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Fifth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for 2023

I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General in respect of special political missions that contains the proposed resource requirements for 2023 for thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#)). During its consideration of the report, the Committee received additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses dated 9 August 2022.

2. The Secretary-General, in addendum 1 to section 3, Political affairs, of his report on the proposed programme budget for 2023 ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#)), provides an overview of the proposed resource requirements for 2023 for 38 special political missions and related cross-cutting issues. Detailed information in respect of each special political mission is contained in five addenda to section 3 of the proposed programme budget.¹ The addenda cover the specific requirements for thematic

* [A/77/150](#).

¹ [A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.2](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.3](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.5](#) and [A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#).



clusters I to III, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI).

3. The resource requirements with respect to the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar (cluster I), whose mandate emanates from the General Assembly, are included in the report of the Secretary-General under cluster I, in order to consolidate the overall resource requirements for all special political missions, while the mandate of the Office will be brought to the attention of the Assembly, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

4. The Advisory Committee addresses issues of a cross-cutting nature pertaining to special political missions in its main report (A/77/7/Add.1), while its specific comments and recommendations relating to the budget proposals for thematic clusters I to III, UNAMA and UNAMI are presented in separate related reports.²

II. Budget performance for 2021 and 2022 and resource requirements for 2023

5. The proposed resource requirements for 2023 for the 11 special political missions grouped under thematic cluster III, compared with the approved resources for 2022 and the expenditures for 2021, are summarized in table 1.

Table 1
Summary of resource requirements for thematic cluster III

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Mission	2021		2022		2023		Variance
	Appropriation	Expenditure	Appropriation	Expenditure (January-June)	Total requirements	Non-recurrent requirements	2023 vs. 2022, increase/ (decrease)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)-(3)
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	13 950.0	13 608.4	14 658.6	6 816.0	14 835.2	—	176.6
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	103 438.1	94 682.2	98 507.2	60 749.7	97 045.5	—	(1 461.7)
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	2 865.0	3 016.9	2 894.2	1 587.0	3 292.7	—	398.5
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	3 638.4	3 378.3	3 525.0	1 677.6	3 781.3	—	256.3
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	9 698.6	8 652.8	9 558.4	5 135.0	10 200.1	—	641.7
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	7 901.7	7 285.4	8 530.1	3 836.1	9 074.1	119.3	544.0
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	69 244.1	69 131.0	69 262.0	50 589.6	88 432.2	455.0	19 170.2
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	62 942.5	56 030.5	66 800.6	36 136.6	67 454.7	—	654.1
United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement	48 569.2	24 944.5	42 292.0	16 047.0	37 193.0	200.0	(5 099.0)

² A/77/7/Add.2, A/77/7/Add.3, A/77/7/Add.4, A/77/7/Add.5 and A/77/7/Add.6.

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)-(3)
United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti	19 271.6	20 615.9	21 841.3	11 232.5	22 342.5	210.0	501.2
United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan	34 070.4	30 362.6	56 319.6	30 189.8	66 562.1	750.0	1 242.5
Total	375 589.6	331 708.5	394 189.0	223 997.0	420 213.4	1 734.3	26 024.4

6. The resources proposed for the missions grouped under cluster III amount to \$420,213,400 (net of staff assessment), representing an increase of \$26,024,400, or 6.6 per cent, compared with the 2022 appropriation. The Advisory Committee was provided, upon enquiry, with further information on expenditures under cluster III for 2021 and 2022, shown in table 1. The overall expenditures for 2021 amounted to \$331,708,500, reflecting an underexpenditure of \$43,881,100, or 11.7 per cent, compared with the appropriation of \$375,589,600. As at 30 June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$223,997,000 against an appropriation of \$394,189,000, reflecting a 56.8 per cent implementation rate. **The Advisory Committee trusts that the Secretary-General will provide updated information on expenditures for 2022 to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.**

A. Comments and recommendations on personnel matters

1. Military and police personnel

7. The proposed resources for military and police personnel for the 11 special political missions grouped under thematic cluster III for 2023 amount to \$31,640,100, reflecting a decrease of \$753,000, or 2.3 per cent, compared with the appropriation of \$32,393,100 for 2022. The variance is attributable mainly to the reduced requirements of \$906,000 in the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, \$36,500 in the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH) and \$33,100 in the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS), partially offset by increases of \$134,600 under the United Nations Integrated Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS) and \$84,600 under the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) (A/77/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.4, tables 4, 37, 44, 56 and 63).

8. **The Advisory Committee recommends the approval of the proposals of the Secretary-General for military and police personnel for 2023 for the special political missions under thematic cluster III.**

2. Civilian personnel

9. Upon request, the Advisory Committee was provided with a table presenting positions approved for 2022 and proposed staffing requirements for 2023 for the missions under thematic cluster III (see table 2).

Table 2
Thematic cluster III: staffing requirements

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Approved for 2022</i>	<i>Vacant as at 30 June 2022</i>	<i>Proposed for 2023</i>	<i>New positions</i>	<i>Abolishment</i>	<i>Conversion</i>	<i>Reclassification</i>	<i>Reassignment</i>	<i>Redeployment/ relocation</i>
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	75 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 2 D-1, 9 P-5, 14 P-4, 10 P-3, 1 P-2, 6 FS, 9 NPO, 22 LL)	7 (1 P-5, 2 P-3, 1 NPO, 3 LL)	75 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 2 D-1, 9 P-5, 14 P-4, 10 P-3, 1 P-2, 6 FS, 9 NPO, 22 LL)	—	—	—	—	—	—
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	334 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 1 D-2, 8 D-1, 30 P-5, 50 P-4, 37 P-3, 57 FS, 85 NPO, 45 LL, 18 UNV)	56 (2 D-1, 6 P-5, 5 P-4, 8 P-3, 10 FS, 12 NPO, 13 LL)	339 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 1 D-2, 8 D-1, 30 P-5, 51 P-4, 38 P-3, 1 P-2, 57 FS, 86 NPO, 45 LL, 19 UNV)	5 (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2, 1 NPO, 1 UNV)	—	—	—	—	—
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	30 (1 ASG, 1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3, 2 FS, 4 NPO, 18 LL)	1 FS	30 (1 ASG, 1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3, 2 FS, 4 NPO, 18 LL)	—	—	—	—	—	—
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	11 (2 P-5, 6 P-4, 1 FS, 2 LL)	—	11 (2 P-5, 6 P-4, 1 FS, 2 LL)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	82 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 D-1, 2 P-5, 6 P-4, 1 P-3, 7 FS, 5 NPO, 58 LL)	2 (1 FS, 4 LL)	82 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 D-1, 2 P-5, 6 P-4, 1 P-3, 6 FS, 5 NPO, 60 LL)	1 (1 LL)	—	1 FS to LL	—	—	—
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	48 (1 USG, 2 D-1, 5 P-5, 12 P-4, 6 P-3, 7 FS, 4 NPO, 11 LL)	8 (1 USG, 1 P-5, 3 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 NPO)	50 (1 USG, 2 D-1, 5 P-5, 12 P-4, 6 P-3, 7 FS, 4 NPO, 12 LL, 1 UNV)	2 (1 LL, 1 UNV)	—	—	—	—	—

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United Nations Support Mission in Libya	410 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 8 D-1, 17 P-5, 42 P-4, 44 P-3, 2 P-2, 154 FS, 1 GS (OL), 15 NPO, 118 LL, 6 UNV)	173 (1 ASG, 2 D-1, 6 P-5, 17 P-4, 25 P-3, 1 P-2, 54 FS, 7 NPO, 59 LL)	417 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 7 D-1, 20 P-5, 42 P-4, 48 P-3, 2 P-2, 154 FS, 1 GS (OL), 16 NPO, 118 LL, 6 UNV)	8 (2 P-5, 1 P-4, 4 P-3, 1 NPO)	1 (1 D-1)	–	1 P-4 to P-5	1 LL	2 (1 P-5, 1 P-4)
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	495 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 D-2, 7 D-1, 23 P-5, 38 P-4, 54 P-3, 1 P-2, 44 FS, 1 GS (OL), 95 NPO, 88 LL, 141 UNV)	89 (1 D-2, 3 D-1, 3 P-5, 9 P-4, 15 P-3, 5 FS, 29 NPO, 24 LL)	495 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 D-2, 5 D-1, 25 P-5, 38 P-4, 54 P-3, 1 P-2, 44 FS, 1 GS (OL), 95 NPO, 88 LL, 141 UNV)	1 (1 LL)	1 (1 LL)	–	2 D-1 to P-5	3 (2 P-3, 1 FS)	6 (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2, 2 NPO, 1 LL)
United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement	162 (1 ASG, 1 D-2, 1 D-1, 6 P-5, 11 P-4, 19 P-3, 1 P-2, 33 FS, 9 NPO, 80 LL)	61 (1 D-2, 3 P-5, 5 P-4, 12 P-3, 9 FS, 6 NPO, 25 LL)	165 (1 ASG, 1 D-2, 1 D-1, 6 P-5, 11 P-4, 19 P-3, 1 P-2, 34 FS, 9 NPO, 82 LL)	3 (1 FS, 2 LL)	–	–	–	2 (2 FS)	1 LL
United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti	110 (1 ASG, 1 D-2, 5 D-1, 8 P-5, 19 P-4, 11 P-3, 1 P-2, 17 FS, 2 GS (OL), 17 NPO, 28 LL)	16 (1 D-1, 1 P-5, 4 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2, 1 FS, 2 NPO, 5 LL)	110 (1 ASG, 1 D-2, 5 D-1, 8 P-5, 19 P-4, 11 P-3, 1 P-2, 17 FS, 2 GS (OL), 17 NPO, 28 LL)	–	–	–	–	–	–
United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan	355 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 2 D-2, 5 D-1, 20 P-5, 40 P-4, 37 P-3, 2 P-2, 68 FS, 1 GS (OL), 57 NPO, 109 LL, 12 UNV)	154 (7 P-5, 17 P-4, 12 P-3, 1 P-2, 12 FS, 38 NPO, 67 LL)	356 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 2 D-2, 5 D-1, 21 P-5, 40 P-4, 37 P-3, 2 P-2, 68 FS, 1 GS (OL), 57 NPO, 109 LL, 12 UNV)	1 P-5	–	–	–	11 (3 FS, 1 NPO, 7 LL)	11 (2 P-3, 3 FS, 2 NPO, 3 LL, 1 UNV)

Abbreviations: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; FS, Field Service; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; USG, Under-Secretary-General; UNV, United Nations Volunteers.

