4 1 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 GS (OL)
	Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ( <a href="#">A/70/589</a> and Corr.1, <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.39</a> )	–	
	Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(48.6)	
	Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	(538.2)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>157 717.8</b>	
10.	<i>Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	11 260.9	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(66.8)	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(203.8)	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Vacancy rates	(10.8)	
	Other adjustments	(64.2)	
	Financial implications:		
	Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(2.8)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>10 912.5</b>	
11.	<i>United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	17 372.6	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(93.3)	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(358.6)	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Vacancy rates	(17.2)	
	Other adjustments	(100.6)	

		Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
Financial implications:			
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )		(4.6)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>16 798.3</b>	
12.	<i>Trade and development</i>		
Proposed programme budget		145 004.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(27.3)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(9 586.1)	
Fifth Committee:			
Vacancy rates		(385.8)	
Other adjustments		188.7	
Financial implications:			
Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ( <a href="#">A/70/589</a> and Corr.1, <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.39</a> )		–	
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )		(38.0)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		3.4	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>135 159.4</b>	
13.	<i>International Trade Centre</i>		
Proposed programme budget		39 527.2	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(3 829.9)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>35 697.3</b>	
14.	<i>Environment</i>		
Proposed programme budget		46 395.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(5 320.9)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(3 556.4)	
Fifth Committee:			
Vacancy rates		(24.6)	
Other adjustments		(2 152.4)	

		Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
Financial implications:			
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )		(10.6)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		0.9	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>35 331.4</b>	
15.	<i>Human settlements</i>		
Proposed programme budget		23 323.2	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(221.3)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(2 158.6)	
Fifth Committee:			
Vacancy rates		(26.6)	
Other adjustments		(104.9)	
Financial implications:			
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )		(6.2)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		1.2	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>20 806.8</b>	
16.	<i>International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice</i>		
Proposed programme budget		43 347.2	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(376.4)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(5 850.7)	
Fifth Committee:			
Vacancy rates		(49.1)	
Other adjustments		(144.7)	
Financial implications:			
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )		(10.2)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		1.5	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>36 917.6</b>	

		<i>Amount approved</i>	<i>Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates</i>
17.	<i>UN-Women</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	15 692.8	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(83.2)	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(307.4)	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Vacancy rates	(23.4)	
	Other adjustments	(17.9)	
	Financial implications:		
	Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(4.5)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>15 256.4</b>	
18.	<i>Economic and social development in Africa</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	161 242.6	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(1 758.6)	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(6 070.6)	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Vacancy rates	(200.5)	
	Other adjustments	(776.1)	
	Financial implications:		
	Progress in the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and update on the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall ( <a href="#">A/70/363</a> and Corr.1, <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.21</a> )	1 253.3	
	Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(36.5)	
	Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	(3.3)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>153 650.3</b>	
19.	<i>Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	105 280.6	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(116.9)	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(11 157.0)	

		Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
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Fifth Committee:			
Vacancy rates		(299.3)	
Other adjustments		135.9	
Financial implications:			
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2015 session ( <a href="#">A/70/430</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.23</a> )		1 491.4	4 1 D-1, 2 P-4, 1 P-3
Proposal for the seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok ( <a href="#">A/70/356</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.3</a> )		—	
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )		(27.6)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(660.9)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>94 646.2</b>	
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20.	<i>Economic development in Europe</i>		
Proposed programme budget		70 890.6	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(172.8)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(4 500.4)	
Fifth Committee:			
Vacancy rates		(186.8)	
Other adjustments		(1 142.4)	
Financial implications:			
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )		(18.7)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		1.4	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>64 870.9</b>	
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21.	<i>Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean</i>		
Proposed programme budget		115 003.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(79.0)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(9 509.1)	
Fifth Committee:			
Vacancy rates		(331.3)	
Other adjustments		239.5	

		Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
<b>Financial implications:</b>			
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )		(27.6)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		3.7	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>105 299.7</b>	
<b>22. Economic and social development in Western Asia</b>			
Proposed programme budget		73 452.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(498.8)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(3 075.5)	
<b>Fifth Committee:</b>			
Vacancy rates		(247.7)	
Other adjustments		(240.6)	
<b>Financial implications:</b>			
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )		(20.5)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>69 369.4</b>	
<b>23. Regular programme of technical cooperation</b>			
Proposed programme budget		60 160.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		191.0	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(3 331.8)	
<b>Fifth Committee:</b>			
Other adjustments		(2 256.2)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>54 763.4</b>	
<b>24. Human rights</b>			
Proposed programme budget		198 739.6	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(1 105.6)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(11 420.8)	
<b>Fifth Committee:</b>			
Vacancy rates		(216.4)	
Other adjustments		(1 187.8)	



		Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
Financial implications:			
	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and twenty-third special session ( <a href="#">A/70/562</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.28</a> )	7 665.4	2 P-3
	Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(39.4)	
	Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	(860.1)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>191 574.9</b>	
25.	<i>International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	90 958.0	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(12.0)	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(8 740.8)	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Vacancy rates		
	Financial implications:		
	Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(0.3)	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>82 204.9</b>	
26.	<i>Palestine refugees</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	55 479.7	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(256.3)	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(616.8)	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Vacancy rates	(16.2)	
	Other adjustments	1 024.7	
	Financial implications:		
	Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(23.4)	
	Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	1.2	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>55 592.9</b>	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
27. <i>Humanitarian assistance</i>		
Proposed programme budget	31 602.1	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(153.6)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(968.7)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(34.5)	
Other adjustments	(36.1)	
Financial implications:		
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(7.1)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	0.2	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>30 402.3</b>	
28. <i>Public information</i>		
Proposed programme budget	206 460.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(3 668.0)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(8 230.0)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(598.9)	
Other adjustments	(5 889.7)	
Financial implications:		
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and twenty-third special session ( <a href="#">A/70/562</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.28</a> )	4.2	
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(55.5)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	(0.6)	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>188 021.9</b>	
29A. <i>Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management</i>		
Proposed programme budget	23 358.6	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(38.3)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(409.1)	

	<i>Amount approved</i>	<i>Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates</i>
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(43.0)	
Other adjustments	(187.2)	
Financial implications:		
Framework for a global service delivery model of the United Nations Secretariat ( <a href="#">A/70/323</a> , <a href="#">A/70/436</a> )	—	
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(4.0)	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>22 677.0</b>	
<b>29B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts</b>		
Proposed programme budget	36 808.9	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(58.0)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 033.3)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(105.9)	
Other adjustments	(557.8)	
Financial implications:		
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(10.4)	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>35 043.5</b>	
<b>29C. Office of Human Resources Management</b>		
Proposed programme budget	73 926.2	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(111.8)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(2 224.6)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(137.9)	
Other adjustments	(637.7)	
Financial implications:		
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(14.1)	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>70 800.1</b>	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
<b>29D. Office of Central Support Services</b>		
Proposed programme budget	185 539.2	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	46.9	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(6 807.9)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(448.0)	
Other adjustments	(12 609.6)	
Financial implications:		
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2015 session ( <a href="#">A/70/430</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.23</a> )	281.6	
Study on the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters for the period from 2015 to 2034 ( <a href="#">A/70/398</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.22</a> )	—	
Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ( <a href="#">A/70/589</a> and Corr.1, <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.39</a> )	—	
Oceans and the law of the sea ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/17</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.38</a> )	147.0	
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(20.3)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	(12.8)	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>166 116.1</b>	
<b>29E. Office of Information and Communications Technology</b>		
Proposed programme budget	104 602.1	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(805.3)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(3 221.0)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(153.5)	
Other adjustments	(1 945.2)	
Financial implications:		
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(15.5)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	0.2	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>98 461.8</b>	

		<i>Amount approved</i>	<i>Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates</i>
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29F.	<i>Administration, Geneva</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	151 988.7	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	384.0	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(13 597.0)	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Vacancy rates	(592.6)	
	Other adjustments	(3 515.7)	
	Financial implications:		
	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and twenty-third special session ( <a href="#">A/70/562</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.28</a> )	16.7	
	Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(26.0)	
	Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	0.6	
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>134 658.7</b>
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29G.	<i>Administration, Vienna</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	40 461.4	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	108.1	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(6 598.6)	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Vacancy rates	(111.8)	
	Other adjustments	(650.1)	
	Financial implications:		
	Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(5.7)	
	Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	0.9	
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>33 204.2</b>
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29H.	<i>Administration, Nairobi</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	32 638.6	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(26.7)	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(4 171.9)	

		<i>Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates</i>
		<i>Amount approved</i>
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Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(76.3)	
Other adjustments	(199.4)	
Financial implications:		
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(7.7)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	0.7	
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<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>28 157.3</b>
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30. <i>Internal oversight</i>		
Proposed programme budget	42 520.0	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(2 425.5)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 423.5)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(60.8)	
Other adjustments	1 614.9	
Financial implications:		
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(11.4)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	0.1	
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<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>40 213.8</b>
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31. <i>Jointly financed administrative activities</i>		
Proposed programme budget	12 090.0	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(191.1)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(462.9)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(22.6)	
Other adjustments	34.8	
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<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>11 448.2</b>
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32. <i>Special expenses</i>		
Proposed programme budget	153 244.8	
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<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>153 244.8</b>
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	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
33. <i>Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance</i>		
Proposed programme budget	85 023.3	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(25 744.7)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(4 507.8)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(0.7)	
Other adjustments	(2 499.2)	
Financial implications:		
Proposal for the seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok ( <a href="#">A/70/356</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.3</a> )	—	
Progress in the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and update on the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall ( <a href="#">A/70/363</a> and Corr.1, <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.21</a> )	12 185.3	
Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva ( <a href="#">A/70/394</a> and Corr.1, <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.8</a> )	32 634.9	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>97 091.1</b>	
34. <i>Safety and security</i>		
Proposed programme budget	253 403.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	1 310.5	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(17 936.8)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(1 335.5)	
Other adjustments	(1 095.7)	
Financial implications:		
Progress in the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and update on the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall ( <a href="#">A/70/363</a> and Corr.1, <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.21</a> )	—	
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015 ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/3</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.4</a> )	(51.7)	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	1.1	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>234 295.4</b>	

		Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
35.	<i>Development Account</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	28 398.8	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28 398.8</b>	
36.	<i>Staff assessment</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	508 558.4	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(365.8)	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(21 672.3)	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Vacancy rates	(1 944.5)	
	Other adjustments	(2 738.7)	
	Financial implications:		
	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2015 session ( <a href="#">A/70/430</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.23</a> )	303.6	
	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and twenty-third special session ( <a href="#">A/70/562</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.28</a> )	62.0	
	Study on the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters for the period from 2015 to 2034 ( <a href="#">A/70/398</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.22</a> )	—	
	Framework for a global service delivery model of the United Nations Secretariat ( <a href="#">A/70/323</a> , <a href="#">A/70/436</a> )	—	
	Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ( <a href="#">A/70/589</a> and Corr.1, <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.39</a> )	—	
	Oceans and the law of the sea ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/17</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.38</a> )	38.4	
	Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	(164.2)	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>482 076.9</b>	
	<b>Total, expenditure sections</b>	<b>5 401 794.4</b>	
<b>B.</b>	<b>Income sections</b>		
1.	<i>Income from staff assessment</i>		
	Proposed programme budget	513 224.4	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(328.5)	
	Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(22 007.1)	



	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(1 975.1)	
Other adjustments	(2 738.7)	
Financial implications:		
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2015 session ( <a href="#">A/70/430</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.23</a> )	303.6	
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and twenty-third special session ( <a href="#">A/70/562</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.28</a> )	62.0	
Study on the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters for the period from 2015 to 2034 ( <a href="#">A/70/398</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.22</a> )	—	
Framework for a global service delivery model of the United Nations Secretariat ( <a href="#">A/70/323</a> , <a href="#">A/70/436</a> )	—	
Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ( <a href="#">A/70/589</a> and Corr.1, <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.39</a> )	—	
Oceans and the law of the sea ( <a href="#">A/C.5/70/17</a> , <a href="#">A/70/7/Add.38</a> )	38.4	
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	(164.2)	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>486 414.8</b>	
2. <i>General income</i>		
Proposed programme budget	41 226.7	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>41 226.7</b>	
3. <i>Services to the public</i>		
Proposed programme budget	1 151.8	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(30.9)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	2 428.9	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	156.5	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3 706.3</b>	
<b>Total, income sections</b>	<b>531 347.8</b>	

## **II. Consideration of proposals**

### **A. Draft resolution [A/C.5/70/L.18](#)**

6. At its 23rd meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017” ([A/C.5/70/L.18](#)), submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/70/L.18](#) without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I).

