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Proposed programme budget for 2021

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2021 session

Twenty-fifth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for 2021

I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2021 session ([A/75/608](#)).

II. Decision 2021/209: date of the 2020 resumed session and dates and provisional agenda of the 2021 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2. During its 2021 session, the Economic and Social Council adopted decision 2021/209, by which the Council:

(a) Decided to authorize, on an exceptional basis, the holding of the 2020 resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, consisting of one meeting, in the last quarter of 2020, to review the suspension, withdrawal and reinstatement of status of non-governmental organizations;

(b) Also decided that the 2021 regular session of the Committee would be held from 18 to 29 January and on 10 February 2021, and its resumed session from 17 to 25 May and on 27 May and 7 June 2021;

(c) Further decided, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the Committee to consider the documentation issued for the 2020 resumed session at its 2021 session ([A/75/608](#), para. 4).



3. It is indicated in the report that the regular and resumed sessions would consist of a total of 38 meetings, with interpretation in the six official languages, and would be held in New York. Of the 38 meetings, 8 meetings, over five days, would constitute additional deliverables for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2021. It is estimated that additional non-recurrent resources in the amount of \$78,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$9,400 under section 36, Staff assessment, would be required (A/75/608, paras. 6 and 7).

4. The Secretary-General states that no provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for 2021 for the implementation of the additional activities, and that it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant section of the proposed programme budget for 2021 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2021. It is therefore necessary that the additional resource requirements totalling \$87,400 be provided through additional appropriations for 2021. The unspent resources related to the reprogramming of scheduled meetings from 2020 to 2021 will be surrendered in the context of the financial performance report for 2020, to be submitted to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-sixth session (A/75/608, paras. 8 and 9).

III. Conclusion

5. Paragraph 10 of the report sets out the actions requested of the General Assembly. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly:**

(a) **Approve an additional appropriation, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund for 2021, in the amount of \$78,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for 2021;**

(b) **Approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$9,400 under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2021, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**