10. Overall, the Secretary-General proposes 2,131 positions for 2023 for the 11 missions under thematic cluster III, representing a net increase of 19 positions compared with the 2,112 positions approved for 2022. Staffing changes for 2023 are proposed in the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM), the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon, the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA), UNSMIL, the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) and UNITAMS, as well as the continuation of general temporary assistance positions in UNOWAS, UNSOM, UNSMIL, UNMHA, BINUH and UNITAMS. No staffing changes are proposed for the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia or the United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission.

United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia

11. The proposed resources for 2023 for UNSOM would provide for 189 international positions (1 Under-Secretary-General, 2 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 D-2, 8 D-1, 30 P-5, 51 P-4, 38 P-3, 1 P-2 and 57 Field Service), 131 national positions (86 National Professional Officer and 45 Local level), 19 United Nations Volunteers and 23 government-provided personnel, including the establishment of five positions as follows: (a) in the Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, one Environmental Affairs Officer (P-4) in Mogadishu; (b) in the Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, one Programme Management Officer (P-3) in Mogadishu; (c) in the Office of the Chief of Staff, one Associate Evaluation Officer (P-2) in Mogadishu; (d) in the Community Recovery and Extension of State Authority and Accountability Unit, one Associate Coordination Officer (National Professional Officer) in Beledweyne; and (e) in the Integrated Gender Office, one Gender Affairs Officer (United Nations Volunteer) in Mogadishu. A change of the reporting of field and liaison offices to be through the Chief of Staff to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General is also proposed ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#), paras. 71 and 72).

12. Regarding the proposed Environmental Affairs Officer (P-4), the Secretary-General indicates that the position would focus on delivering the environmental components of the UNSOM mandate in accordance with paragraph 15 of Security Council resolution [2592 \(2021\)](#), in close collaboration with the United Nations Support Office in Somalia and the United Nations country team, including providing up-to-date analysis of the environmental causes and consequences of conflict and insecurity and risk assessments and risk management strategies (*ibid.*, para. 71 (a)). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the position would be critical to ensure that environmental aspects are considered in future United Nations project and programme design and to ensure environmental sustainability, as well as to fulfil the reporting requirement to the Council through the Secretary-General's regular reports. In Somalia, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are working on aspects of the environment and climate change and the proposed position in UNSOM would carry out the mandated risk assessments and develop the risk mitigation measures geared explicitly towards informing United Nations programming. The Committee was also informed that UNEP had provided resources to the Mission through secondment, which had ended on 30 June 2022.

13. **The Advisory Committee notes that the position would perform functions that are related to United Nations programming and are broader than mission-specific functions. The Committee also notes the work of UNDP, UNEP and IOM**

on environmental issues in Somalia. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the position be established as a P-4 general temporary assistance position at this stage.

14. With respect to the proposed P-3 Programme Management Officer, the report indicates that the position would advise the Mission leadership on the inclusion and engagement of youth in politics, conflict reduction and peacebuilding issues and would coordinate with the United Nations country team on youth-related issues (*ibid.*, para. 71 (b)). The Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that there is no specialist United Nations entity with a distinct mandate on youth in Somalia, although the agencies, funds and programmes also seek to incorporate youth perspectives in their programming. **Noting that the proposed functions are aimed at including and engaging with youth in Somalia, the Advisory Committee recommends that the position be established as a National Professional Officer to ensure more effective local engagement.**

15. In relation to the proposed Associate Evaluation Officer (P-2), the Secretary-General indicates that the position would ensure dedicated capacity to undertake annual self-evaluations, which would allow the Mission to identify cross-cutting issues of concern and benefit from insights gained through evaluation findings, with a view to advancing organizational improvement and change management commitments in line with the Secretary-General's vision (*ibid.*, para. 71 (c)). Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that the position would lead, coordinate or support the Mission's evaluations and lessons learned studies, conduct research and analysis based on qualitative and quantitative data in support of evaluations, identify gaps in UNSOM internal controls and accountability mechanisms and recommend external audits, as well as prepare evaluation reports and recommendations. **While the Advisory Committee considers evaluation to be an important function for ensuring internal control and accountability, it notes the existing and more senior capacity in the Office of the Chief of Staff (1 D-1, 2 P-4, 2 P-3 and 2 Field Service) and recommends against the position at this stage.** The Committee discusses this matter further in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions ([A/77/7/Add.1](#)).

16. On the proposed Gender Affairs Officer (United Nations Volunteer), the report indicates that the position would help to meet the increased demands of the Integrated Gender Office to advance the implementation of UNSOM strategic objectives related to the women and peace and security agenda, as well as United Nations internal gender mainstreaming and parity-related efforts. The Gender Affairs Officer would coordinate closely with the national Associate Gender Affairs Officers in the field to strengthen the impact of gender-related work by UNSOM at the state level (*ibid.*, para. 71 (e)). The Advisory Committee was informed upon enquiry that the position would help to strengthen capacity in the areas of gender-sensitive mediation, conflict resolution, reconciliation and elections and would contribute to efforts to facilitate the engagement of women civil society representatives at the federal and state levels. **Taking into account the national focus of the position and coordination with national Associate Gender Affairs Officers in the field, the Advisory Committee is of the view that a national officer would be more effective, and therefore recommends the establishment of the position as a national United Nations Volunteer position.**

17. Additional staffing proposals include the continuation of one general temporary assistance position of Chief, Programme Management (D-1), in the Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Rule of Law and Security Institutions Group, to oversee the UNSOM mine action component (*ibid.*, para. 73). The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that the amount of \$75,346 had been retained in the 2022 budget under "Other supplies, services, and equipment –

mine detection and mine clearing services” to cover the cost of the position under the contract with the United Nations Office for Project Services until the shift was made to a Secretariat contract, after which no fee was paid to the Office for Project Services in relation to the position.

Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon

18. The proposed resource requirements for 2023 for the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon would provide for 18 international positions (1 Under-Secretary-General, 1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 D-1, 2 P-5, 6 P-4, 1 P-3 and 6 Field Service) and 65 national positions (5 National Professional Officer and 60 Local level), including the establishment of one new Public Information Assistant (Local level) position and the conversion of one Administrative Assistant position from Field Service to Local level (*ibid.*, para. 150).

19. Regarding the conversion of the Administrative Assistant position from Field Service to Local level, the Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that the Administrative Assistant is responsible for a full range of administrative support functions for the Security Section, including drafting correspondence and other communications and maintaining calendars and schedules and monitoring any changes made, and is also expected to perform a variety of human resources, budget, finance and coordination functions for the Section.

United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa

20. It is stated that the proposed resource requirements for 2023 for UNOCA would provide for the continuation of 33 international positions (1 Under-Secretary-General, 2 D-1, 5 P-5, 12 P-4, 6 P-3 and 7 Field Service) and 15 national positions (4 National Professional Officer and 11 Local level), as well as the establishment of two positions comprising 1 Local level and 1 United Nations Volunteer (*ibid.*, para. 176).

21. With respect to the proposed Finance and Budget Assistant position (United Nations Volunteer), the Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that the Finance and Budget Unit has one international staff member at the P-3 level, 1 National Professional Officer and 1 Local level staff member to support the yearly requirement to prepare budget proposals and maintain overall management of the Mission’s financial resources. The proposed position would enable the Office of the Chief of Mission Support and the Budget and Finance Unit to function in a more efficient and effective manner. **Noting the support functions of the proposed position, and the current international and national staffing of the Finance and Budget Unit, the Advisory Committee recommends that the position be established as a national United Nations Volunteer position.**

United Nations Support Mission in Libya

22. The Secretary-General indicates that the proposed staffing for UNSMIL for 2023 comprises: (a) the abolishment of one position (1 Military Adviser (D-1)); (b) the establishment of eight positions (1 Senior Economic Affairs Officer (P-5); 1 Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5); 1 Translator, Arabic (P-3); 1 Political Affairs Officer (P-4); 1 Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Officer (P-3); 1 Gender Affairs Officer (P-3); 1 Public Information Officer (P-3); and 1 Medical Officer (National Professional Officer)); (c) the reassignment of one position (1 Administration Assistant (Local level) in Tripoli to Laboratory Technician (Local level) in the Medical Unit); (d) the reclassification of one position (Chief of Unit, Technical Service from P-4 to P-5); and (e) the redeployment of two positions (Deputy Chief of Mission Support (P-5) from Tunis to Tripoli, and Mission Planning

Officer (P-4) from within the Office of the Chief of Staff to the new Mission Planning Unit) (ibid., para. 212).

23. In addition, in line with the recommendations of the independent strategic review, endorsed by the Security Council in resolution 2629 (2022), that the UNSMIL structure be reconfigured to its previous model, headed by a Special Representative of the Secretary-General supported by a Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for political affairs and a Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General who also serves as Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, it is proposed to change the titles of the following three positions: (a) Special Envoy of the Secretary-General (Under-Secretary-General) to Special Representative of the Secretary-General (Under-Secretary-General); (b) Mission Coordinator (Assistant Secretary-General) to Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Political (Assistant Secretary-General); and (c) Assistant Secretary-General, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator to Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator. Corresponding changes to the organizational names of the respective offices and a number of realignments of offices are also proposed (ibid., para. 212).

24. In paragraph 210 of his report, the Secretary-General indicates that, by its resolution 76/246 B, the Assembly authorized him to enter into commitments with assessment in an amount not to exceed \$17,945,500, inclusive of the establishment of an additional 99 positions (1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 D-1, 3 P-5, 10 P-4, 14 P-3, 35 Field Service, 1 National Professional Officer and 34 Local level). Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that of the 99 positions, five are presently encumbered, leaving 94 vacancies. **The Advisory Committee notes that of the approved 99 positions only 5 are encumbered and trusts that updated information on the recruitment status will be provided to the General Assembly during the consideration of the present report.**

25. The Secretary-General indicates in his report that the proposed Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) would serve as Deputy Chief of Staff, in Tripoli, to strengthen the capacity of the Office of the Chief of Staff to adequately guide and provide oversight over the range of accountability and managerial processes assigned to the Office, as well as to provide coordination support in line with the Mission's efforts to ensure overall mission coherence, reflecting the increased complexity of the mandate and the recommendations of the independent strategic review, as well as considering the expansion of the Mission's footprint with the establishment of the ceasefire monitoring component in Sirte (ibid., para. 212 (g)).

26. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the position would support the Chief of Staff in monitoring mandate implementation and recommending necessary adjustments to enable effective mandate delivery, and ensuring the establishment of core integrated processes and mechanisms that enable the integrated delivery of the mandate, including through partnership with the United Nations country team. In addition, the incumbent would serve as the focal point for all sensitive personnel and management issues, oversee senior staff selection processes and support the provision of advice to the leadership on protocol matters.