### **B. Draft resolution [A/C.5/70/L.19](#)**

8. At its 23rd meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017” ([A/C.5/70/L.19](#)), submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representatives of Australia, Botswana, the Dominican Republic, Finland, India, Israel, Japan, Morocco, Paraguay, Rwanda, Sri Lanka and Switzerland. In the course of its deliberations, the Committee considered the questions outlined below.

#### **International Public Sector Accounting Standards**

9. The Committee considered this question at its 10th and 23rd meetings, on 27 October and 23 December.

#### **Limited budgetary discretion**

10. The Committee considered this question at its 14th and 23rd meetings, on 10 November and 23 December.

#### **Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2016-2017**

11. The Committee considered this question at its 15th and 23rd meetings, on 17 November and 23 December.

#### **Subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia**

12. The Committee considered this question at its 17th and 23rd meetings, on 25 November and 23 December.

#### **Information and communications technology in the United Nations**

13. The Committee considered this question at its 15th and 23rd meetings, on 17 November and 23 December.

#### **Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund**

14. The Committee considered this question at its 14th and 23rd meetings, on 10 November and 23 December.

**Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone**

15. The Committee considered this question at its 21st and 23rd meetings, on 16 and 23 December.

**Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in General Assembly resolution 69/292, entitled “Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction”**

16. The Committee considered this question at its 19th and 23rd meetings, on 8 and 23 December.

**Progress in the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and update on the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall**

17. The Committee considered this question at its 18th and 23rd meetings, on 1 and 23 December.

**Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva**

18. The Committee considered this question at its 15th and 23rd meetings, on 17 November and 23 December.

**Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**

19. The Committee considered this question at its 20th and 23rd meetings, on 15 and 23 December.

**Proposal for the seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok**

20. The Committee considered this question at its 11th and 23rd meetings, on 3 November and 23 December.

**Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015**

21. The Committee considered this question at its 14th and 23rd meetings, on 10 November and 23 December.

**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and twenty-third special session**

22. The Committee considered this question at its 21st and 23rd meetings, on 16 and 23 December.

**International Trade Centre**

23. The Committee considered this question at its 8th and 23rd meetings, on 21 October and 23 December.

**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2015 session**

24. The Committee considered this question at its 18th and 23rd meetings, on 1 and 23 December.

**Enterprise resource planning project**

25. The Committee considered this question at its 16th and 23rd meetings, on 19 November and 23 December.

**Study on the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters for the period from 2015 to 2034**

26. The Committee considered this question at its 18th and 23rd meetings, on 1 and 23 December.

**Framework for a global service delivery model of the United Nations Secretariat**

27. The Committee considered this question at its 10th and 23rd meetings, on 27 October and 23 December.

**Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council**

28. The Committee considered this question at its 12th, 18th to 20th and 23rd meetings, on 4 November and 1, 8, 15 and 23 December.

29. At the 23rd meeting, on 23 December, the representative of Cuba orally proposed an amendment to section XX of the draft resolution, entitled “Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council”, consultations on which were coordinated by the representative of Australia, by which two new preambular and two new operative paragraphs would be inserted, as follows:

“*Recalling* that the General Assembly has not decided on the concept of responsibility to protect, its scope, implications and possible means of implementation,

“*Noting* that the estimates of thematic cluster I comprise narratives, functions, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement, outputs and other information related to the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect,

*“Decides to delete all references to the activities and outputs related to the responsibility to protect, as contained in the strategic framework and the related narratives of the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide;*

*“Requests the Secretary-General to issue a corrigendum to his report”.*

30. At the same meeting, the representatives of Nicaragua and the Islamic Republic of Iran made statements in support of the amendment.

31. Also at the same meeting, the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand) requested a recorded vote on the amendment and also made an explanation of vote before the vote.

32. Also at its 23rd meeting, the Committee rejected the amendment by a recorded vote of 76 to 15, with 55 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Belarus, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt,<sup>3</sup> Iran (Islamic Republic of), Libya, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe.

*Against:*

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Sudan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

*Abstaining:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Myanmar, Niger, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Zambia.

33. The amounts approved by the General Assembly in respect of special political missions for 2016 are set out in the table below.

<sup>3</sup> The delegation of Egypt subsequently indicated that it had intended to abstain.

**Amounts approved for special political missions for 2016**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<b>Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General</b>	
A. Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Myanmar	1 127.2
B. Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	2 564.6
C. Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	2 183.7
D. Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	549.5
E. Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	624.9
F. United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	1 937.7
G. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	12 124.3
H. Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan	1 412.7
I. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	6 730.1
J. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel	3 746.3
K. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	4 401.3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>37 402.3</b>
<b>Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels</b>	
A. Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	2 265.7
B. Panel of Experts on Liberia	170.6
C. Group of Experts on Côte d'Ivoire	1 154.8
D. Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 270.2
E. Panel of Experts on the Sudan	1 080.1
F. Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2 599.7
G. Panel of Experts on the Islamic Republic of Iran	2 609.8
H. Panel of Experts on Libya	1 359.9
I. Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	1 172.0
J. Panel of Experts on Yemen	3 017.3
K. Panel of Experts on South Sudan	1 428.4
L. Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1526 (2004) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	4 420.6
M. Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	3 143.1
N. Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	8 723.7
O. Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism	4 921.1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>39 337.0</b>
<b>Thematic cluster III: United Nations offices, peacebuilding support offices, integrated offices and commissions</b>	
A. United Nations Office for West Africa	9 583.9
B. United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	19 919.9
C. United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	93 486.6
D. United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	3 022.7
E. United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	4 958.2
F. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	8 466.7

G.	United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	7 105.5
H.	United Nations Support Mission in Libya	41 181.5
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>187 725.0</b>
	United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	183 244.3
	United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	119 543.8
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>302 788.1</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>567 252.4</b>

#### **Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation**

34. The Committee considered this question at its 21st and 23rd meetings, on 16 and 23 December.

#### **Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates**

35. The Committee considered this question at its 21st and 23rd meetings, on 16 and 23 December.

36. At its 23rd meeting, on 23 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/70/L.19](#) as a whole without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution II).

### **C. Draft resolution [A/C.5/70/L.20](#)**

37. At its 23rd meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017” ([A/C.5/70/L.20](#)).

38. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/70/L.20](#) without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution III).

### **D. Draft resolution [A/C.5/70/L.21](#)**

39. At its 23rd meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2016-2017” ([A/C.5/70/L.21](#)).

40. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/70/L.21](#) without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution IV).

### **E. Draft resolution [A/C.5/70/L.22](#)**

41. At its 23rd meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016-2017” ([A/C.5/70/L.22](#)).

42. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/70/L.22](#) without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution V).

### III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

43. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

#### **Draft resolution I**

#### **Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 45/248 B, section VI, of 21 December 1990, 55/231 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 58/269 and 58/270 of 23 December 2003, 59/276, section XI, of 23 December 2004, 60/283 of 7 July 2006, 61/263 of 4 April 2007, 62/236 of 22 December 2007, 63/262 of 24 December 2008, 64/243 of 24 December 2009, 65/259 of 24 December 2010, 66/246 and 66/247 of 24 December 2011, 68/246 of 27 December 2013 and 69/262 and 69/264 of 29 December 2014,

*Reaffirming also* the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

*Reaffirming further* the role of the General Assembly, through the Fifth Committee, in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources, as well as of human resources policies,

*Having considered* the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017,<sup>1</sup> the ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account,<sup>2</sup> the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on internal oversight: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017<sup>3</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>4</sup>

*Having also considered* the relevant parts of chapter II, section A, of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-fifth session<sup>5</sup> and chapter I of the report of the Secretary-General on the consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and proposals to improve the implementation of results-based budgeting,<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A/70/6 (Introduction), (Sect. 1), (Sect. 2) and Corr.1, (Sect. 3) and Corr.1, (Sect. 4), (Sect. 5) and Corr.1, (Sect. 6), (Sect. 7), (Sect. 8) and Corr.1, (Sects. 9-13), (Sect. 14) and Corr.1, (Sect. 15), (Sect. 16), (Sect. 17) and Corr.1, (Sect. 18) and Corr.1, (Sects. 19-23), (Sect. 24) and Corr.1, (Sects. 25-27), (Sect. 28) and Corrs.1 and 2, (Sect. 29), (Sect. 29A) and Corr.1, (Sect. 29B), (Sect. 29C) and Corr.1, (Sect. 29D), (Sect. 29E), (Sect. 29F) and Corr.1, (Sect. 29G), (Sect. 29H), (Sects. 30-36) and (Income Sects. 1-3).

<sup>2</sup> A/70/97.

<sup>3</sup> A/70/86.

<sup>4</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/70/7).*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 16 (A/70/16).

<sup>6</sup> A/70/80, chap. I.



*Having further considered* the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the management and administration of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,<sup>7</sup> the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the recommendations thereon,<sup>8</sup> the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on records and archives management in the United Nations<sup>9</sup> and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,<sup>10</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirms the role of the Fifth Committee in carrying out a thorough analysis and approving human and financial resources and policies, with a view to ensuring full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

2. *Also reaffirms* the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination;

3. *Further reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

4. *Reaffirms* the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;<sup>11</sup>

5. *Also reaffirms* the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;<sup>12</sup>

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as contained in the relevant parts of chapter II, section A, of its report;<sup>5</sup>

7. *Also endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;<sup>4</sup>

8. *Stresses* that all Member States should fulfil their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions;

9. *Reaffirms* the established budgetary procedures and methodologies, based on its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211;

10. *Also reaffirms* that no changes to the budget methodology, to established budgetary procedures and practices or to the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the General Assembly, in accordance with established budgetary procedures;

11. *Reiterates* the need for Member States to participate fully in the budget preparation process, from its early stages and throughout the process;

<sup>7</sup> [A/70/68](#).

