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Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 148 is set out in the report of the Committee contained in document [A/73/670](#).
2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 28th and 32nd meetings, on 12 March and 5 April 2019. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's further consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹
3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch ([A/73/718](#));
 - (b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/73/763](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.5/73/L.24](#)

4. At its 32nd meeting, on 5 April, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch" ([A/C.5/73/L.24](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guyana.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/73/L.24](#) without a vote (see para. 6).

¹ [A/C.5/73/SR.28](#) and [A/C.5/73/SR.32](#).



III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Draft resolution submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations

Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [66/240 A](#) of 24 December 2011, [66/240 B](#) of 21 June 2012, [67/244 A](#) of 24 December 2012, [67/244 B](#) of 12 April 2013, [68/257](#) of 27 December 2013, [68/267](#) of 9 April 2014, [69/256](#) of 29 December 2014, [69/276](#) of 2 April 2015, [70/243](#) of 23 December 2015, [70/258](#) of 1 April 2016, [71/282](#) of 6 April 2017 and [72/270](#) of 4 April 2018,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²
3. *Notes with appreciation* the continued efforts of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania in facilitating the construction project;
4. *Stresses* the importance of completing all outstanding works on time and within budget, and to that end requests the Secretary-General to complete the construction, including the remediation of defects relating to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, within the revised time frame and within the total budget of 8,787,733 United States dollars approved for the project;
5. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to pursue the recovery of the direct and indirect costs arising from errors and delays, where economically feasible to do so, and to report thereon in the context of his final report;
6. *Notes* the progress made on the construction of the new premises, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a final report to the General Assembly during its seventy-fourth session;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of his final report, to include, inter alia, an analysis of and comprehensive information on lessons learned and best practices for application, as appropriate, to other construction projects;
8. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals to cooperate with other United Nations entities on construction-related issues.

¹ [A/73/718](#).

² [A/73/763](#).