27. The Advisory Committee notes that a Political Affairs Officer (P-4) position is also proposed to support the Libyan constitutional processes, through technical support and advice to Libyan counterparts and within the Mission, including supporting political consultations on constitutional matters (ibid., para. 212 (i)).

28. **Taking into account the Mission's existing capacity on political matters, including the proposed Political Affairs Officer (P-4) to support the Libyan constitutional processes, as well as the high number of vacancies in the Mission,**

the Advisory Committee recommends against the establishment of the Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) position.

29. Regarding the proposed Gender Affairs Officer (P-3), the Secretary-General indicates that the incumbent would support the Gender Advisory Unit to assist the Government in ensuring the full, effective and meaningful participation and leadership of women in the political transition, reconciliation efforts, the security sector and national institutions (ibid., para. 212 (k)). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the incumbent would act as a liaison officer with government institutions and civil society organizations to provide technical assistance and capacity development to promote gender equality and in relevant thematic areas based on the women and peace and security agenda. **Given the focus of the proposed functions on assistance to the Government, national institutions and civil society, the Advisory Committee recommends that the position be established as a National Professional Officer instead.**

30. In relation to the proposed Public Information Officer (P-3) position, it is indicated that the position would strengthen the Mission's strategic communications efforts, in line with the independent strategic review recommendations, to ensure a clear and compelling narrative outlining the Mission's vision in support of strengthening political engagement and mediation efforts (ibid., para. 212 (l)). The Advisory Committee was informed upon enquiry that one of the position's key responsibilities would be to support the development of the Mission's communication strategy, thereby supporting the leadership's efforts on good offices and political dialogue, including on politically sensitive mediation efforts. **Noting the existing capacity of the Public Information and Communication Section, with seven other positions, and the high number of vacancies in the Mission, the Committee recommends against the establishment of the position of Public Information Officer (P-3).**

31. Regarding the reclassification of the Chief of Unit, Technical Service, from P-4 to P-5, the Secretary-General indicates that the incumbent would strengthen and reprioritize logistics and service delivery efforts, considering the expanded span of responsibilities and accountability related to supply chain and service delivery management. The incumbent would oversee the Supply Chain and Service Delivery Section, which will be responsible for managing and coordinating the flow of goods and services and the provision of key logistical support services to all mission components and other clients. The proposed reclassification is to ensure that the level of the function is commensurate with the scope and substance of the responsibilities and will also align the level of the head of the Supply Chain and Service Delivery Section with the levels established in other missions of comparable size, complexity and mandate (ibid., para. 212 (o)). **Taking into account the proposed functions of the P-5 and the levels of the existing positions in the component units, the Advisory Committee is not fully convinced that the upgrade is justified and recommends against the proposed reclassification.**

United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

32. The proposed resource requirements for 2023 for the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia would provide for 171 international positions (1 Under-Secretary-General, 1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 D-2, 5 D-1, 25 P-5, 38 P-4, 54 P-3, 1 P-2, 44 Field Service and 1 General Service), 183 national positions (95 National Professional Officer and 88 Local level) and 141 United Nations Volunteers. A number of changes to the staffing structure are proposed for 2023, including the realignment and renaming of organizational units and the following staffing proposals: (a) the abolishment of one position (Logistics Assistant (Local level)); (b) the establishment of one position (Finance Assistant (Local level)) in the

Kuwait Joint Support Office); (c) the reclassification of one position (Principal Military Adviser (D-1) as Senior Military Adviser (P-5)); (d) the reclassification and redeployment of one position (Principal Coordination Officer (D-1) to Senior Coordination Officer (P-5) from the Field Coordination Office to serve as Head of Office, Political Affairs, in Cali); (e) the reassignment of three positions (Finance and Budget Assistant (Field Service) as Senior Staff Assistant (Field Service), Acquisition Planning Officer (P-3) as Centralized Warehousing Officer (P-3), and Liaison Officer (P-3) as Security Information Analyst (P-3)); (f) the reassignment and redeployment of five positions (Liaison Officer (P-3) as Conduct and Discipline Officer (P-3) from the Regional Office in Valledupar to the Conduct and Discipline Team, Associate Liaison Officer (National Professional Officer) as Associate Transport Officer from the Verification Division to the Transport Unit, Logistics Officer (National Professional Officer) as Staff Counsellor from the Logistics Operation Unit to the Staff Counselling Cell, Associate Security Analyst (P-2) as Associate Training Officer from the Security Section to the Training Team, and Administrative Assistant (Local level) as Training Assistant from the Regional Office of Florencia to the Training Team); and (g) redeployment of one position (Policy and Best Practices Officer (P-4) from the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the Office of the Chief of Staff) (*ibid.*, para. 240).

33. In relation to the proposed establishment of a Finance Assistant position (Local level) in the Kuwait Joint Support Office, the Secretary-General indicates that the position would provide financial support in the processing of education grants and of payroll for national staff and military observers, as part of an effort by the Secretariat to align the funding sources of the Support Office to better reflect its workload and client base. Such an exercise is aimed at achieving a more balanced distribution of the workforce of the Support Office among the special political missions, with proposals being made to abolish six positions in UNAMA and UNAMI and to establish those positions in four special political missions, including the Verification Mission (*ibid.*, para. 240 (w)). **The Advisory Committee reiterates that the Kuwait Joint Support Office is not a shared service centre approved by the General Assembly. Furthermore, in accordance with Assembly resolution 70/248 A, any changes to the existing and future service delivery model must be approved by the Assembly (A/76/7/Add.1, para. 62). The Committee therefore recommends against the proposed establishment of a Finance Assistant position (Local level) in the Kuwait Joint Support Office.** The Committee makes further observations on the Kuwait Joint Support Office in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions (A/77/7/Add.1).

34. Regarding proposed reassignments, the Secretary-General indicates that the proposed reassignment of the Finance and Budget Assistant (Field Service) as Senior Staff Assistant (Field Service) in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General would assist in the overall administration and logistics of the Office. The proposed reassignment of the Acquisition Planning Officer (P-3) as Centralized Warehousing Officer would ensure a united and synchronized approach to warehousing work processes, functions and activities and an accountable custodian role. In addition, the proposed reassignment of the Liaison Officer (P-3) as Security Information Analyst would equip the Security Information Coordination Team with an experienced analyst to provide security risk management documents that include gender considerations, security threat information and other outputs, as well as preventive advice, briefings and substantive inputs in forecasting the evolving security environment (*ibid.*, para. 240 (e), (o) and (x)).

35. With respect to the proposed reassignments and redeployments, the Secretary-General indicates that a Liaison Officer (P-3) is proposed for reassignment and redeployment as a Conduct and Discipline Officer (P-3) from the Regional Office in

Valledupar to the Conduct and Discipline Team in Bogota to strengthen the Team and to focus on case and risk management in order to anticipate the Mission's response to misconduct. An Associate Liaison Officer (National Professional Officer) is proposed for reassignment and redeployment as an Associate Transport Officer from the Verification Division in Bogota to the Transport Unit in Bogota, to provide support for surface motor transport in a planned and organized manner and to develop and implement a cost-effective plan for surface transport, determining appropriate means of transport, including associated outsourcing activities, drafting standard operating procedures and performing statistical analysis. A Logistics Officer (National Professional Officer) is proposed for reassignment and redeployment as a Staff Counsellor from the Logistics Operation Unit in Bogota to the Staff Counselling Cell in Bogota, to support emotional and mental well-being of personnel as a fundamental component of duty of care and a key factor to enable staff to accomplish the Mission's mandates and objectives. An Associate Security Analyst (P-2) is proposed for reassignment and redeployment as an Associate Training Officer from the Security Section in Bogota to the Training Team in Bogota, to implement the design, development, delivery and evaluation of training, learning and development programmes for field mission personnel. Finally, an Administrative Assistant (Local level) is proposed for reassignment and redeployment as Training Assistant from the Regional Office in Florencia to the Training Team in Bogota to provide administrative support and contribute to the development, delivery and evaluation of training and development programmes for mission personnel (*ibid.*, para. 240 (f), (p), (q), (r) and (t)).

36. The Advisory Committee is of the view that the proposed reassignments and redeployments should have been presented as abolishments and establishments. The Committee therefore recommends the abolishment and establishment of these positions, with the application of a 50 per cent vacancy rate.

United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement

37. The Secretary-General indicates that the proposed resource requirements for 2023 for UNMHA would provide for 74 international positions (1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 D-2, 1 D-1, 6 P-5, 11 P-4, 19 P-3, 1 P-2 and 34 Field Service) and 91 national positions (9 National Professional Officers and 82 Local level), including: (a) the establishment of three Finance Assistant (1 Field Service and 2 Local level) positions in the Kuwait Joint Support Office; (b) the reassignment and redeployment of two positions (Close Protection Officer (Field Service) as Human Resources Assistant from the Safety and Security Section in Hudaydah to the Human Resources Unit in Sana'a, and Close Protection Officer (Field Service) as Finance and Budget Assistant from the Safety and Security Section in Hudaydah to the Finance and Budget Unit in Sana'a); and (c) the redeployment of one position (Logistics Assistant (Local level) from the Engineering and Facilities Management Unit in Hudaydah to the Office of the Chief of Supply Chain Management and Service Delivery in Sana'a). It is also proposed that one general temporary assistance backstopping position of Finance and Budget Officer (P-3) in the Field Operations Finance Division, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, in New York, be continued in 2023 (*ibid.*, paras. 269 and 270).

38. With regard to the proposed establishment of three Finance Assistant (1 Field Service and 2 Local level) positions in the Kuwait Joint Support Office, the Secretary-General indicates that this is part of an effort by the Secretariat to align the funding sources of the Support Office to better reflect its workload and client base. Such an exercise is aimed at achieving a more balanced distribution of the workforce of the Support Office among the special political missions, with proposals being made to abolish six positions in UNAMA and UNAMI and to establish those positions in four special political missions, including UNMHA (*ibid.*, para. 269 (d)). **In relation to the**

proposed establishment of three Finance Assistant (1 Field Service and 2 Local level) positions in the Kuwait Joint Support Office, for the reasons detailed in paragraph 33 above, the Advisory Committee recommends against the proposed establishments.