<sup>8</sup> [A/70/68/Add.1](#).

<sup>9</sup> [A/70/280](#).

<sup>10</sup> [A/70/280/Add.1](#).

<sup>11</sup> [ST/SGB/2000/8](#).

<sup>12</sup> [ST/SGB/2013/4](#).

12. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing the consistent and timely information necessary to enable Member States to make well-informed decisions;
13. *Reiterates* the priorities of the Organization for the biennium 2016-2017 as outlined in General Assembly resolution 69/264;
14. *Recalls* its resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 and 70/1 of 25 September 2015, and requests the Secretary-General to provide, at the first part of its resumed seventieth session, a comprehensive proposal addressing the effective and efficient delivery of mandates in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>13</sup> and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development<sup>14</sup> by the Secretariat, within the broader United Nations system, including the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and the United Nations Development Account;
15. *Reiterates* that the allocation of resources should reflect fully the priorities established in the biennial programme plan;
16. *Recognizes* the need for measures to improve the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, with a view to strengthening its effectiveness in dealing with political, economic and social issues;
17. *Also recognizes*, furthermore, that efforts to achieve savings and the efficient utilization of resources constitute an ongoing process and should not adversely affect the full implementation of mandated programmes and activities;
18. *Recalls* paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee and reaffirms that the budget proposals of the Secretary-General should reflect resource levels commensurate with mandates for their full, efficient and effective implementation;
19. *Also recalls* paragraphs 44 and 45 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget proposals are prepared on the basis of the preliminary estimates for the overall budget level provided in the budget outline resolution;
20. *Further recalls* paragraph 66 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to evaluate and consider the entire quantum of resources necessary to carry out the programmes and activities mandated by the General Assembly and other organs and to report thereon in the context of his next budget proposal;
21. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of its resolution 64/243, notes the practice of incremental budgeting where only new requirements are justified, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, whenever new proposals lead to requests for additional resources, sufficient efforts are made to meet the new requirements using existing resources;
22. *Stresses* that the contingency fund should be used in strict accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of annex I to resolution 41/213 and paragraph 3 of section C of the annex to resolution 42/211;

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<sup>13</sup> Resolution 70/1.

<sup>14</sup> Resolution 69/313, annex.

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take advantage of the potential of new systems and standards, such as the Umoja enterprise resource planning system and the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, in preparing his budget proposals, with a view to enhancing the quality and accuracy of information provided to Member States;

24. *Reiterates* section IX of its resolution 69/274 of 2 April 2015, and requests its full and immediate implementation;

25. *Acknowledges* the use by the Secretary-General of forward purchasing in order to reduce the Organization's exposure to exchange rate fluctuations, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to report on the experience of forward purchasing, including the amount of forward currency purchased and the total expenditure in those currencies in the context of the budget performance reports;

26. *Endorses* the proposal of the Secretary-General with regard to the presentation of performance measures and outputs and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that future proposed programme budgets include actual past performance information so as to allow for the comparison of trends;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include an equivalent to schedule 10 in the introduction to the proposed programme budget for each duty station in forthcoming proposed programme budgets;

28. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to disseminate, as supplementary information, budgetary tables in spreadsheet format for ease of analysis and review;

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit reports to the Advisory Committee no later than two weeks in advance of its scheduled consideration of items so as to ensure that the Committee will, in turn, provide its advice to the General Assembly no later than two weeks in advance of formal introduction of an item, with an exception for revised estimates and programme budget implications arising in the course of the main session of the Assembly;

30. *Stresses* that results-based budgeting and results-based management are mutually supportive management tools and that improved implementation of results-based budgeting enhances both management and accountability in the Secretariat, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

31. *Reaffirms* that the vacancy rate is a tool for budgetary calculations and should not be used to achieve budgetary savings;

32. *Recalls* paragraphs 56 and 57 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to apply the vacancy rate of 50 per cent for new General Service posts and 6.0 per cent for continuing General Service posts as a basis for the calculation of the budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

33. *Decides* that the staffing table for the biennium 2016-2017 shall be as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

34. *Reaffirms* paragraph 3 of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, reiterates that the principle of equitable geographical distribution and gender balance in the composition of the Secretariat does not conflict with the paramount consideration in the employment of staff, namely, the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, and requests the Secretary-General to recruit staff to fill the posts approved in the budget for the biennium 2016-2017

with a view to improving geographical representation and gender balance in the Secretariat;

35. *Regrets* the slow pace of recruitment in the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to fill vacancies expeditiously, in accordance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and existing provisions governing recruitment in the United Nations;

36. *Recalls* paragraph 34 of its resolution 67/255 of 12 April 2013, regrets that the Office of Human Resources Management has set a target of 180 days from the date of issuance of vacancy announcements to the date of selection for all regular vacancies advertised, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to undertake the necessary efforts to achieve the target of 120 days;

37. *Requests* the Secretary-General not to propose the freezing of posts in future budget proposals;

38. *Decides* not to freeze the following posts contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017:<sup>1</sup>

(a) Two General Service (Other level), Statistics Assistant, section 12, Trade and development;

(b) One P-3, Economic Affairs Officer, section 18, Economic and social development in Africa;

(c) One P-4, Chief of Unit, section 18, Economic and social development in Africa;

(d) One Local level, Finance Assistant, section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific;

(e) One LL, Computer Systems Assistant, section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific;

(f) One LL, Assistant, section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific;

(g) One LL, Staff Assistant, section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(h) One LL, Library Assistant, section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(i) One P-4, Computer Systems Officer, section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(j) One LL, Statistics Assistant, section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia;

(k) One P-3, Information Officer, section 28, Public information;

(l) One P-5, Human Resources Officer, Outreach, section 29C, Office of Human Resources Management;

(m) 1 P-3, Language Coordinator, section 29H, Administration, Nairobi;

39. *Also decides* to abolish the remaining 67 posts proposed for freezing immediately or upon the starting date of the proposed freeze;

40. *Takes note* of paragraph 79 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
41. *Recalls* paragraph 88 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General, when presenting staffing proposals, to reflect their impact on the grade structure of the Organization, with a view to addressing the persistent problem of the increasing number of posts at the level of D-1 and above;
42. *Decides* to reduce the resources for supplies and materials by 5 per cent;
43. *Also decides* to reduce other staff costs by 5 per cent;
44. *Further decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment by 5 per cent;
45. *Recalls* paragraph 116 of the report of the Advisory Committee, reaffirms that the use of external consultants be kept to an absolute minimum and their services be used only when necessary, and stresses the need for using in-house capacity of the Organization to perform core activities or to fulfil functions that are recurrent over the long term;
46. *Decides* to reduce the proposed resources for consultants by 10 per cent, in addition to the reductions recommended by the Advisory Committee;
47. *Emphasizes* the importance of training in improving the quality of staff performance, and requests the Secretary-General to assess how training programmes contribute to the implementation of mandates and the goals of the Organization;
48. *Decides* to reduce the resources for travel of staff by 5 per cent in addition to the reductions already recommended by the Advisory Committee, with the exception of travel required under sections 9, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the proposed programme budget;
49. *Stresses* that all extrabudgetary posts must be administered and managed with the same rigour as regular budget posts;
50. *Also stresses* that extrabudgetary resources shall be used in consistency with the policies, aims and activities of the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to provide information on the financial and human resource implications of the use of extrabudgetary resources in the Organization in his next proposed programme budget;

## **Part I**

### **Overall policymaking, direction and coordination**

#### **Section 1**

### **Overall policymaking, direction and coordination**

51. *Stresses* the importance of strengthened accountability in the Organization and of ensuring greater accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States, inter alia, for the effective and efficient implementation of legislative mandates and the use of human and financial resources;
52. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, proposals to review the budget

allocation to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in accordance with existing procedures;

## **Section 2**

### **General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management**

53. *Recalls* that the meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has met for six sessions over three days for the past three years, and decides that future annual meetings of States Parties to the Convention shall be accorded with conference servicing to cover the full three days of meetings;

## **Part II**

### **Political affairs**

## **Section 3**

### **Political affairs**

54. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to consider including proposals to strengthen capacities for conflict prevention and mediation in future budget submissions;

55. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of section IV of its resolution 69/262, and expresses serious concern about the failure to comply with the provision contained in the said resolution;

56. *Approves* the reclassification of one Assistant Secretary-General post as an Under-Secretary-General in the United Nations Office to the African Union;

57. *Recalls* paragraph II.16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the reclassification of (six) posts of Close Protection Officer (security services) in the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator of the Middle East Peace Process;

58. *Emphasizes* the need for collaboration between the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support of the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure systemic cooperation so as to prevent duplication among the three departments;

59. *Decides* to reduce resources for supplies and materials and furniture and equipment by 5 per cent;

60. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that there is no duplication in the existing coordination mechanisms for the counter-terrorism efforts of United Nations system, as well as in the organizational and governance arrangements and functions of the Office of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre;

## **Section 4**

### **Disarmament**

61. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament with the necessary resources to discharge their mandates;

## **Section 5**

### **Peacekeeping operations**

62. *Takes note* of paragraph II.54 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

63. *Also takes note* of paragraph II.55 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to establish the one P-3 post of Political Affairs Officer for the Analysis Team in the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization;

64. *Further takes note* of paragraph II.57 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to abolish the (seven) posts (2 Field Service and 5 Local level);

65. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make further concrete efforts to ensure proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, taking into account their contribution to United Nations peacekeeping;

## **Part III**

### **International justice and law**

## **Section 7**

### **International Court of Justice**

66. *Recalls* paragraph III.5 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides further to abolish three General Service (Other level) posts in view of the expected realization of the electronic document management system;

## **Part IV**

### **International cooperation for development**

67. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his fundraising efforts to support the mandates related to sections 10 and 11 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

## **Section 9**

### **Economic and social affairs**

68. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Organization's support for small island developing States, including for the implementation of the sustainable development priorities identified in the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of

Action (SAMOA) Pathway (Samoa Pathway)<sup>15</sup> and set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is adequately addressed, given the mandates following the adoption of the Samoa Pathway and the 2030 Agenda, and bearing in mind that small island developing States remain a special case for sustainable development, in the light of their unique and particular vulnerabilities;

69. *Takes note* of paragraph IV.8 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the proposed post for one P-4 under subprogramme 3;

70. *Also takes note* of paragraph IV.10 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to abolish the one P-5 post (Chief of the Small Island Developing States Unit);

71. *Decides* to maintain the Small Island Developing States Unit as a separate entity dedicated to the sustainable development of small island developing States under subprogramme 3 in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs;

72. *Recalls* paragraphs IV.24 through IV.28 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide further detailed information on the proposed Secretariat contribution to support the resident coordinator system at the first part of the resumed seventieth session of the General Assembly;

## **Section 10**

### **Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States**

73. *Recalls* that, within the context of the priority for the promotion of sustainable economic growth and sustainable development, particular attention should be paid to the needs of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to support their sustainable development needs;

## **Section 11**

### **United Nations Support to the New Partnership for Africa's Development**

74. *Recalls* that the development of Africa is an established priority of the United Nations, and reaffirms its commitment to address the special needs of Africa;

## **Section 12**

### **Trade and development**

75. *Decides* to establish one P-5 post, Senior Statistician, one P-4 post, Statistician, and one P-2 post, Associate Statistician;

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<sup>15</sup> Resolution 69/15, annex.



## **Section 14**

### **Environment**

76. *Recalls* that the conversion of posts from extrabudgetary resources to the regular budget are subject to the pertinent rules and regulations for new posts;

77. *Takes note* of paragraph IV.118 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the following conversions:

- (a) Under subprogramme 1, Climate change: two P-4;
- (b) Under subprogramme 2, Disasters and conflicts: one P-4 and one P-3;
- (c) Under subprogramme 3, Ecosystem management: two P-4;
- (d) Under subprogramme 4, Environmental governance: four P-4 and one P-3;
- (e) Under subprogramme 5, Chemicals and waste: one P-4 and one P-3;
- (f) Under subprogramme 6, Resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production: one P-4 and one P-3;
- (g) Under subprogramme 7, Environment under review: four P-4 and two P-3;

## **Section 16**

### **International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice**

78. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen the provision of technical assistance through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to the West Africa Coast Initiative in order to support the implementation of a regional action plan to address the growing problem of illicit drug trafficking, organized crime and drug abuse in West Africa;

## **Part V**

### **Regional cooperation for development**

79. *Emphasizes* the important contribution that the regional commissions are making towards the implementation of the development agenda and other mandates given to them arising from the outcome of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

## **Section 19**

### **Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific**

80. *Recalls* paragraph V.40 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the provision of the share of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to the Inter-Agency Support Unit;

## **Section 20**

### **Economic development in Europe**

81. *Takes note* of paragraph V.54 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to abolish one vacant General Service post at the Economic Commission for Europe;

82. *Decides* to abolish three General Service (Other level) posts under subprogrammes 1, 2 and 6;

## **Section 21**

### **Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean**

83. *Takes note* of paragraph V.69 of the report of the Advisory Committee, recognizes the differentiated impact of across-the-board cuts between duty stations, and decides to increase the budget allocation for travel of staff for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean by 9.9 per cent;

## **Part VI**

### **Human rights and humanitarian affairs**

## **Section 24**

### **Human rights**

84. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly, at its seventy-first session, a revised proposal on the regional restructuring of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for consideration and approval;

## **Section 25**

### **International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees**

85. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the level of regular budget funding in the light of the growth in the administrative budget of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

## **Section 26**

### **Palestine refugees**

86. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to ensure that measures to improve health programmes and education programmes, including for children with special needs and disabilities, are implemented in a timely manner;

87. *Notes with appreciation* the valuable work done by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and expresses

concern regarding the financial stress under which the Agency currently operates, despite the critical work it carries out;

88. *Recalls* paragraph VI.58 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to further examine the financing modalities of the Relief and Works Agency and to present his findings to the General Assembly in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019;

89. *Decides* to establish one D-1 post, Director for Information Management, one P-5 post, Senior Adviser on Staff Relations and Internal Communications, one P-4 post, Investigation Officer, and two P-3 posts, Legal Officer;

## **Section 27**

### **Humanitarian assistance**

90. *Takes note* of paragraph VI.76 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

## **Part VII**

### **Public information**

## **Section 28**

### **Public information**

91. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to ensure intensive collaboration with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support to promote a positive image of the peacekeeping activities of the Organization and to support the public information components of peacekeeping missions;

92. *Decides* not to approve the new posts requested by the Department of Public Information;

93. *Also decides* to reduce non-post resources by 5 per cent;

94. *Further decides* to abolish six posts that have been vacant for more than two years as of 31 October 2015;

## **Part VIII**

### **Common support services**

95. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reduce, by 5 per cent, the overall number of General Service staff funded under section 29;

## **29C**

### **Office of Human Resources Management**

96. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.68 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to reclassify one P-4 general temporary assistant position for a medical specialist in infectious diseases under component 4, Medical Services, as a P-5 position;

97. *Recalls* paragraph 18 of its resolution 68/265 of 9 April 2014, notes with concern that the Secretary-General has not provided in his current budget proposal a full estimate of and rationale for the financial resources required for mobility in 2016 and 2017, including requests for any additional geographic moves necessary to achieve the strategic objectives of mobility, and urges the Secretary-General to provide such information, including details on the overexpenditure of \$613,300 under consultants during the 2014-2015 biennium, in the context of his next progress report on mobility;

## **29D**

### **Office of Central Support Services**

98. *Recalls* paragraph VIII.96 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to reduce resources for utilities by 10,979,200 United States dollars;

## **29E**

### **Office of Information and Communications Technology**

99. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.115 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish one Associate Information Systems Officer (P-2) in the Global Security and Architecture Section and one Associate Information Systems Officer (P-2) in the Executive Solutions and Knowledge Management Service of the Global Services Division;

100. *Also takes note* of paragraph VIII.125 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to abolish the post of Senior Information Systems Officer (P-5) in the Infrastructure Management Service;

## **29F**

### **Administration, Geneva**

101. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.145 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the proposed reclassification of the post of Chief, Information and Communication Technology Service, from the P-5 to the D-1 level;

102. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.147 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the proposed reclassification of the post of Chief of the Transportation, Visa and Travel Unit from the P-3 to the P-4 level;

## **29H**

### **Administration, Nairobi**

103. *Recalls* paragraph 101 of its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, and welcomes the measures taken by the Secretary-General to bring the financial arrangements of the United Nations Office at Nairobi in line with those of similar United Nations administrative offices;

## **Part IX**

### **Internal oversight**

## **Section 30**

### **Internal oversight**

104. *Takes note* of paragraph IX.28 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

## **Part X**

### **Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses**

## **Section 31**

### **Jointly financed administrative activities**

105. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his future budget submissions summary information on the cost-sharing methodology applied in establishing the United Nations share of jointly financed activities under the relevant budget section;

## **International Civil Service Commission**

106. *Takes note* of paragraph X.12 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to appropriate 558,800 dollars for the travel of the secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission;

## **Joint Inspection Unit**

107. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider options for hosting the Joint Inspection Unit website in-house and to report on this matter in the context of the forthcoming report on the implementation of the information and communications strategy for the Secretariat;

## **Part XI**

### **Capital expenditures**

## **Section 33**

### **Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance**

108. *Recalls* paragraph XI.17 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to allocate \$550,000 for the feasibility study in Nairobi, \$50,800 for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and \$400,000 for the renovation of the cafeteria and library at the Economic Commission for Africa;

109. *Takes note* of paragraph XI.32 of the report of the Advisory Committee, decides to reduce the amount of resources by \$3.5 million, and requests the Secretary-General to reprioritize the proposed projects under “alteration and improvement” for section 33;

## **Part XIII**

### **Development Account**

#### **Section 35**

##### **Development Account**

110. *Recalls* that the Secretary-General proposed the establishment of the Development Account to be funded by savings from reduced non-programme costs and other management efficiencies;

#### **Income section 3**

##### **Services to the public**

111. *Takes note* of paragraphs IS3.18 and IS3.19 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

112. *Stresses* that the United Nations is an intergovernmental Organization that does not seek profit.

## Annex

## Staffing table for the biennium 2016-2017

<i>Category</i>	<i>Number of posts</i>
<b>Professional and higher</b>	
Deputy Secretary-General	1
Under-Secretary-General	34
Assistant Secretary-General	30
D-2	112
D-1	292
P-5	863
P-4/3	2 915
P-2/1	521
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4 768</b>
<b>General Service and related</b>	
Principal level	274
Other level	2 463
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2 737</b>
<b>Other</b>	
Security Service	313
Local level	1 948
Field Service	110
National Professional Officer	82
Trades and Crafts	97
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2 550</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 055</b>

## **Draft resolution II**

### **Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017**

*The General Assembly,*

#### **I**

##### **International Public Sector Accounting Standards**

*Recalling* section IV of its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, section V of its resolution 63/262 of 24 December 2008, its resolution 64/243 of 24 December 2009, its resolution 65/243 A and section II.B of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010, section I of its resolution 66/232 B of 21 June 2012, its resolution 66/246 of 24 December 2011, section IV of its resolution 67/246 of 24 December 2012, its resolution 68/246 of 27 December 2013, section II of its resolution 68/247 A of 27 December 2013 and section I of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014,

*Having considered* the eighth progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations<sup>1</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>2</sup>

#### **II**

##### **Limited budgetary discretion**

*Recalling* its resolution 60/246 of 23 December 2005, section III of its resolution 60/283, its resolution 64/243, section III of its resolution 64/260 of 29 March 2010, paragraph 115 of its resolution 66/246, section I of its resolution 66/258 of 9 April 2012 and its resolution 68/246,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>3</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>4</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>3</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A/70/329.

<sup>2</sup> A/70/7/Add.2.

<sup>3</sup> A/70/396.

<sup>4</sup> A/70/7/Add.5.



### III

#### **Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2016-2017**

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General<sup>5</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>6</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;<sup>5</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>6</sup>
3. *Approves* the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research of 584,600 United States dollars (before recosting) for the biennium 2016-2017 from the regular budget of the United Nations, for which provision has already been included under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

### IV

#### **Subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia**

*Recalling* section I of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014 and section I of its resolution 69/274 A of 2 April 2015,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia<sup>7</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>8</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>7</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>8</sup>
3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia;
4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, as an exceptional measure, to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 12.1 million dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of the next report;
5. *Encourages* all Member States to provide voluntary support for both the international and national components of the Extraordinary Chambers, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his intensive efforts to obtain additional voluntary contributions, including by broadening the donor base, for funding the future activities of the Extraordinary Chambers;

<sup>5</sup> A/70/349.

<sup>6</sup> A/70/7/Add.9.

<sup>7</sup> A/70/403.

<sup>8</sup> A/70/7/Add.20.