39. Regarding the reassignment and redeployment of two positions, the Secretary-General indicates that the reassignment and redeployment of one Close Protection Officer (Field Service) as Human Resources Assistant from the Safety and Security Section in Hudaydah to the Human Resources Unit in Sana'a is to ensure that human resources expertise and advice is available to staff of UNMHA and the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, while the reassignment and redeployment of one Close Protection Officer (Field Service) as Finance and Budget Assistant from the Safety and Security Section in Hudaydah to the Finance and Budget Unit in Sana'a is to provide critical budgetary and/or financial services to the technical units and staff (ibid., para. 269 (a) and (b)). **The Advisory Committee is of the view that the positions should be retained in the field in Hudaydah, rather than in Sana'a, for operational purposes and capacity-building. In line with its view that proposed reassignments and redeployments should have been presented as abolishments and establishments, the Committee therefore recommends the abolishment of the two positions of Close Protection Officer (Field Service) and establishment of one Human Resources Officer (National Professional Officer) position and one Finance and Budget Officer (National Professional Officer) position, to be based in Hudaydah, with the application of a 50 per cent vacancy rate.**

United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan

40. The proposed resource requirements for 2023 for UNITAMS would provide for 178 international positions (1 Under-Secretary-General, 1 Assistant Secretary-General, 2 D-2, 5 D-1, 21 P-5, 40 P-4, 37 P-3, 2 P-2, 68 Field Service and 1 General Service), 166 national positions (57 National Professional Officer and 109 Local level) and 12 United Nations Volunteers, including the establishment of one P-5 position (Senior Coordination Officer), and a number of reconfigurations and adaptations to the structure and staffing of UNITAMS. It is also proposed that one general temporary assistance position of Programme Management Officer (P-4) in the Mine Action Unit of the Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General be continued in 2023 to provide technical assistance on mine action matters (ibid., paras. 320, 323, 325, 326 and 327).

41. The proposed reassignments are as follows: (a) one Contract Management Officer (Field Service) as Acquisition Planning Officer (Field Service) from the Office of the Chief of Supply Chain Management and Service Delivery; (b) one Aviation Safety Officer (National Professional Officer) from the Office of the Chief of Mission Support as Medical Officer (National Professional Officer) in the Medical Services Unit; (c) one Movement Control Assistant (Local level) as Logistics Assistant in the El Fasher Regional Office (Nyala); (d) one Nurse (Local level) as Logistics Assistant (Local level) from Kassala to the Kadugli Regional Office (El Damazin); (e) one Property Management Assistant (Local level) in El Fasher as Supply Assistant; and (f) one Receiving and Inspection Assistant (Local level) as Facilities Management Assistant (Local level) in the El Fasher Regional Office.

42. The following positions are proposed for reassignment and redeployment: (a) one Logistics Assistant (Field Service) from the Mission Support Centre as Property Disposal Assistant; (b) one Nurse (Local level) as Transport Assistant from the Medical Unit in El Fasher; (c) one Nurse (Local level) as Air Operations Assistant from El Fasher to Khartoum; (d) one Human Resources Assistant (Local level) as Logistics Assistant from the Human Resources Unit in Khartoum to the El Fasher

Regional Office (Zalingei); and (e) one Paramedic (Field Service) from the Medical Services Unit as a Supply Chain Business Intelligence Assistant.

43. In addition, the following redeployments are proposed: (a) one Human Rights Officer (National Professional Officer) position from Khartoum to the El Fasher Regional Office; (b) one Associate Women's Protection Adviser (National Professional Officer) position from Kadugli to the Kassala Regional Office; (c) one Human Rights Officer (United Nations Volunteer) position from El Fasher to the Kassala Regional Office; (d) one Air Safety Officer (P-3) position from the Aviation and Movement Control Unit to the Office of the Chief of Mission Support; (e) one Field Service and one Local level position from the Office of the Chief of Supply Chain Management and Service Delivery; (f) one Field Service position from the Mission Support Centre; (g) one Medical Officer (P-3) position from El Fasher to Khartoum; (h) one Movement Control Assistant (Field Service) position from El Fasher to Khartoum; (i) one Logistics Assistant (Local level) position from Khartoum to the El Fasher Regional Office (Ed Daein); and (j) one Logistics Assistant (Local level) position from El Fasher to the Kassala Regional Office (Port Sudan).

44. With regard to the proposed establishment of one Senior Coordination Officer (P-5) position, the Secretary-General indicates that the proposed position would support the oversight and coordination of the Mission's protection of civilians, elections and peacebuilding pillars, implement the joint vision and oversee strategic partnerships and engagement with international financial institutions, international donors and the Government in line with the requested prioritization of integration in Security Council resolution [2579 \(2021\)](#) (ibid., para. 305 (a)). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the Office also has one External Relations Officer (P-4) position, supporting the partnership work on resource mobilization, one Special Assistant (P-4) position, supporting the day-to-day management of the front office, and one Senior Peacebuilding Officer (P-5) position, coordinating peacebuilding activities. **The Advisory Committee notes the existing capacity of the Integrated Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, which has six positions currently, as well as additional capacity in the component offices working on civilian protection and electoral assistance. Therefore, the Committee is not fully convinced by the proposal and recommends that the proposed Senior Coordination Officer (P-5) be established as a general temporary assistance position at this stage. The Committee trusts that updated information will be provided in the next budget submission.**

45. With respect to the proposed reassignments, the Secretary-General indicates that the reassignment of one Contract Management Officer (Field Service) position as Acquisition Planning Officer (Field Service) from the Office of the Chief of Supply Chain Management and Service Delivery would help to establish an Acquisition and Planning Management Unit responsible for planning, development and management of the acquisition process for goods and services. The reassignment of one Aviation Safety Officer (National Professional Officer) position from the Office of the Chief of Mission Support as Medical Officer (National Professional Officer) in the Medical Services Unit would strengthen the Medical Services Unit's function in Khartoum. The proposed reassignments of one Movement Control Assistant (Local level) position as Logistics Assistant in the El Fasher Regional Office (Nyala); one Nurse (Local level) position as Logistics Assistant (Local level) from Kassala to the Kadugli Regional Office (El Damazin) and one Receiving and Inspection Assistant (Local level) position as Facilities Management Assistant (Local level) in the El Fasher Regional Office, are part of the expansion of the footprint of UNITAMS in 10 field and liaison offices for which mission support personnel are required in these locations. The reassignment of one Property Management Assistant (Local level)

position in El Fasher as Supply Assistant would form part of the establishment of a Life Support Unit (ibid., paras. 325 (d), (e), (f), (k) and 326 (b), (d) and (e)).

46. Regarding proposed reassignments and redeployments, one Logistics Assistant (Field Service) position is proposed for reassignment and redeployment from the Mission Support Centre as Property Disposal Assistant as part of the establishment of an Integrated Centralized Warehousing Unit under the Supply Chain Management and Service Delivery Section to specialize in integrated centralized warehousing planning, administration and performance management and to ensure visibility of all stocks and inventory within the Mission and across various field office locations. One Nurse (Local level) position is proposed for reassignment and redeployment as Transport Assistant, from the Medical Services Unit in El Fasher to augment the capacity for management of the vehicle fleet for the mission, including analysing the CarLog data, in Khartoum. In addition, one Nurse (Local level) position is proposed for reassignment and redeployment as Air Operations Assistant from El Fasher to Khartoum to assist in all activities related to flight clearances with the host Government and aviation authorities in Khartoum. One Human Resources Assistant (Local level) position is proposed for reassignment and redeployment as Logistics Assistant, from the Human Resources Unit in Khartoum to the El Fasher Regional Office (Zalingei) as part of the expansion of UNITAMS in 10 field and liaison offices for which mission support personnel are required in these locations. The reassignment and redeployment of one Paramedic (Field Service) position from the Medical Services Unit as a Supply Chain Business Intelligence Assistant would strengthen business intelligence and performance analysis (ibid., paras. 325 (c), (g), (i) and (k) and 326 (c)).

47. In line with its view that proposed reassignments and redeployments should have been presented as abolishments and establishments, the Committee therefore recommends the abolishment and establishment of these positions, with the application of a 50 per cent vacancy rate.

Vacant positions

48. The Advisory Committee was provided with information indicating that 103 positions have been vacant for over two years and was also provided, upon enquiry, with a list of all positions and their status of incumbency as at 30 June 2022. The Committee notes that the majority of vacant positions are located in UNSMIL (see para. 24 above), with high rates of vacancies also in the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, UNMHA and UNITAMS, including national positions. **The Advisory Committee notes with concern the number of vacant positions, particularly at the national level, and trusts that the recruitment for all vacant positions will be completed expeditiously and that updated information will be provided to the General Assembly in the next budget submission.** The Committee makes further observations on vacant positions in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions ([A/77/7/Add.1](#)).

Vacancy rates

49. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was provided with two tables (tables 3 and 4) on approved and actual vacancy rates for 2022 and 2023 by mission and on vacancy rates for 2019 to 2023, respectively. **The Advisory Committee notes that proposed vacancy rates are not aligned with actual or actual average vacancy rates, with proposed rates under some missions and categories of personnel reflecting higher-than-actual rates while others reflect lower-than-actual rates. The Committee trusts that further clarifications will be provided to the General Assembly during the consideration of the present report.** The Committee makes further observations on vacancy rates in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions ([A/77/7/Add.1](#)).