## V

**Information and communications technology in the United Nations**

*Recalling* section II of its resolution 60/283, its resolutions 63/262, 63/269 of 7 April 2009 and 64/243, section XVII of its resolution 65/259, its resolution 66/246, section I of its resolution 67/254 A of 12 April 2013, section XV of its resolution 68/247 A and section II of its resolution 69/262,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the status of implementation of the information and communications technology strategy for the United Nations<sup>9</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>10</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>9</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>10</sup>
3. *Underlines* the importance of information and communications technology in meeting the growing demands of the Organization and of its role as a key enabler for business transformation initiatives at the global level and for the harmonization of services across duty stations and field missions;
4. *Also underlines* the importance of information and communications technology in strengthening oversight and accountability and in increasing the availability of accurate and timely information to support decision-making, and encourages the continuing efforts of the Office of Information and Communications Technology of the Secretariat in this regard;
5. *Notes* the progress achieved in implementing the elements of the information and communications technology strategy, emphasizes the importance of the full and timely implementation of the strategy across the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the next progress report, to provide updated information on, inter alia, its implementation, timeline, goals, benchmarks and deliverables, in order to measure its performance, and on qualitative and quantitative benefits and the risk management and mitigation mechanisms, as well as on measures to reduce fragmentation;
6. *Expresses concern* at the lack of information and analysis on information and communications technology resources for peacekeeping in the report, and requests the Secretary-General to conduct a comprehensive assessment of information and communications technology as requested in section II of its resolution 69/262, taking into account the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and to present an indicative, five-year, overall information and communications technology budget projection for the Secretariat in the context of the next progress report;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to foster deeper coordination and collaboration within the Organization, and emphasizes that the full support and commitment of senior management, as well as close and continuous engagement with all stakeholders, keeping in mind the need to address all operational requirements, is integral to the timely and successful implementation of the information and communications technology strategy;

<sup>9</sup> A/70/364 and Corr.1.

<sup>10</sup> A/70/7/Add.18.

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, as a matter of priority, to exercise proactive and strong leadership to ensure full compliance by all entities of the Secretariat with the provisions of section II of its resolution 69/262, including to report to the Chief Information Technology Officer on all issues relating to information and communications technology activities, resource management, standards, security, architecture, policies and guidance, and further requests the Secretary-General to update Member States regularly on progress made and to provide information in this regard in the next progress report;

9. *Welcomes* the update related to the implementation of the 10-point information security action plan, and underlines the need for a full application of a common security policy, with enhanced disaster recovery capabilities, across the Secretariat, including in all peacekeeping entities;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of section II of its resolution 69/262 and paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to reduce the level of fragmentation of the current information and communications technology environment across the Secretariat and at all duty stations and field missions;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 11 of section II of its resolution 69/262, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to invite the heads of United Nations entities to consider the possible harmonization and sharing of services as well as the related costs of information and communications technology, as appropriate, in particular at field locations, and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

12. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring the availability of appropriate in-house expertise to implement the strategy, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

## **VI**

### **Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund**

*Recalling* section VII of its resolution 68/247 A and its resolution 69/113 of 10 December 2014,

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,<sup>11</sup> the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Board<sup>12</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>13</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board<sup>11</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>12</sup>

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>13</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

<sup>11</sup> [A/70/325](#).

<sup>12</sup> [A/C.5/70/2](#).

<sup>13</sup> [A/70/7/Add.6](#).

3. *Accepts* the report of the Board of Auditors on the Fund for the year ended 31 December 2014;<sup>14</sup>

4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report, and requests the Pension Board to ensure that all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors are implemented in full and in a timely manner;

5. *Welcomes* the progress made by the Fund in the implementation of the integrated pension administration system, and looks forward to receiving further updates in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;

6. *Notes with concern* the delays in the receipt of payments by some new beneficiaries and retirees of the Fund, stresses the need for the Pension Board to take appropriate steps to ensure that the Fund addresses the causes of such delays, and in this regard requests an update in the context of the next report of the Board;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as the Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to invite the heads of member organizations participating in the Fund to expedite information processing for new beneficiaries and retirees;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 42 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Fund to incorporate lessons learned, in particular regarding cost escalations and delays, for future information technology requirements;

9. *Also recalls* paragraph 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee, stresses the importance of having a comprehensive anti-fraud policy in the Fund, including in the Investments Management Division, and requests the Pension Board to report thereon in the context of the next report;

10. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General, in the context of future reports on the investments of the Fund, to provide information on the performance of his representative in discharging his or her responsibilities;

11. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with article 19 of the regulations of the Fund, the Secretary-General serves as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund and has fiduciary responsibility for deciding upon the investment of the assets of the Fund;

12. *Stresses* the need to avoid any action that would compromise the fiduciary responsibilities and long-term sustainability of the Fund;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee, emphasizes the importance of the Fund meeting its target annual real rate of return of 3.5 per cent over the long term, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to make all efforts to improve the Fund's investment performance and to report thereon in the context of future reports on the investments of the Fund;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund, to continue to diversify its investments between developed, developing and emerging markets, wherever this serves the interests of the participants and the beneficiaries of the Fund, and also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that decisions concerning the investments of the Fund in any country are implemented prudently, taking fully into account the four main criteria

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<sup>14</sup> [A/70/325](#), annex VI.

for investment, namely safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility, under volatile market conditions;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of its resolution 69/113, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to take all measures to ensure that the costs for non-discretionary advisory fees are reduced and to report thereon in the context of future reports;

16. *Invites* the Pension Board, in consultation with the Board of Auditors, to make arrangements that would enable the Pension Board to consider, at its annual meeting, the final financial report and audited financial statements of the Board of Auditors on the Fund;

17. *Recalls* paragraph 46 of the report of the Advisory Committee, stresses that the report of the Board of Auditors on the Fund should be submitted separately to the General Assembly, as is the case with other United Nations entities, and decides that a copy should continue to be annexed to the report of the Pension Board;

18. *Decides* to continue to consider the report of the Board of Auditors on the Fund in the context of the report of the Pension Board;

19. *Also decides* to establish the 14 additional posts set out in the table below:

<i>Organizational unit</i>	<i>Title of post</i>	<i>Number of posts</i>	<i>Category/level</i>
<b>Administration</b>			
<b>Programme of work</b>			
Operations (New York)	Benefits Officer	1	P-3
	Benefits Assistant	2	General Service (Other level) as at 1 January 2016
	Benefits Assistant	3	General Service (Other level) as at 1 January 2017
Operations (Geneva)	Chief, Client Communication and Liaison	1	P-5
	Benefits Officer	1	P-4
	Finance Officer	1	P-3
Financial services	Cashier's Assistant	1	General Service (Other level)
Risk Management and Legal Services Section	Legal Officer (New York)	1	P-3
	Legal Assistant (Geneva)	1	General Service (Other level)
Information Management Systems Service	Data Manager	1	P-3
	Information and Communications Technology Security Officer	1	P-3
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	

20. *Approves* the reclassification of the posts set out in the table below:

<i>Organizational unit</i>	<i>Title of post</i>	<i>Number of posts</i>	<i>Category/level</i>
<b>Programme of work</b>			
Financial services	Deputy Chief Financial Officer	1	P-4 to P-5
Risk Management and Legal Services Section	Senior Legal Officer	1	P-5 to P-4
<b>Investments</b>			
Office of the Representative of the Secretary-General	Senior Administrative Assistant	1	General Service (Other level) to General Service (Principal level)
Operations and Information Systems Section	Associate Accountant	1	General Service (Other level) to P-2
<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>	

21. *Recalls* paragraph 49 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes the further explanation by the Secretary-General of the issues therein, and decides to charge 64.4 per cent of the United Nations share in the administrative and audit costs relating to the Fund to the programme budget;

22. *Approves* the revised estimates of 176,550,800 dollars for the biennium 2014-2015 for the administration of the Fund;

23. *Also approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 157,213,000 dollars net for the biennium 2016-2017;

24. *Further approves* the amount of 21,865,300 dollars as the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the Fund for the biennium 2016-2017, of which 14,081,300 dollars would represent the share of the regular budget and the balance of 7,784,000 dollars would represent the share of the funds and programmes;

25. *Approves* the increase of 246,000 dollars in the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

26. *Authorizes* the Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 2016-2017 by an amount not to exceed 225,000 dollars;

27. *Recalls* paragraph 20 of its resolution 69/113, and requests the Pension Board to inform the General Assembly of the outcome of the revision of the memorandum of understanding between the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat and the Fund in the context of its next report to the Assembly;

## VII

### **Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone**

*Recalling* its resolution 58/284 of 8 April 2004, section VII of its resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004, section II of its resolution 59/294 of 22 June 2005, section XII of its resolution 65/259, section IX of its resolution 66/247 of 24 December 2011 and section I of its resolution 67/246,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>15</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>16</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>15</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>16</sup>
3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 2,438,500 dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016 as a bridging financing mechanism, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority during the main part of its seventy-first session;
4. *Affirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Residual Special Court;
5. *Encourages* all Member States to provide voluntary support for the Residual Special Court;

## VIII

### **Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in General Assembly resolution 69/292, entitled “Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction”**

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>17</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>18</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>17</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>18</sup>
3. *Approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 670,000 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund for the biennium 2016-2017;

<sup>15</sup> A/70/565.

<sup>16</sup> A/70/7/Add.30.

<sup>17</sup> A/70/543.

<sup>18</sup> A/70/7/Add.25.

## IX

### **Progress in the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and update on the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall**

*Recalling* its resolution 56/270 of 27 March 2002, section IX of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, section I of its resolution 63/263 of 24 December 2008, its resolution 64/243, section III of its resolution 65/259, section VII of its resolution 66/247, section II of its resolution 67/246, section III of its resolution 68/247 A and section V of its resolution 69/262,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>19</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>20</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>19</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>20</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Welcomes* the continued efforts of the Government of Ethiopia, as the host country, in facilitating the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa;
4. *Looks forward* to receiving updated information on the outcome of the independent assessment of the project in the context of the next progress report;
5. *Reaffirms* paragraph 5 of section V of its resolution 69/262, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General pursue his efforts to bring the matter of potential claims management to a swift conclusion and to provide an update in the next progress report;
6. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge and capacity throughout the implementation of the construction projects, as appropriate;
7. *Also encourages* the Secretary-General to assess the implementation of the flexible workplace strategy and to provide information in this regard in the context of the next progress report;
8. *Approves* the project scope, schedule and the maximum overall cost in the amount of 56.9 million dollars;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the annual progress report, to include information on progress related to the implementation of the Africa Hall renovation project;
10. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the project objectives are achieved within budget;
11. *Expresses serious concern* about the delay in the recruitment of the Project Manager and the Administrative Assistant, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all recruitment processes are completed in a timely manner;

<sup>19</sup> [A/70/363](#) and Corr.1.

<sup>20</sup> [A/70/7/Add.21](#).