Table 3
Vacancy rates for thematic cluster III

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Approved positions, 2022</i>	<i>Approved vacancy rate, 2022 (percentage)</i>	<i>Vacancy rate as at 30 June 2022 (percentage)</i>	<i>Average vacancy rate, January–June 2022 (percentage)</i>	<i>Proposed positions, 2023</i>	<i>Budgeted vacancy rate, 2023 (percentage)</i>
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	International staff	44	16	7	16	44	16
	National Professional Officer	9	8	13	17	9	8
	National staff (Local level)	22	8	13	15	22	8
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	International staff	186	13	17	17	189	15
	National Professional Officer	85	17	14	29	86	14
	National staff (Local level)	45	11	29	14	45	17
	United Nations Volunteer	18	10	30	30	19	13
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	International staff	8	5	13	13	8	5
	National Professional Officer	4	5	–	–	4	5
	National staff (Local level)	18	5	–	–	18	5
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	International staff	9	5	–	6	9	5
	National staff (Local level)	2	–	–	–	2	–
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	International staff	19	5	5	5	18	5
	National Professional Officer	5	–	–	25	5	–
	National staff (Local level)	58	3	7	–	60	3
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	International staff	33	14	21	21	33	10
	National Professional Officer	4	–	25	25	4	–
	National staff (Local level)	11	–	–	–	12	–
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	International staff	271	24	39	32	277	33
	National Professional Officer	15	60	47	45	16	43
	National staff (Local level)	118	27	50	41	118	32
	United Nations Volunteer	6	17	17	17	6	17
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	International staff	171	17	21	22	171	17
	National Professional Officer	95	12	31	30	95	12
	National staff (Local level)	88	12	27	27	88	12
	United Nations Volunteer	141	1	16	16	141	1

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Approved positions, 2022</i>	<i>Approved vacancy rate, 2022 (percentage)</i>	<i>Vacancy rate as at 30 June 2022 (percentage)</i>	<i>Average vacancy rate, January–June 2022 (percentage)</i>	<i>Proposed positions, 2023</i>	<i>Budgeted vacancy rate, 2023 (percentage)</i>
United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement	International staff	73	25	42	45	74	25
	National Professional Officer	9	25	63	73	9	25
	National staff (Local level)	80	25	31	32	82	25
United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti	International staff	65	20	14	17	65	13
	National Professional Officer	17	1	12	11	17	1
	National staff (Local level)	28	6	18	19	28	5
United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan	International staff	177	45	28	32	178	25
	National Professional Officer	57	45	67	67	57	30
	National staff (Local level)	109	45	62	64	109	30
	United Nations Volunteer	12	45	57	57	12	5

Table 4
Comparison of vacancy rates for thematic cluster III (2019–2023)

(Percentage)

<i>Category</i>	<i>2019</i>		<i>2020</i>		<i>2021</i>		<i>2022</i>		<i>2023</i>
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual average</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual average</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual average</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual, 30 June</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
Military observer									
UNOWAS	5	5	5	33	5	50	–	50	–
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	5	5	5	58	5	1	–	–	–
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	5	3	4	10	3	12	3	13	3
UNMHA	50	76	15	80	15	93	25	95	25
UNITAMS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	86	40
Contingent									
UNSOM	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
UNSMIL	–	2	2	2	–	–	–	–	–
Police adviser									
UNSOM	–	–	–	21	–	43	5	14	20
BINUH	n/a	n/a	4	23	–	8	–	–	–
UNITAMS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	33	45	52	10

Category	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023
	Budgeted	Actual average	Budgeted	Actual average	Budgeted	Actual average	Budgeted	Actual, 30 June	Proposed
International staff									
UNOWAS	11	11	13	13	13	24	16	7	16
UNSOM	7	18	11	16	13	18	13	17	15
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	5	—	5	—	5	2	5	13	5
United Nations support for the -Nigeria Mixed Commission	5	5	5	11	5	13	5	—	5
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	6	10	5	20	5	17	5	5	5
UNOCA	7	7	10	12	10	25	14	21	10
UNSMIL	12	18	13	23	18	25	24	39	33
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	21	20	16	20	17	24	17	21	17
UNMHA	50	70	30	46	25	46	25	42	25
BINUH	n/a	n/a	12	23	20	23	20	14	13
UNITAMS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	56	45	28	25
National Professional Officer									
UNOWAS	5	5	—	—	—	3	8	13	8
UNSOM	29	27	30	19	17	18	17	14	14
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	5	—	5	—	5	11	5	—	5
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	5	—	—	23	—	20	—	—	—
UNOCA	33	—	33	25	—	20	—	25	—
UNSMIL	23	64	37	64	64	50	60	47	43
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	10	12	10	16	12	23	12	31	12
UNMHA	50	75	30	50	25	60	25	63	25
BINUH	n/a	n/a	12	—	5	4	1	12	1
UNITAMS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	83	45	67	30
National staff (Local level)									
UNOWAS	5	5	—	5	—	17	8	13	8
UNSOM	36	20	34	18	11	24	11	29	17
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	9	—	5	—	5	—	5	—	5
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	5	3	5	6	3	8	3	7	3
UNOCA	11	11	11	9	—	11	—	—	—

Category	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023
	Budgeted	Actual average	Budgeted	Actual average	Budgeted	Actual average	Budgeted	Actual, 30 June	Proposed
UNSMIL	23	38	28	30	32	35	27	50	32
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	30	9	10	12	12	19	12	27	12
UNMHA	50	83	30	53	25	46	25	31	25
BINUH	n/a	n/a	13	7	7	18	6	18	5
UNITAMS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	80	45	62	30
United Nations Volunteer									
UNSOM	–	31	–	68	8	55	8	28	11
UNOCA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
UNSMIL	20	17	10	33	33	17	17	17	17
UNVMC	8	2	10	12	1	23	1	16	1
UNITAMS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	86	45	57	5
Government-provided personnel									
UNSOM	30	–	27	30	10	22	10	30	13
UNSMIL	–	43	4	57	43	57	29	57	15
UNMHA	50	100	30	100	25	100	25	100	25
BINUH	n/a	n/a	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Special post allowance

50. The Advisory Committee was provided with information on positions encumbered through special post allowance for one year or more, showing three such positions: one P-5 in the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, one P-5 in UNMHA and one P-4 in UNITAMS. The Committee makes further comments on special post allowances in its other reports on special political missions ([A/77/7/Add.1](#), [A/77/7/Add.2](#), [A/77/7/Add.3](#), [A/77/7/Add.5](#) and [A/77/7/Add.6](#)).

51. **Subject to its recommendations in paragraphs 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 36, 38, 39, 44 and 47 above, the Advisory Committee recommends the approval of the staffing proposals of the Secretary-General for 2023 for cluster III. Any related operational costs should be adjusted accordingly.**

B. Comments and recommendations on operational costs

52. The total proposed resources for operational costs for the 11 special political missions under thematic cluster III for 2023 amount to \$168,016,800, representing an increase of \$1,849,200, or 1.1 per cent, as compared with the appropriation of \$166,167,600 for 2022. The Advisory Committee was provided with information on the operational costs for thematic cluster III, including the 2021 expenditures, the 2022 appropriation and expenditure up to June 2022 and the proposed requirements for 2023, as shown in table 5. Expenditure in 2021 amounted to \$133,080,900, as compared with the appropriation of \$164,522,700, while expenditure in 2022, as at 30 June 2022, amounted to \$99,510,600 against the appropriation of \$166,167,600. The Committee notes that operational costs increased under the missions except in six missions: UNSOM (decrease of \$2,001,200), United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (decrease of \$44,000), United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia (decrease of \$1,543,300), UNMHA (decrease of \$5,740,700) and UNITAMS (decrease of \$682,000), with no changes proposed under the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon.

Table 5
Thematic cluster III: operational costs

Category of expenditure	2021		2022		2023		Variance
	Appropriation	Expenditure	Appropriation	Expenditure, 1 January– 30 June	Total requirements	Non-recurrent requirements	2023 vs. 2022 appropriation
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)-(3)
Operational costs							
Consultants and consulting services	2 472.4	1 228.7	2 211.1	703.7	2 581.9	–	370.8
Official travel	7 372.8	5 406.5	6 913.7	4 081.8	7 520.9	–	607.2
Facilities and infrastructure	58 023.3	54 162.1	61 850.3	41 244.2	61 608.9	–	(241.4)
Ground transportation	6 348.0	6 234.4	6 527.5	4 140.4	6 924.3	925.0	396.8
Air operations	45 169.7	28 067.1	44 692.2	27 214.3	42 550.8	–	(2 141.4)
Marine operations	325.5	313.8	382.9	100.6	298.9	–	(84.0)
Communications and information technology	19 814.4	19 255.0	20 680.9	10 887.9	22 445.3	574.3	1 764.4
Medical	10 594.9	4 994.9	6 948.2	2 446.1	7 640.4	–	692.2

Category of expenditure	2021		2022		2023		Variance
	Appropriation	Expenditure	Appropriation	Expenditure, 1 January– 30 June	Total requirements	Non-recurrent requirements	2023 vs. 2022 appropriation
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)-(3)
Other supplies, services and equipment	14 401.7	13 418.3	15 960.8	8 691.6	16 245.4	35.0	284.6
Quick-impact projects	–	–	–	–	200.0	200.0	200.0
Total	164 522.7	133 080.9	166 167.6	99 510.6	168 016.8	1 734.3	1 849.2

Consultants and consulting services

53. The total proposed resources for 2023 for consultants and consulting services under cluster III amount to \$2,581,900, representing an increase of \$370,800 as compared with the 2022 appropriation. Expenditure in 2021 amounted to \$1,228,700 as compared with the appropriation of \$2,472,400, while expenditure as at 30 June 2022 amounted to \$703,700 against the appropriation of \$2,211,100. **The Advisory Committee reiterates that the use of consultants should be kept to a minimum and that core activities should be performed by in-house capacity (A/76/7/Add.4, para. 43).**

54. In relation to UNSOM, the proposed resources for 2023 for consultants and consulting services amount to \$694,800, reflecting a decrease of \$6,700 compared with 2022, to provide for individual consultants in the areas of human rights, political affairs, electoral affairs, security sector reform, gender affairs, peace and security, mediation and communications. The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that expenditure in 2020 amounted to \$672,000 against the appropriation of \$841,100, in 2021, expenditure was \$58,600 against the appropriation of \$692,800, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$29,100 against the appropriation of \$701,500. **Taking into account the need to minimize the use of consultants as mentioned above, as well as the low level of expenditures in 2020, 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$104,200, to the proposed resources for consultants and consulting services for UNSOM.**

55. Under consultants and consulting services, the amount of \$439,100, representing an increase of \$112,600 compared with 2022, is proposed in the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia in relation to the verification process, security guarantees, transitional justice, gender affairs, information management, survey activities, records management, data mining, data literacy and legal archiving. The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that expenditure in 2020 amounted to \$198,400 against the appropriation of \$245,700, in 2021, expenditure was \$128,000 against the appropriation of \$230,900, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$125,300 against the appropriation of \$326,500. **Taking into account the need to minimize the use of consultants as mentioned above, as well as the low level of expenditures in 2020, 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$65,900, to the proposed resources for consultants and consulting services for the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia.**

56. Under BINUH, \$334,000, reflecting an increase of \$165,200 compared with 2022, is proposed for eight consultants to provide short-term services. The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that expenditure in 2020 amounted to \$59,100 against the appropriation of \$269,600, in 2021, expenditure was \$6,000

without an appropriation, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$31,300 against the appropriation of \$168,800. **Taking into account the need to minimize the use of consultants as mentioned above, as well as the low level of expenditures in 2020 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$50,100, to the proposed resources for consultants and consulting services for BINUH.**

Official travel

57. In 2023, the total amount of \$7,520,900 is proposed for official travel, representing an increase of \$607,200 as compared with the 2022 appropriation of \$6,913,700. Expenditure in 2021 amounted to \$5,406,500, as compared with the appropriation of \$7,372,800, while expenditure as at 30 June 2022 amounted to \$4,081,800 against the appropriation of \$6,913,700. **The Advisory Committee trusts that, in applying lessons learned from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, travel for workshops, conferences or meetings would be kept to a minimum and more use would be made of virtual meetings and online training tools (A/76/7/Add.1, para. 40).**