12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to mitigate potential risks and to monitor closely the Africa Hall renovation project in order to avoid any further delay;

13. *Emphasizes* that the Office of Central Support Services of the Department of Management of the Secretariat should be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to update Member States, through the Office of Central Support Services, on the progress of the construction projects;

15. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring integrated and independent project assurance for the Africa Hall renovation project;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further clarify the roles and responsibilities of the internal control mechanism and the stakeholders committee, to ensure that their working arrangements are set out in clear terms, and to report thereon in the next progress report;

17. *Recalls* paragraph 46 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to establish an advisory board that is independent and impartial, with its membership reflecting a wide geographical representation while ensuring the required expertise;

18. *Emphasizes* the need for the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat to continue to provide oversight of the construction projects at the Commission, in particular the renovation of Africa Hall, and to continue to include information on key findings in the context of the annual reports of the Office on its activities;

19. *Also emphasizes* that contingency provisions approved for construction projects serve to provide necessary safeguards against unforeseen cost overruns during project implementation, underlines that the estimation of project contingencies should be based on the identification of risks associated with the different phases of the project, and requests that the estimated contingencies be separated from the base project cost for presentation purposes only;

20. *Recalls* paragraph 52 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides that unused contingency funds may be carried over to subsequent years and reallocated as new risks emerge and older risks are retired, consistent with industry best practice, and that all remaining unused contingency funds shall be returned to Member States at the conclusion of the project;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the next progress report, to provide detailed information on the management of the contingency provision;

22. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to seek voluntary contributions for the Africa Hall renovation project and to report thereon to the General Assembly in future reports;

23. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the next progress report, to present an updated business case for the visitors' centre that is based on, among other things, clearly formulated objectives, the total cost projections for start-up and initiation and for the period thereafter, as well as costs by component, including information on the permanent exhibition analysis, estimated annual

operational costs and revenue generation, direct and indirect benefits to the Organization and the public and a plan for realizing such benefits;

24. *Approves* the establishment, effective 1 July 2016, of six temporary positions (1 P-4, 3 National Professional Officer and 2 Local level) related to the dedicated project management team and one temporary position (P-3) for project support, under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

25. *Also approves* an amount of 13,438,600 dollars under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, comprising 1,253,300 dollars under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, and 12,185,300 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, at initial rates;

26. *Further approves* the appropriation under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 of the amounts corresponding to the relevant sections indicated in paragraph 25 above;

27. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a multi-year construction-in-progress account for the expenditure related to the Africa Hall renovation project;

## X

### Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

*Recalling* part XI of its resolution 64/243, section VII of its resolution 66/247, section V of its resolution 68/247 A and sections III and VII of its resolution 69/262,

*Having considered* the second annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva<sup>21</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>22</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>21</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>22</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Welcomes* the continued support of the Government of Switzerland for the construction project in Geneva;
4. *Approves* the proposed project scope, schedule and estimated cost of the strategic heritage plan in the maximum amount of 836,500,000 Swiss francs for the period from 2014 to 2023, and therefore authorizes the renovation and construction phases of the project to begin;
5. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that any change that affects the scope of the strategic heritage plan project is presented for the consideration and decision of the General Assembly;
6. *Stresses* the importance of effective governance, oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the project objectives are achieved within budget;

<sup>21</sup> [A/70/394](#) and Corr.1.

<sup>22</sup> [A/70/7/Add.8](#).

7. *Acknowledges* the establishment of the Advisory Board, encourages it to continue its work, and requests the Secretary-General to present more detailed information on the scope, composition, technical expertise and decision-making mechanisms, as well as the functional arrangements, including the respective roles and responsibilities of the Steering Committee and the Advisory Board in the overall governance framework, in the context of the next progress report;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the next progress report, to include information on how the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Board are incorporated into the overall management and strategic oversight structure of the project;

9. *Emphasizes* that the Advisory Board shall be independent and impartial, with its membership reflecting a wide geographical representation while ensuring the required expertise;

10. *Also emphasizes* the importance of ensuring integrated and independent project assurance for the strategic heritage plan;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the next progress report, to provide detailed information on the role of the risk management firm in providing independent project assurance;

12. *Also recalls* paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the selection of external contractual expertise, to follow all relevant regulations and rules governing procurement procedures of the Organization and to ensure that the use of such expertise is kept under review by the project oversight and monitoring mechanisms;

13. *Acknowledges* that space optimization is one of the key objectives of the strategic heritage plan, and requests the Secretary-General to apply flexible workplace strategies, taking into account the observations and recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the provisions of section VII of its resolution 69/274 A, and to include detailed information on concrete steps taken in this regard in the context of the next progress report;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the application of flexible workplace strategies at the Palais des Nations takes into account the physical characteristics and the specific heritage preservation needs, as well as ongoing business transformation initiatives, in a cost-effective manner;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to gather data on building occupancy utilization throughout the entire site of the Palais des Nations in order to increase space efficiencies above the 700 additional spaces already identified, including by setting optimized space utilization targets, and to report on the concrete steps taken in this regard in the context of the next progress report;

16. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to avoid budget increases through sound project management practices and to ensure that the strategic heritage plan is completed within the approved budget and the envisaged time schedule;

17. *Emphasizes* that contingency provisions approved for construction projects serve to provide necessary safeguards against unforeseen cost overruns during project

implementation, underlines that the estimation of project contingencies should be based on the identification of risks associated with the different phases of the project, and requests that the estimated contingencies be separated from the base project cost for presentation purposes only;

18. *Recalls* paragraph 51 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides that unused contingency funds may be carried over to subsequent years and reallocated as new risks emerge and older risks are retired, consistent with industry best practice, and that all remaining unused contingency funds shall be returned to Member States at the conclusion of the project;

19. *Welcomes* the loan package offered by the Government of Switzerland, approves the financing of the project in part through a loan at a zero interest rate from the host country, and authorizes the Secretary-General to formally apply for the loan in the amount of 400 million Swiss francs;

20. *Decides* to revert to the establishment of an assessment scheme and currency of appropriation and assessment for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated detailed information on these issues;

21. *Also decides* to revert to the establishment of the multi-year special account for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the next progress report, to include detailed information on possible measures that could be taken to avoid negative interest rates in relation to the currency holdings of the United Nations;

23. *Decides* to appropriate the additional amount of 32,634,900 dollars (equivalent to 33,091,800 Swiss francs) for 2016, under section 33, construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

24. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a multi-year construction-in-progress account for the expenditure related to the strategic heritage plan for 2014-2016;

25. *Approves* the donation policy as described in the report of the Secretary-General, subject to the observations of the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 35 and 36 of its report;

26. *Reiterates* the importance of ensuring that alternative funding mechanisms are factored into the overall financing scheme in order to reduce the assessments of Member States, and requests the Secretary-General to provide detailed information in the next progress report on the next steps towards identifying additional sources of income through, among other things, the valorization at market price of land owned or occupied by the United Nations Office at Geneva, including but not limited to that currently occupied by the Club international de tennis, the Fondation de l'École internationale de Genève and the Parc des Feuillantines;

27. *Appreciates* the existing voluntary contributions received from Member States to finance the strategic heritage plan, and requests the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, as well as donations by private entities, in full compliance with all relevant

rules and regulations of the Organization, in order to reduce the overall assessments on Member States;

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore the possibility of attracting additional United Nations entities to be accommodated at the renovated Palais des Nations and to report thereon in the next progress report;

29. *Reiterates* the provisions of paragraph 18 of section III of its resolution 69/262;

30. *Reaffirms* paragraph 19 of section III of its resolution 69/262, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the implementation of the strategic heritage plan takes into account measures to eliminate physical, communications and technical barriers to persons with disabilities, taking into account relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, while ensuring compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,<sup>23</sup> and to report on this subject in future annual progress reports;

## XI

**Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>24</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>25</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>24</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>25</sup>
3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 7,547,300 dollars in the first year of the biennium 2016-2017 for the implementation of the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development<sup>26</sup> and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;<sup>27</sup>

## XII

**Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok**

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the proposal for the seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok<sup>28</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>29</sup>

<sup>23</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

<sup>24</sup> [A/70/589](#) and Corr.1.

<sup>25</sup> [A/70/7/Add.39](#).

<sup>26</sup> Resolution 69/313, annex.

<sup>27</sup> Resolution 70/1.

<sup>28</sup> [A/70/356](#).

<sup>29</sup> [A/70/7/Add.3](#).

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>28</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;<sup>29</sup>
3. *Notes with appreciation* the continued efforts of the Government of Thailand, as the host country, in facilitating the work of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok;
4. *Notes with concern* the continued health and safety risks related to seismic threats at the Commission as presented in the report of the Secretary-General, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to present an expeditious timeline in the context of the next report to address these concerns;
5. *Recalls* paragraphs 10, 14 and 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to present an updated proposal and costing estimates for multiphase and single-phase implementation methods, including an option to address the seismic risk on its own and an option in combination with renovation, life-cycle replacement or other works, ensuring the most cost-effective and efficient method of implementation;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the next report, to include detailed information on the effects of construction on rental income to the Commission from tenants, the application of flexible workplace strategies and the applicable seismic codes of the host country;
7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide specific information in the next report about possible measures to be taken to eliminate physical, communication or technical barriers to persons with disabilities at the Commission, while ensuring compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;<sup>23</sup>
8. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee, regrets that the host country was not approached first and at an early stage for the possible provision of swing space, and requests the Secretary-General to engage the host country on an urgent and continuous basis;
9. *Also recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to seek voluntary contributions and to report thereon in the context of the next report;
10. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring the availability of appropriate in-house expertise, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon in the context of the next report;
11. *Also emphasizes* the importance of guidance, interaction and coordination between the Secretariat in New York, on the one hand, and the Commission in Bangkok, on the other, with clear reporting lines;
12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Office of Central Support Services, to take into account lessons learned and best practices from past construction and renovation projects, in particular to draw from experience and know-how acquired from other capital projects;
13. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 400,000 dollars, also authorizes expenditure from this amount to cover expenses related to the implementation of paragraph 5 of the present resolution, and

requests the Secretary-General to report thereon in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a revised proposal to the General Assembly for its consideration at the main part of its seventy-first session;

### **XIII**

#### **Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2015**

*Having considered* the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly<sup>30</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>31</sup>

1. *Recalls* its resolution 70/244 of 23 December 2015;
2. *Takes note* of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General;<sup>30</sup>
3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>31</sup>

### **XIV**

#### **Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and twenty-third special session**

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>32</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>33</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>32</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>33</sup>
3. *Approves* the establishment of two posts (P-3) under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, with effect from 1 January 2016;
4. *Also approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 11,040,900 dollars, comprising 3,354,600 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 7,665,400 dollars under section 24, Human rights, 4,200 dollars under section 28, Public information, and 16,700 dollars under section 29F, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;
5. *Further approves* the amount of 62,000 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

<sup>30</sup> A/C.5/70/3.

<sup>31</sup> A/70/7/Add.4.

<sup>32</sup> A/70/562.

<sup>33</sup> A/70/7/Add.28.

## XV

### International Trade Centre

*Having considered* the programme budget proposals for the International Trade Centre for the biennium 2016-2017<sup>34</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>35</sup>

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>35</sup>
2. *Decides* to approve resources in the amount of 35,697,300 dollars (the United Nations share equivalent to 50 per cent of 72,394,100 Swiss francs at the exchange rate of 1.014 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for the biennium 2016-2017 under section 13, International Trade Centre, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

## XVI

### Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2015 session (21 July 2014-23 July 2015)

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>36</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>37</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>36</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>37</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Approves* the establishment of four posts (1 D-1 and 1 P-3 under subprogramme 9, Energy, 1 P-4 under subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, and 1 P-4 under subprogramme 2, Trade and investment) under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, and requests the Secretary-General to fill these posts subject to the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the new subprogramme 9 in 2016;
4. *Also approves* the establishment of four temporary posts (1 P-4, 2 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level)) in the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, with effect from 1 January 2016;
5. *Further approves* the redeployment of one P-5, two P-4, one P-2 and four Local level posts from subprogramme 4, Environment and development, to subprogramme 9, Energy, under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, and requests the Secretary-General to fill these posts subject to the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the new subprogramme 9 in 2016;
6. *Approves* the redeployment of non-post resources in the amount of 52,000 dollars from subprogramme 4, Environment and development, to subprogramme 9, Energy, under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific,

<sup>34</sup> A/70/6 (Sect. 13) and A/70/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1/Rev.1.

<sup>35</sup> A/70/7/Add.1.

<sup>36</sup> A/70/430.

<sup>37</sup> A/70/7/Add.23.



of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, comprising 14,000 dollars for consultancies, 24,000 dollars for the ad hoc expert group, 8,000 dollars for the travel of staff and 6,000 dollars for external printing;

7. *Also approves* an appropriation amounting to 3,048,100 dollars (1,491,400 dollars arising from Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/30 of 22 July 2015 and 1,556,700 dollars arising from Council resolution 2015/33 of 22 July 2015), comprising 1,275,100 dollars under section 9, Economic and social affairs, 1,491,400 dollars under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, and 281,600 dollars under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

8. *Further approves* the amount of 303,600 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

## XVII

### Enterprise resource planning project, Umoja

*Recalling* section II of its resolution 60/283, section II of its resolution 63/262, its resolution 64/243, section II.A of its resolution 65/259, its resolution 66/246, section III of its resolution 66/263 of 21 June 2012, section III of its resolution 67/246, its resolution 68/246 and sections IV and VI of its resolution 69/274 A,

*Having considered* the seventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project,<sup>38</sup> the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system<sup>39</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>40</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>38</sup> and the note by the Secretary-General;<sup>39</sup>

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>40</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Accepts* the report of the Board of Auditors;<sup>39</sup>

4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;

5. *Welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of Umoja since the previous progress report, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to complete implementation without further delay;

6. *Regrets* the delays in the implementation of extension 2 and cluster 5 of Umoja, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement the project within the approved timeline and budget and to provide detailed information on the full implementation of the Umoja solution no later than at the seventy-first session;

<sup>38</sup> A/70/369 and Corrs.1 and 2.

<sup>39</sup> A/70/158.

<sup>40</sup> A/70/7/Add.19.

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the further roll-out plan for the implementation of Umoja, to conduct an objective assessment of the organizational readiness for business change to avoid deviations from the project's plans and cost projections, identify opportunities for further improvement and maximize the expected benefits;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take proactive measures to address the remaining challenges and risks relating to the implementation of Umoja and to ensure that the project is fully deployed by December 2018, in line with the revised timeline approved by the General Assembly in section III of its resolution 67/246;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report on the process and outcome of the post-implementation reviews in the next progress report;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General, for the next implementation phases of the project, to establish clear and transparent procedures and maintain a detailed accounting of indirect costs, including those related to preparatory activities, and to provide fully transparent information on those costs in the next progress report;

11. *Also reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to absorb the indirect costs within the approved budget of each department;

12. *Further reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make every effort to eliminate cost overruns through efficiency measures and sound project management and to avoid any further upward revision of the budget during the remaining project schedule, up to the time at which Umoja is fully deployed;

13. *Reiterates* that the successful implementation of Umoja requires the full support and commitment of senior management, as well as close and continuous engagement with key stakeholders, and calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure this through performance management and accountability mechanisms;

14. *Stresses* the importance of effective training for the successful implementation of Umoja, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that senior managers include necessary and sufficient training on Umoja for all users of the system as part of an integrated approach to training and capacity development in their work units;

15. *Notes* that insufficient progress has been made in the development of benefit realization plans, and requests the Secretary-General to accelerate the development of such plans, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and to report thereon in the next progress report, without prejudice to established budgetary procedures and the prerogatives of the Fifth Committee, which is entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

16. *Underlines* the importance of close cooperation between the Umoja and International Public Sector Accounting Standards project teams in aligning their benefit realization pillars and enhancing their mutual efforts in identifying benefits of these major transformational projects, and identifying possible synergies;

17. *Recalls* paragraphs 38 and 39 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to develop detailed transition plans for the long-term support arrangements for the Umoja solution to be provided by the Chief Information Technology Officer and for the mainstreaming of Umoja, to provide detailed

information on the governance, management and operational arrangements for the deployed phases and to report thereon in the next progress report;

18. *Also recalls* paragraph 44 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to develop and retain in-house expertise on Umoja and to develop, as a matter of priority, a detailed action plan to ensure the transfer of knowledge from consultants to programme and project staff and that the knowledge acquired is maintained within the Organization, and to provide detailed information in the context of his next progress report;

19. *Further recalls* paragraph 45 of the report of the Advisory Committee, authorizes the Secretary-General, as an exceptional and temporary measure, to postpone the downsizing of Umoja until 31 December 2016, and decides in this regard that any financial costs arising from this measure should be accommodated within the approved budget for Umoja for the biennium 2016-2017;

20. *Approves* the amount of 8,143,700 dollars, as presented in section 29A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, representing the regular budget share for the Umoja project;

21. *Notes* that an amount of 31,306,700 dollars was approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 69/308 of 25 June 2015 under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, of which 22,891,500 dollars was for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2015 and 8,415,200 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2016;

22. *Also notes* that requirements in the amount of 12,487,100 dollars will be funded from extrabudgetary resources in the financial period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017;

## **XVIII**

### **Study on the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters for the period from 2015 to 2034**

*Recalling* its resolution 60/282 of 30 June 2006, section III of its resolution 67/254 A and section VII of its resolution 69/262,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>41</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>42</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>41</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>42</sup>
3. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of section VII of its resolution 69/262;

## **XIX**

### **Framework for a global service delivery model of the United Nations Secretariat**

*Recalling* section III of its resolution 67/246, paragraph 13 of section VII of its resolution 69/262 and paragraph 19 of its resolution 69/273 of 2 April 2015,

<sup>41</sup> [A/70/398](#).

<sup>42</sup> [A/70/7/Add.22](#).

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>43</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>44</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>43</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>44</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Notes with appreciation* the initiative of the Secretary-General to establish a global service delivery model of the United Nations Secretariat;
4. *Stresses* that the development of the global service delivery model shall be limited to the provision of administrative support services, and emphasizes that functions primarily involving direct interactions with Member States, including troop-contributing countries, will continue to be located at Headquarters;
5. *Recalls* that any changes to the existing and future service delivery model must be approved by the General Assembly;
6. *Emphasizes* the importance of drawing upon the experience and knowledge of the Umoja project team, as well as the need to develop and maintain in-house capacity with regard to shared service delivery;
7. *Also emphasizes* that a detailed proposal should consist of a business case, including the establishment of an end-state vision, clear goals and objectives, as well as a detailed cost-benefit analysis containing information on qualitative and quantitative benefits;
8. *Further emphasizes* that future proposals related to the global service delivery model, including budget proposals related to qualitative and quantitative benefits from the development and implementation of the model, will be contingent on the presentation by the Secretary-General of clear benefit realization plans containing specific information on potential benefits to be achieved;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the development of a global service delivery model at the main part of the seventy-first session and to continue to gather information to support the business case for such a model, including comprehensive baseline information on the provision of services for each process;
10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to review his proposal for taking February 2016 as a baseline for the development of the global service delivery model business case, taking into account the necessary stabilization period for Umoja, and to report thereon in the context of his next report;
11. *Recalls* paragraph 61 of its resolution 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and paragraph 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee, reiterates the importance of ensuring that the global service delivery model fully takes into account lessons learned and best practices of all ongoing business transformation initiatives so as to maximize benefits and avoid possible duplication and overlap, and requests the Secretary-General to provide in his detailed proposal information on the efforts to ensure such coherence, including information on the use of common infrastructure and resources;

<sup>43</sup> A/70/323.

<sup>44</sup> A/70/436.

12. *Also recalls* paragraph 32 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to include staff costs as one of the criteria in his evaluation of possible locations for administrative services;

13. *Stresses* that the report should take into account the use of all existing United Nations infrastructure, including that away from Headquarters;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 46 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide in his detailed report proposals for a cost-sharing formula for future requirements related to the implementation of the global service delivery model;

15. *Also recalls* paragraph 48 (a) of the report of the Advisory Committee, takes note of paragraphs 48 (b), (c) and (d) of that report, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a refined and detailed proposal on the global service delivery model to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session and to cover the requirements for consultancy fees within the allocation for section 29, Management and central support services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

## XX

### **Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council**

*Recalling* section VI of its resolution 68/247 A, its resolutions 68/248 A and C of 27 December 2013, section II of its resolution 68/247 B, its resolution 68/280 of 30 June 2014, section IV of its resolution 69/262 and section II of its resolution 69/274 B,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General<sup>45</sup> and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,<sup>46</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;<sup>45</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee,<sup>46</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Affirms its commitment* to consider the review of the arrangement on the funding and backstopping of the special political missions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee with a view to making a decision, without prejudging the outcome, at the first resumed part of the seventieth session;
4. *Recognizes* the importance of promoting cooperation among United Nations missions in order to increase their effectiveness and efficiency, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard, without prejudice to the unique mandate of and the approved budget for each mission;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present future budget proposals for the special political missions no later than the last week of October;
6. *Encourages* the Advisory Committee to consider the presentation of a single report, as appropriate, on the estimates in respect of special political missions to facilitate easy reference by Member States;

<sup>45</sup> [A/70/348](#) and Add.1-7 and Add.7/Corr.1.

<sup>46</sup> [A/70/7/Add.10-17](#).