58. In UNSOM, an amount of \$1,249,800 is proposed for official travel, representing an increase of \$147,400 against the 2022 appropriation. The Advisory Committee was provided, upon enquiry, with information on expenditure. Expenditure in 2020 amounted to \$471,000 against the appropriation of \$1,321,300, in 2021, expenditure was \$474,100 against the appropriation of \$1,270,300, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$337,400 against the appropriation of \$1,102,400. **Taking into account the need for increased use of virtual meetings and online tools, as well as the low level of expenditures in 2020, 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$187,500, to the proposed resources for official travel for UNSOM.**

59. Proposed resources under official travel in the amount of \$170,000, representing a decrease of \$4,800, are requested for the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon. The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that expenditure in 2020 amounted to \$10,900 against the appropriation of \$228,800, in 2021, expenditure was \$35,500 against the appropriation \$182,800, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$42,400 against the appropriation of \$174,800. **Taking into account the need for increased use of virtual meetings and online tools, as well as the low level of expenditures in 2020, 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 10 per cent, or \$17,000, to the proposed resources for official travel for the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon.**

60. In the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, proposed resources for official travel amount to \$1,500,600, representing an increase of \$5,000 against the 2022 appropriation. From information on expenditure provided upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee notes that expenditure in 2020 amounted to \$565,900 against the appropriation of \$1,611,500, in 2021, expenditure was \$1,043,500 against the appropriation of \$1,594,700, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$732,600 against the appropriation of \$1,495,600. **Taking into account the need for increased use of virtual meetings and online tools, as well as the low level of expenditures in 2020, 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 5 per cent, or \$75,000, to the proposed resources for official travel for the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia.**

61. In UNMHA, proposed resources for official travel amount to \$759,500, representing a decrease of \$16,100 against the 2022 appropriation. From information on expenditure provided upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee notes that

expenditure in 2020 amounted to \$323,400 against the appropriation of \$1,377,400, in 2021, expenditure was \$411,500 against the appropriation of \$809,800, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$251,300 against the appropriation of \$775,600. **Taking into account the need for increased use of virtual meetings and online tools, as well as the low level of expenditures in 2020, 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$113,900, to the proposed resources for official travel for UNMHA.**

62. The amount of \$922,400 is proposed for official travel for 2023 under UNITAMS, representing an increase of \$297,800 as compared with 2022. The Advisory Committee was provided, upon enquiry, with information on expenditure. Expenditure in 2021 was \$402,900 against the appropriation of \$432,600, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$412,500 against the appropriation of \$624,600. **Taking into account the need for increased use of virtual meetings and online tools, as well as the pattern of expenditures, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 5 per cent, or \$46,100, to the proposed resources for official travel for UNITAMS.**

Facilities and infrastructure

63. Total resources for facilities and infrastructure in 2023 under cluster III amount to \$61,608,900, representing a decrease of \$241,400 compared with 2022. Expenditure in 2021 amounted to \$54,162,100, as compared with the appropriation of \$58,023,300, while expenditure as at 30 June 2022 amounted to \$41,244,200 against the appropriation of \$61,850,300.

64. With respect to UNMHA, the amount of \$4,919,700 is proposed for 2023, compared with the appropriation of \$9,214,000 for 2022, representing a decrease of \$4,294,300. The Advisory Committee was provided, upon enquiry, with information on expenditure in UNMHA. Expenditure in 2021 was \$3,952,800 against the appropriation of \$7,902,000, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$2,268,900 against the appropriation of \$9,214,000. **Taking into account the low level of expenditures in 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 5 per cent, or \$246,000, to the proposed resources for facilities and infrastructure for UNMHA.**

Ground transportation

65. Total proposed resources for 2023 for ground transportation amount to \$6,924,300, representing an increase of \$396,800 compared with the 2022 appropriation, attributable mainly to higher requirements in BINUH related to the acquisition of five vehicles to replace the ageing fleet and higher costs of fuel due to the increase in fuel price; and in UNITAMS for the planned replacement of ageing vehicles transferred from the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur. The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that both missions were implementing a vehicle replacement programme in a phased approach for the ageing fleet of vehicles. **The Advisory Committee reiterates that, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 74/263, the Secretary-General will continue to ensure that actual allocations of vehicles will be regularly reviewed and aligned with the standard ratios (A/76/7/Add.1, para. 49).**

66. In UNSMIL, the amount of \$265,900 is proposed for ground transportation for 2023, representing an increase of \$28,000 as compared with the 2022 appropriation. The Committee was provided, upon enquiry, with information on expenditure. Expenditure in 2021 was \$301,100 against the appropriation of \$358,000, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$21,600 against the appropriation of \$237,900. **Taking into account the low level of expenditures in 2021 and during the first six**

months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 10 per cent, or \$26,600, to the proposed resources for ground transportation for UNSMIL.

67. With respect to UNMHA, the amount of \$641,400 is proposed for ground transportation for 2023, representing a decrease of \$122,700 as compared with 2022. The Committee was provided, upon enquiry, with information on expenditure. Expenditure in 2020 was \$117,500 against the appropriation of \$1,625,800, in 2021, expenditure was \$203,100 against the appropriation of \$831,500, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$66,300 against the appropriation of \$764,100. **Taking into account the low level of expenditures in 2020, 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$96,200, to the proposed resources for ground transportation for UNMHA.**

Communications and information technology

68. Under communications and information technology, the total proposed resources under cluster III for 2023 amount to \$22,445,300, representing an increase of \$1,764,400 as compared with the 2022 appropriation. Expenditure in 2021 amounted to \$19,255,000 as compared with the appropriation of \$19,814,400, while expenditure as at 30 June 2022 amounted to \$10,887,900 against the appropriation of \$20,680,900. **The Advisory Committee recalls that it has previously noted the need for a comprehensive view and approach to investment in information and communications technology (ICT) resources through the submission of a capital investment plan for ICT operations (A/76/7/Add.1, para. 44).** In its first report on the proposed programme budget for 2023, the Advisory Committee makes comments and recommendations on information and communications technology (see A/77/7, chap. I and subsection 29C).

69. In UNMHA, an amount of \$1,340,400 is proposed under communications and information technology for 2023, compared with the appropriation of \$1,744,700 for 2022, representing a decrease of \$404,300. From information provided upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee notes that expenditure in 2021 was \$892,400 against the appropriation of \$1,108,500, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$789,800 against the appropriation of \$1,744,700. **Taking into account the low level of expenditures in 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$201,100, to the proposed resources for communications and information technology for UNMHA.**

70. Under UNITAMS, the amount of \$3,520,200 is proposed for communications and information technology for 2023, representing an increase of \$273,300 compared with 2022. From information provided upon enquiry, the Committee notes that expenditure in 2021 was \$1,806,700 against the appropriation of \$2,187,800, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$919,300 against the appropriation of \$3,246,900. **Taking into account the low level of expenditures in 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 10 per cent, or \$352,000, to the proposed resources for communications and information technology for UNITAMS.**

Medical

71. Under UNMHA, proposed resources for medical services amount to \$3,825,900, reflecting a decrease of \$118,600 as compared with 2022. Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that all medical services and COVID-19 emergency response services in Sana'a and Aden for personnel of UNMHA and the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen are provided by the UNDP clinic based on the overall cost-sharing arrangement. Furthermore, IOM provided COVID-19 emergency response and tracking services in Jordan for all United Nations country

team and UNMHA personnel, also on a cost-shared basis. In the start-up phase of UNMHA, Hudaydah local hospitals were reviewed for use by UNMHA, but were either not cleared by the local authorities for the Mission to use or were not cleared by the Department of Safety and Security of the Secretariat. For now, the contracted medical provider in Hudaydah is the main source of medical support, with back-up from the UNDP clinic in Hudaydah when necessary. The Committee was further informed that a maximum of six medical personnel were deployed in Djibouti at a time, but to date no medical facilities in Djibouti have been used by UNMHA and there were no medical evacuations by the UNMHA helicopter based in Djibouti in 2022. The Committee was also provided with table 6 on appropriation and expenditure for medical services under UNMHA and the Office of the Special Envoy. **The Advisory Committee notes the significant variances between the appropriations and expenditures since 2020, and trusts that an evaluation of medical resources will be conducted to ensure the efficient and effective use of resources and services, and that an update will be provided in the next budget report.**

Table 6

Appropriation and expenditure for medical services, Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen and United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement

<i>Mission</i>	<i>2020 appropriation</i>	<i>2020 expenditure</i>	<i>2021 appropriation</i>	<i>2021 expenditure</i>	<i>2022 appropriation</i>	<i>2022 (January–June) expenditure</i>	<i>2023 proposed resources</i>
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	128 400	94 477	172 500	165 042	262 500	250 412	289 500
UNMHA	5 400 000	2 581 705	7 630 000	3 031 826	3 778 000	1 336 553	3 751 600

Other supplies, services and equipment

72. Total resources proposed under cluster III for other supplies, services and equipment amount to \$16,245,400, representing an increase of \$284,600 compared with 2022. Expenditure in 2021 amounted to \$13,418,300 as compared with the appropriation of \$14,401,700, while expenditure as at 30 June 2022 amounted to \$8,691,600 against the appropriation of \$15,960,800.

73. For UNMHA, an amount of \$1,089,600 is proposed for 2023, compared with the appropriation of \$1,411,900 for 2022, representing a decrease of \$322,300. From information provided upon enquiry, the Committee notes that expenditure in 2021 was \$294,000 against the appropriation of \$1,614,800, and as of June 2022, expenditure amounted to \$177,400 against the appropriation of \$1,411,900. **Taking into account the low level of expenditures in 2021 and during the first six months of 2022, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 10 per cent, or \$109,000, to the proposed resources for other supplies, services and equipment for UNMHA.**

74. **Subject to its comments and recommendations in paragraphs 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 66, 67, 69, 70 and 73 above, as well as paragraph 51 above, the Advisory Committee recommends the approval of the proposals of the Secretary-General for operational costs.**

C. Other matters

Geographical representation

75. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was provided with information on the nationality and regional representation of staff in all special political missions under cluster III. **The Advisory Committee notes the continued disparity among regional groups and trusts that more efforts will be made to achieve an equitable geographical representation of Member States among the staff in all the special political missions, and that an update will be provided in all future budget submissions (see also [A/76/7/Add.1](#), para. 65).** The Committee makes further observations on equitable geographical representation in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions ([A/77/7/Add.1](#)) and chapter I of its first report on the proposed programme budget for 2023 ([A/77/7](#)).