7. *Recalls* paragraph 44 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>47</sup> and expresses its support for the nationalization of positions in special political missions and the building of local capacity, where appropriate;

8. *Underlines* that the use of external consultants should be kept to a minimum and that the Organization should build and use its in-house capacity to perform core activities or to fulfil functions that are recurrent over the long term;

9. *Expresses concern* about the growth in the number of senior-level positions in special political missions;

10. *Recalls* section II of its resolution 35/217 of 17 December 1980, and requests the Secretary-General to observe the established procedures for the creation of extrabudgetary positions;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 17 of section V of its resolution 67/254 A, and requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the next budget submission, to provide further clarification on the criteria utilized for the use of private armed security services, as well as details on the administrative and financial arrangements for such services;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take all appropriate measures to ensure that, when using security and protection services from private security companies, the selected companies operate in accordance with the national legislation of the host country and the Charter of the United Nations and fully abide by the relevant principles and rules of international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law;

13. *Expresses concern* at the lack of coherent policy related to the holding of vehicles by the special political missions at established United Nations duty stations, as well as the lack of criteria for the stocking and replacement of spare parts, and requests the Secretary-General to develop such policy and submit it at the main part of the seventy-first session;

14. *Notes* the decision to locate the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria in Geneva, and decides that related costs arising from this relocation shall be accommodated within the approved resources of the Office;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>48</sup> expresses concern that the Secretary-General recruited a Special Assistant (P-4) and signed a memorandum of understanding for the rental of an office in Brussels prior to approval by the General Assembly, and decides that any costs related to these actions shall be accommodated within the approved resources of the Office;

16. *Takes note* of paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>49</sup> and decides to reclassify the position of Principal Political Affairs Officer (D-1) in the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen as Director (D-2);

17. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of section IV of its resolution 69/262, notes the ongoing review of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to consider the grading of the

<sup>47</sup> [A/70/7/Add.10.](#)

<sup>48</sup> [A/70/7/Add.11.](#)

<sup>49</sup> [A/70/7/Add.16.](#)

Special Envoy and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of the seventy-first session;

18. *Takes note* of paragraph 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>48</sup>

19. *Also takes note* of paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>48</sup> and decides to establish a position of Political Affairs/Liaison Officer (P-3), to be based in Kinshasa, for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to notify Member States when opportunities arise for individuals to be considered for inclusion on the rosters of the sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels authorized by the General Assembly and/or Security Council, and that the recruitment process be conducted in accordance with relevant rules and regulations of the United Nations;

21. *Notes* that, upon the day of implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) of 20 July 2015, the provisions of Council resolution 1929 (2010) of 9 June 2010, including with regard to the Panel of Experts on the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be terminated and all related resources approved under that resolution for the Panel will be adjusted accordingly;

22. *Decides* to reduce the allocations for computing devices for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia and the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa by 10 per cent;

23. *Emphasizes* that any request for staffing resources to enable the United Nations Support Office in Somalia to carry out its mandate of providing administrative, technical and logistical support to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia should be included in the budget proposal for the Office and not that of the Mission;

24. *Recalls* paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>50</sup> and approves the 14 new positions in the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa, which include two positions in the mission support component (one Finance Assistant (Local level) in the Finance and Budget Unit and one Travel Assistant (Local level) in the Human Resources Unit);

25. *Decides* to reduce the allocation for official travel for the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa by 5 per cent;

26. *Also decides* to establish the position of Senior Adviser at the Assistant Secretary-General level in the United Nations Support Mission in Libya and to adjust the related non-post resources accordingly;

27. *Recalls* paragraph 6 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>51</sup> and welcomes the improved performance information for 2015 set out in table 1 of the report of the Secretary-General relating to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan;<sup>52</sup>

28. *Takes note* of paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>51</sup>

<sup>50</sup> [A/70/7/Add.13](#).

<sup>51</sup> [A/70/7/Add.14](#).

<sup>52</sup> [A/70/348/Add.4](#).

29. *Recalls* paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>51</sup> and decides to maintain the provision for official travel at 1,780,800 dollars for 2016;

30. *Also recalls* paragraph 39 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>51</sup> and stresses that the cost-sharing arrangement for the Resident Coordinator system is under review by the General Assembly;

31. *Further recalls* paragraph 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>53</sup> and decides to abolish six Local level posts in the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq;

32. *Takes note* of paragraph 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>53</sup>

33. *Recalls* paragraph 58 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>47</sup> notes with concern the lack of clarity with regard to the roles of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq support offices in Kuwait and the Kuwait Joint Support Office, and requests the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the structures, functions and capacity of the offices in order to ensure that they better serve the functions of both missions and to report thereon in the context of the next budget submission;

34. *Approves* the budgets in the amount of 567,252,400 dollars for the 36 special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council;

35. *Also approves* a charge of 567,252,400 dollars against the provision for special political missions proposed under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

## **XXI**

### **Gross jointly financed budget of the Joint Inspection Unit**

*Approves* the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 2016-2017 in the amount of 13,000,200 dollars;

## **XXII**

### **Gross jointly financed budget of the International Civil Service Commission**

*Approves* the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2016-2017 in the amount of 18,225,600 dollars;

## **XXIII**

### **Gross jointly financed budget of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination**

*Notes* the gross budget for the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for the biennium 2016-2017 in the amount of 6,183,800 dollars;

<sup>53</sup> [A/70/7/Add.15](#).



**XXIV****Gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security**

*Approves* the gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security of the Secretariat for the biennium 2016-2017 in the amount of 263,409,100 dollars, broken down as follows:

- (a) Field Security Operations: 237,454,000 dollars;
- (b) Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 25,955,100 dollars;

**XXV****Effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation**

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from changes in rates of exchange and inflation<sup>54</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>55</sup>

*Takes note* of the revised estimates arising from recosting owing to changes in the rates of exchange and inflation;

**XXVI****Contingency fund**

*Notes* that a balance of 24,007,067 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

<sup>54</sup> [A/70/603](#).

<sup>55</sup> [A/70/7/Add.35](#).

## Draft resolution III

### Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

#### A

#### Budget appropriations for the biennium 2016-2017

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that, for the biennium 2016-2017:

1. Appropriations totalling 5,401,794,400 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

<i>Section</i>		<i>Amount (United States dollars)</i>
<i>Part I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination</i>		
1	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	117 428 000
2	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	618 122 200
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>735 550 200</b>
<i>Part II. Political affairs</i>		
3	Political affairs	1 238 803 600
4	Disarmament	24 950 700
5	Peacekeeping operations	109 624 000
6	Peaceful uses of outer space	7 162 300
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1 380 540 600</b>
<i>Part III. International justice and law</i>		
7	International Court of Justice	45 975 700
8	Legal affairs	48 845 900
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>94 821 600</b>
<i>Part IV. International cooperation for development</i>		
9	Economic and social affairs	157 717 800
10	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	10 912 500
11	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	16 798 300
12	Trade and development	135 159 400
13	International Trade Centre	35 697 300
14	Environment	35 331 400
15	Human settlements	20 806 800
16	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	36 917 600
17	UN-Women	15 256 400
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>464 597 500</b>

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount (United States dollars)</i>
<i>Part V. Regional cooperation for development</i>	
18 Economic and social development in Africa	153 650 300
19 Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	94 646 200
20 Economic development in Europe	64 870 900
21 Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	105 299 700
22 Economic and social development in Western Asia	69 369 400
23 Regular programme of technical cooperation	54 763 400
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>542 599 900</b>
<i>Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs</i>	
24 Human rights	191 574 900
25 International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	82 204 900
26 Palestine refugees	55 592 900
27 Humanitarian assistance	30 402 300
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>359 775 000</b>
<i>Part VII. Public information</i>	
28 Public information	188 021 900
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>188 021 900</b>
<i>Part VIII. Common support services</i>	
29A Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	22 677 000
29B Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	35 043 500
29C Office of Human Resources Management	70 800 100
29D Office of Central Support Services	166 116 100
29E Office of Information and Communications Technology	98 461 800
29F Administration, Geneva	134 658 700
29G Administration, Vienna	33 204 200
29H Administration, Nairobi	28 157 300
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>589 118 700</b>
<i>Part IX. Internal oversight</i>	
30 Internal oversight	40 213 800
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>40 213 800</b>
<i>Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses</i>	
31 Jointly financed administrative activities	11 448 200
32 Special expenses	153 244 800
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>164 693 000</b>

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount (United States dollars)</i>
Part XI. <i>Capital expenditures</i>	
33 Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	97 091 100
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>97 091 100</b>
Part XII. <i>Safety and security</i>	
34 Safety and security	234 295 400
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>234 295 400</b>
Part XIII. <i>Development Account</i>	
35 Development Account	28 398 800
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28 398 800</b>
Part XIV. <i>Staff assessment</i>	
36 Staff assessment	482 076 900
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>482 076 900</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 401 794 400</b>

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 75,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2016-2017 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations in Geneva as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

## **B**

### **Income estimates for the biennium 2016-2017**

#### *The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that, for the biennium 2016-2017:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 531,347,800 United States dollars are approved as follows:

<i>Income section</i>	<i>Amount (United States dollars)</i>
1. Income from staff assessment	486 414 800
2. General income	41 226 700
3. Services to the public	3 706 300
<b>Total</b>	<b>531 347 800</b>

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, the sale of statistical products, catering operations and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

## C

### Financing of appropriations for the year 2016

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves that, for 2016:*

1. Budget appropriations consisting of 2,700,897,200 United States dollars, being half of the appropriation of 5,401,794,400 dollars approved for the biennium 2016-2017 by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution A above, plus 218,923,200 dollars, being the net increase in appropriations for the biennium 2014-2015 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 69/274 A of 2 April 2015, 69/274 B of 25 June 2015 and 70/240 A of 23 December 2015, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,<sup>1</sup> as follows:

(a) 50,868,900 dollars, consisting of 22,466,500 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2016-2017 under resolution B above, plus 28,402,400 dollars, being the increase in income other than staff assessment income for the biennium 2014-2015 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 70/240 B of 23 December 2015;

(b) 13,911,000 dollars, being the difference between the amount appropriated and the amount assessed for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response in its resolutions 69/263 A of 29 December 2014 and 69/274 B;

(c) 154,852,400 dollars, for the capital master plan project to be financed from the General Fund in accordance with General Assembly resolution 69/274 A, of which 36,613,400 dollars shall be credited from the Special Account established by the Assembly in resolution 3049 A (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, 33,000,000 dollars credited from the cancellation of prior-period obligations for the biennium 2012-2013, 40,239,000 dollars from the unencumbered balance for the biennium 2012-2013 and 45,000,000 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with Assembly resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012 on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations;

(d) 2,700,188,100 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with Assembly resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015 on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of

<sup>1</sup> [ST/SGB/2013/4](#).

15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 252,038,900 dollars, consisting of:

- (a) 243,207,400 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2016-2017 in paragraph 1 of resolution B above;
- (b) 8,755,900 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2014-2015 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 69/274 B;
- (c) 580,100 dollars, being the decrease in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2014-2015 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 70/240 B;
- (d) 655,700 dollars, being an increase in income from the staff assessment for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response in its resolution 69/263 A.

## **Draft resolution IV**

### **Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2016-2017**

#### *The General Assembly*

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations<sup>1</sup> and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 2016-2017 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 8 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 2016-2017 as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 200,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges and travel and removal expenses and installation grants of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 410,000 dollars;

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 25,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 1 million dollars in the biennium 2016-2017 as the Secretary-General certifies are required for security measures pursuant to section XI, paragraph 6, of General Assembly resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its seventy-first and seventy-second sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that, for the biennium 2016-2017, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

<sup>1</sup> [ST/SGB/2013/4](#).

## **Draft resolution V**

### **Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016-2017**

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves that:*

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 2016-2017 in the amount of 150 million United States dollars;
2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale of assessments adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for 2016;
3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:
  - (a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;
  - (b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2014-2015 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/250 of 27 December 2013;
4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2014-2015 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 2016-2017;
5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:
  - (a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;
  - (b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 70/250 of 23 December 2015 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2016-2017; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;
  - (c) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities, which, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
  - (d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;



(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 2016-2017, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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