Backstopping

76. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs provides substantive backstopping through the divisions in the shared regional structure of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and the Department of Peace Operations, with posts financed from mission budgets but also drawing on regular programme budget resources under and extrabudgetary contributions to the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs. There are also a small number of dedicated backstopping positions in the Department of Operational Support and the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance funded from individual mission budgets to facilitate the delivery of administrative and management support from Headquarters for the special political missions. The Committee was also provided with a list of backstopping positions funded from special political mission budgets under cluster III, indicating 29 such positions (see annex I). The Committee makes further observations on backstopping in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions ([A/77/7/Add.1](#)) and in its report on the missions under cluster II ([A/77/7/Add.3](#)).

Organizational changes

77. The Advisory Committee notes the continuing changes to organizational structure in the special political missions under cluster III, with realignments of offices and changes in reporting lines, as well as a significant number of reassignments and redeployments, including in UNSOM, UNSMIL, the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, UNMHA and UNITAMS, as detailed above. For example, the Secretary-General refers in his report to the expansion of the footprint of UNITAMS in 10 field and liaison offices, which include the Permanent Ceasefire Committee uniformed personnel in Ed Daein, Kauda, Port Sudan, Nyala, Zalingei, and El Damazin, requiring the redeployment and reassignment of civilian staff ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#), para. 326). The Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that with the delegation of authority to the heads of mission of special political missions, the missions are responsible for requesting and managing the resources required to implement their mandates. They are guided by policies and guidance provided by Headquarters, but take autonomous decisions on proposing structural adjustments that in the mission's view are needed to best respond to mission-specific needs, constraints and mandates, including proposing redeployment, reassignment, abolishment, reclassification or realignment of organizational units. **The Advisory Committee notes the proposed structural changes in a number of special political missions and reiterates that, following any change to organizational structures and initiatives, there should be a period of stability to facilitate implementation and operations ([A/76/7](#), para. 36).** The Committee trusts that future budget

submissions will provide more clarity on the proposed structural and related changes, including changes to reporting lines.

Cost recovery and cost-sharing

78. Under UNOWAS, the proposed resources include the increased share of costs of the new United Nations House in Dakar, in which the mission will be accommodated from 2023. The Secretary-General also indicates that the secretariat of the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission is hosted within the premises ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#), paras. 36 and 112). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the United Nations House will be occupied by 35 United Nations entities and that the cost-sharing arrangement is based on the space occupied by an entity relative to the total office space, with 5.559 per cent of the office space being allocated for UNOWAS and the Mixed Commission. The UNOWAS share of the joint space is 80 per cent and the Mixed Commission occupies the remaining 20 per cent. Upon enquiry, the Committee was provided with information on the cost-sharing with other entities and cost recovery (see annexes II and III, respectively). **The Advisory Committee trusts that disaggregated cost recovery data and resources related to cost-sharing will be included as separate tables in future budget submissions.** The Committee makes further observations on cost recovery and cost-sharing in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions ([A/77/7/Add.1](#)).

Procurement

79. Upon enquiry as to the challenges faced by missions in the area of procurement and supply chains, the Advisory Committee was informed that the challenges include the host country security situation, national import/export policies, transport infrastructure, scarcity of local market resources, rising inflation and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on supply chains. The Committee was also provided with a list of procurement activities of special political missions under cluster III in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Regarding local, regional and global procurement, the Committee was informed that the Secretariat does not track procurement data based on the source location; instead tracking is based on activity against the contract type or the registration location of vendors. The Secretariat, however, will explore possible ways to determine a suitable methodology to identify local procurement. **The Advisory Committee trusts that measures will be taken to promote local and regional procurement, including from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.**

Cooperation between the United Nations Support Mission in Libya and the resident coordinator system

80. The Secretary-General indicates in the report that integration with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes comprising the United Nations country team is a guiding principle for UNSMIL, directing all United Nations actors (UNSMIL and United Nations humanitarian and development actors) to work closely and coherently together to maximize the gains of their interventions, under the leadership of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#), para. 193). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the Deputy Special Representative, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator ensures synergies and a high-level of coordination between UNSMIL and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes in political, humanitarian, human rights and development streams. The Deputy Special Representative oversees the UNSMIL Human Rights, Rule of Law and Transitional Justice Service, and leads the United Nations Libya COVID-19 crisis management team, work on a newly launched United Nations-European Union-World Bank

recovery and peacebuilding assessment to support transition by focusing on recovery priorities, the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework and a comprehensive national development planning process that will support resource mobilization and the coordination across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. The Office of the Deputy Special Representative also provides overall coordination support and guidance to all inter-agency mechanisms and facilitates and leads United Nations system engagement with external multi-stakeholder coordination mechanisms. **The Advisory Committee trusts that future budget submissions will include more detailed information on the cooperation between special political missions and the resident coordinator system.**

Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and lessons learned

81. In paragraph 8 of the report, the Secretary-General indicates that the proposed programme plans for the special political missions for 2023 continue to incorporate lessons learned and best practices related to the adjustments to and adaptation of the programme owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, it is assumed that those operational conditions have improved and allow for mandate implementation through formerly established approaches. Any modifications to planned deliverables would be in pursuance of the objectives, strategies and mandates and would be reported as part of the programme performance information. **The Advisory Committee trusts that best practices and lessons learned from the pandemic will continue to be consolidated and applied as appropriate in special political missions.**

Annex I

Backstopping positions funded from special political mission budgets under cluster III

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Division/office</i>	<i>Functional title</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Reason for continuation</i>	<i>Status of incumbency</i>
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	DPPA	Western Africa Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	P-5	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
			Political Affairs Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	DPPA	Eastern Africa Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	P-5	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
		Electoral Assistance Division	Electoral Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
	DPO	Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	Programme Management Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
	DMSPC	Field Operations Finance Division	Finance and Budget Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	DPPA	Central and Southern Africa Division	Political Affairs Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	DPPA	Northern Africa Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	P-5	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
			Political Affairs Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
			Administrative Assistant	GS	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
	DPPA	Electoral Assistance Division	Electoral Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
	DOS	Division for Special Activities/ Operational Planning Service	Programme and Planning Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	DPPA	Americas Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	P-5	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
			Political Affairs Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
			Administrative Assistant	GS	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
	DPO	Office of Military Affairs	Military Planning Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Vacant
	DOS	Logistics Division, Office of Supply Chain Management	Logistics Officer	P-3	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
		Division for Special Activities/ Operational Planning Service	Planning and Programme Officer	P-3	No change in mandate or requirements	Vacant
United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement	DPPA	Middle East Division	Political Affairs Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
	DOS	Division for Special Activities	Associate Human Resources Officer	P-2	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
	DMSPC	Field Operations Finance Division	Finance and Budget Officer	P-3	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered

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United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti	DPPA	Americas Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	P-5	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
			Political Affairs Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
			Team Assistant	GS	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
	DMSPC	Field Operations Finance Division	Finance and Budget Assistant	GS	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan	DPPA	Eastern Africa Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	P-5	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
			Political Affairs Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
			Administrative Assistant	GS	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered
	DMSPC	Field Operations Finance Division	Finance and Budget Officer	P-4	No change in mandate or requirements	Encumbered

Abbreviations: DMSPC, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance; DOS, Department of Operational Support; DPO, Department of Peace Operations; DPPA, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs; and GS, General Service.

Annex II

Cost sharing with other entities

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Cost-shared areas</i>	<i>Cost-sharing entities</i>	<i>Budgeted amount in 2023 (United States dollars)</i>	<i>Reason for cost-sharing</i>
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	Electricity distribution fees; water distribution fees; garbage, waste disposal and fumigation services; gardening services; maintenance and repairs for generators; maintenance and repairs for security main gate; air operations; and other services (if needed or in an emergency)	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	35 028	The Office for West Africa and the Sahel, the United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization occupy the same building. The Government of Senegal pays the full rent. The areas of cost-sharing arrangements listed on the left relate to payments towards utilities, maintenance, repair and facilities management of the building. Other services include fumigation and garbage/waste disposal.
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM)	UNSOM logistical and related support is provided by the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS) and the related costs are included in the UNSOM budget. The range of services provided by UNSOS includes office and residential accommodation, medical support, fuel, travel on UNSOS aircraft on a seat-available basis, airport security services and grounds passes. UNSOM cost-shares three fixed-wing and two rotary-wing aircraft at a ratio of 30:70 with UNSOS. For information and communications technology resources, UNSOM has its own equipment and UNSOS provides the back-end and some end-user equipment when required. Common information and communications technology services are shared at a ratio of 30:70 between UNSOM and UNSOS.	UNSOS	–	UNSOS is mandated to provide logistical support to UNSOM.

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Cost-shared areas</i>	<i>Cost-sharing entities</i>	<i>Budgeted amount in 2023 (United States dollars)</i>	<i>Reason for cost-sharing</i>
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	Under a cost-sharing arrangement, the Regional Centre rents office space from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the four Central Asian capitals: Nur-Sultan, Bishkek, Dushanbe and Tashkent. The cost-sharing arrangement is based on an existing memorandum of understanding between the Regional Centre and UNDP.	UNDP	15 600	Common services/office space rental in these four locations where the Regional Centre is present (1 National Professional Officer in each location) for cost efficiency through reduction of operational costs, effective utilization of shared resources and enhanced security.
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	<p>Cost-recovery arrangements are in place between the Office and the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) under a memorandum of understanding, which covers support in such areas as property management, fuel, supplies and air operations.</p> <p>The Office has been maintaining a cost-sharing arrangement with the Department of Safety and Security since 2011 for the rental of office space, costs related to communication and information technology and other facility services such as cleaning, building maintenance and utilities.</p> <p>The Office maintains office space at the premises of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to support the mobility of the Special Coordinator and his political team, and the Office reimburses ESCWA for the facility services for the area occupied by its staff.</p>	Department of Safety and Security, UNIFIL, ESCWA	108 367	The Office requires the support of UNIFIL for administration of its offices and personnel in areas where it is more efficient to rely on the service capacity of UNIFIL rather than duplicating all required support functions, with due consideration of the existing field and/or administrative support structure in the country. Common services/office space ensure cost efficiency through reduction of operational costs, effective utilization of shared resources and enhanced security.
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	Cost-sharing arrangement with United Nations country team for local security and compound management; local cost-shared security (Department of Safety and Security) budget; cost-sharing arrangement with United Nations country team for joint response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in Gabon.	United Nations country team, Department of Safety and Security, World Health Organization	45 000	The Regional Office is located in the compound shared with other United Nations agencies. There are common costs for the management of the compound and its security.

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Cost-shared areas</i>	<i>Cost-sharing entities</i>	<i>Budgeted amount in 2023 (United States dollars)</i>	<i>Reason for cost-sharing</i>
United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL)	UNSMIL cost-sharing arrangements, subject to capacity and the prevailing security environment, comprise: ground and air transportation, medical services and medical evacuation, and other support (use of radio network, telephone service, videoconference and printer and security support (personnel and property)). UNSMIL and other United Nations agencies, funds and programmes share an office in Benghazi. UNSMIL contributes its share of the total costs of the premises in Benghazi to the World Food Programme (WFP), which signed the lease for the office.	WFP, UNDP, United Nations Children's Fund, World Health Organization, United Nations Population Fund, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs		– In 2019, because the security situation was deteriorating in Libya, based on a recommendation from the Department of Safety and Security, the Mission offered some of its accommodation and support services to assist in the facilitation of the work of agencies, funds and programmes under the Serving as One concept. As of the first quarter of 2022, the agencies, funds and programmes started to move to their new accommodation compound.
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	In accordance with the Inter-Agency Security Management Network guidance and the discussion by the Security Management Team for Colombia, the security budget addresses the following authorized activities: (a) identification programme; (b) security operational support; (c) communications structure; (d) security training; (e) crisis coordination centre; (f) guard force; (g) psychosocial support; and (h) vehicle requirements.	United Nations country team, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	120 185	This is a cost-sharing service in Colombia in accordance with the Department of Safety and Security integrated security work force.
United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement	Cost-sharing arrangement with the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen for sharing of office premises in Amman and Sana'a, and office and accommodation premises in Aden			
	<i>Amman office</i> Office of the Special Envoy, 75 per cent; UNMHA, 25 per cent	Office of the Special Envoy	130 868	Combined mission support of UNMHA and Office of the Special Envoy.

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	<i>Sana'a office</i> Office of the Special Envoy, 70 per cent; UNMHA, 33 per cent	Office of the Special Envoy	211 520	Combined mission support of UNMHA and Office of the Special Envoy.
	<i>Aden office and accommodation</i> Office of the Special Envoy, 70 per cent; UNMHA, 33 per cent	Office of the Special Envoy	361 633	Combined mission support of UNMHA and Office of the Special Envoy.
	Cost-sharing arrangement with the United Nations country team for local security cost-shared budget of the Department of Safety and Security for Yemen, Jordan and Djibouti			
	<i>Yemen</i>	United Nations country team in Yemen	183 000	All United Nations entities in the country are required to contribute to the Department of Safety and Security local cost-shared security budget.
	<i>Jordan</i>	United Nations country team in Jordan	1 500	All United Nations entities in the country are required to contribute to the Department of Safety and Security local cost-shared security budget.
	<i>Djibouti</i>	United Nations country team in Djibouti	7 500	All United Nations entities in the country are required to contribute to the Department of Safety and Security local cost-shared security budget.
	Cost-sharing arrangement with the United Nations country team for joint response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in Yemen	United Nations country team in Yemen (UNDP Yemen is the lead agency)	22 800	All United Nations entities in the country are required to contribute to the joint response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Cost-sharing arrangement with the International Organization for Migration for the joint response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Jordan	United Nations country team in Yemen (International Organization for Migration Jordan is lead agency)	4 200	All United Nations entities in the country are required to contribute to the joint response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH)	Cost-sharing arrangement with UNDP for joint security services of accommodation in Yemen			
	United Nations country team in Sana'a	United Nations country team in Sana'a	465 000	All United Nations entities resident in the United Nations common accommodation facility in Sana'a are required to contribute to the joint security services at the compound.
	United Nations country team in Aden	United Nations country team in Aden	12 500	All United Nations entities resident in the United Nations enclave in Aden are required to contribute to the joint security services at the enclave.
	Cost-sharing arrangement with UNDP for sharing of office premises in Djibouti	UNDP Djibouti	42 000	For cost-effective use of UNDP Djibouti office premises instead of renting and maintaining separate office in Djibouti.
	Cost-sharing arrangement with United Nations country team in Yemen for use of regular and special flights	United Nations country team in Yemen	–	Cost-sharing arrangement agreed with the United Nations country team for use of UNMHA aircraft. Recording is done through a cost recovery mechanism.
	Cost-sharing arrangement with United Nations country team for recreation facility in Aden	United Nations country team in Aden	4 800	All United Nations entities resident in the United Nations enclave in Aden are required to contribute to the joint recreation facility costs.
	Cost-sharing arrangement with the United Nations country team for joint medical clinic in Yemen	United Nations country team in Yemen	288 000	All United Nations entities in Yemen are required to contribute to the joint medical clinic costs.
	Cost-sharing arrangement with the Department of Safety and Security for local security cost-shared budget	Department of Safety and Security	65 704	On behalf of the United Nations country team and BINUH, the Department of Safety and Security coordinates the issuance of identify

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				cards, operational support, security training, communications, crisis management centre, guard force, psychological support and support of vehicles. The amount of \$65,704 was apportioned to BINUH in 2022 and is used in the estimates for 2023.
United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS)	Co-location in El Fasher	UNDP	6 000	The reason for sharing with other agencies, funds and programmes is because of the need for co-location in offices outside of Khartoum, where UNITAMS has limited presence, and use of the existing infrastructure and facilities by other agencies, funds and programmes provides a cost-efficient solution.
	Co-location in Nyala	UNDP	72 000	
	Co-location in Kadugli	United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei	22 320	
	Co-location in Ad Damazine	WFP	73 200	
	Co-location in Kauda	WFP	73 200	
	Co-location in Kassala	WFP	35 400	
	United Nations clinic, COVID-19 clinic	UNDP/WFP	180 000	All United Nations entities in the Sudan are required to contribute to the common medical services and COVID-19 clinic costs.
	Local cost-shared security budget and radio communication support	Department of Safety and Security/WFP	150 000	The Department of Safety and Security takes the lead responsibility in coordinating security-related activities, such as on communications infrastructure, guard force operation, crisis coordination, identification and other related security operational support and the costs are shared with all entities, including UNITAMS.

Annex III

Cost recovery income

Mission	Services provided	2020		2021		2022		Impact on programme implementation
		Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual (January–June)	
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali: air transportation			26 837	26 837			The cost recovery activity has no impact on programme implementation. There is a service level agreement that has been signed between the two missions and it clarifies the scope and the terms of the agreement (payment terms, duration, termination).
	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali: office sharing			7 327	7 327	6 676	6 676	
	Office of the Special Coordinator for Development in the Sahel: support services			6 751	6 751	5 855	5 855	The cost recovery activity has no impact on programme implementation. The service level agreement provides for the delivery of administrative support services for the Office of the Special Coordinator for Development in the Sahel related to human resources administration, aviation, ground transportation, supplies and information and communications technology.
	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for office sharing at the Mauritania Liaison Cell Office					31 414	31 414	
	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for office sharing in Dakar	22 500	22 500	22 500	22 500	22 500		The cost recovery activity has no impact on programme implementation. The two missions (United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel and United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization occupy the same building and only share services on a cost recovery basis, including generator maintenance, gardening services and utility services (water and electricity).
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa: air transportation			46 263	46 263			
	Office space and associated services to the Office of Counter-Terrorism	25 000	27 556	25 000	21 527	25 000	23 284	The cost recovery activity has no impact on programme implementation and does not interfere with the mission's mandate.

Mission	Services provided	2020		2021		2022		Impact on programme implementation
		Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual (January–June)	
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	Mobile services		1 666		1 287		627	In 2019, because of the deteriorating security situation in Libya, based on a recommendation from the Department of Safety and Security, the mission offered some of its accommodation and support services to assist in the facilitation of the work of agencies, funds and programmes under the Serving as One concept. As of the first quarter of 2022, the agencies, funds and programmes started to move to their new accommodation compound.
	Communications maintenance		223 440		214 166		87 360	
	Administration fee		80 156				99 679	
	Building maintenance services		600		1 650			
	Space management services		3 360 610		4 200 566		1 341 303	
	Security services		249 603		341 048		130 235	
	Air transportation services		19 357		21 864			
	Medical services		1 066		711			
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	Issuance of tickets to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	40 000	8 640	40 000	16 480	40 000	10 000	On 1 January 2019, the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and OHCHR entered into a service level agreement, where the Mission provides services on a cost recovery basis for processing operational (all types of official business) travel requests in accordance with United Nations Secretariat travel policy, at a rate of \$40 per trip. The agreement is renewed on an annual basis. In accordance with the agreement, OHCHR reimburses the Mission for each approved travel request. The services include booking and confirmation of flight itineraries and managing amendments and cancellations. OHCHR commits to requesting all cancellations and amendments at the earliest possible opportunity. The Mission has two travel assistants processing all travel requests for the Mission and the workload related to OHCHR has no impact on the Mission's programme implementation.
United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA)	Special flights		1 212 676		779 065		292 000	A number of Security Council resolutions, including the latest renewal of the mandate of UNMHA (Council resolution 2643 (2022)), stress the importance of close collaboration and coordination between all United Nations entities operating in Yemen to prevent duplication of effort and to maximize the leveraging of existing resources, including the
	Regular flights		155 030		156 765		98 373	
	Accommodation charges		211 561		63 129		26 792	

Mission	Services provided	2020		2021		2022		Actual (January-June)	Impact on programme implementation
		Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual		
United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan	Special flights					9 812			Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, the Resident Coordinator/ Humanitarian Coordinator and the United Nations country team in Yemen, UNMHA and the United Nations Verification and Inspection Mechanism for Yemen. Therefore, UNMHA provides some services to other United Nations country team entities in Yemen, including the Office of the Special Envoy, on a cost-recovery basis. These services include: (a) use of UNMHA regular scheduled flights by personnel of United Nations country team entities and other international organizations, on a per-seat basis; (b) use of UNMHA aircraft for special flights; and (c) use of UNMHA accommodations for ad hoc stays of United Nations country team personnel. The cost recovery activity has no impact on programme implementation of the Mission.
	Ground transportation					2 972			Special flights were requested on days when the air asset was not scheduled for regular flights, therefore there was no impact on programme implementation.
	Fuel supply					7 668			The ground transportation support was provided using existing capacities, therefore there was no impact on programme implementation.
	Protocol services					3 000			The fuel supply was done from the distribution point in Khartoum using existing capacities, therefore there was no impact on programme implementation.