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[on the report of the Fifth Committee ([A/78/662](#), para. 83)]

78/253. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for 2024

The General Assembly,

I **Enterprise resource planning project, Umoja**

Recalling section II of its resolution [60/283](#) of 7 July 2006, section II of its resolution [63/262](#) of 24 December 2008, its resolution [64/243](#) of 24 December 2009, section II.A of its resolution [65/259](#) of 24 December 2010, its resolution [66/246](#) of 24 December 2011, section III of its resolution [66/263](#) of 21 June 2012, section III of its resolution [67/246](#) of 24 December 2012, its resolution [68/246](#) of 27 December 2013, sections IV and VI of its resolution [69/274 A](#) of 2 April 2015, section XVII of its resolution [70/248 A](#) of 23 December 2015, section XIV of its resolution [71/272 A](#) of 23 December 2016, section XXI of its resolution [72/262 A](#) of 24 December 2017, section XVII of its resolution [73/279 A](#) of 22 December 2018, section XVII of its resolution [74/263](#) of 27 December 2019, section V of its resolution [75/253 A](#) of 31 December 2020, section VI of its resolution [76/246 A](#) of 24 December 2021 and section II of its resolution [77/263 B](#) of 18 April 2023,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the progress on the functioning and development of the Umoja system¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;

¹ [A/78/505](#).

² [A/78/7/Add.25](#).



II

Financial performance report on the programme budget for 2022

Recalling its resolutions [72/266](#) A of 24 December 2017, [76/245](#), [76/246](#) A, [76/247](#) A to C and [76/248](#) of 24 December 2021, [76/246](#) B of 13 April 2022, [76/271](#) of 29 June 2022 and section VII of its resolution [77/263](#) A of 30 December 2022,

Having considered the financial performance report on the programme budget for 2022³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Notes* the performance report for 2022 that provides a view of the implementation of the 2022 budget, and requests the Secretary-General to continue its further improvement;
4. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes the continuous increase of the balance of the cost recovery fund, reiterates the necessity of a residual balance to minimize the risk of a cost recovery fund liability, requests the Secretary-General to provide an update during the second part of the resumed seventy-eighth session and to continue the review of the fund to identify credits for return to Member States, to indicate the amount of the accumulated balance that is spendable, the total revenue and expenditure of cost-recovery activities as well as net income and the average percentage of revenue for transactions related to cost-recovery operations, while predicting growth trends and ensuring that the balance is kept at appropriate levels to respond to long-term staff liabilities and other operating costs required for the provision of services, and also requests the Secretary-General to further inform on this matter in the financial performance report for 2023;
5. *Takes note* of the final expenditure in 2022 in the amount of 3,236,269,600 United States dollars and the actual income in 2022 in the amount of 322,169,000 dollars;
6. *Approves* the return of 113,645,900 dollars as a credit against assessments to Member States for 2024, resulting from:
 - (a) Underexpenditure in the amount of 21,485,800 dollars under the expenditure sections of the programme budget for 2022;
 - (b) The cancellation of commitments pertaining to prior budget periods in the amount of 47,873,700 dollars, as reported in volume I of the financial reports and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022;
 - (c) A higher collected income in the amount of 25,634,500 dollars, which reflects the difference between the approved income estimates of 296,534,500 dollars and the actual income of 322,169,000 dollars;
 - (d) An amount of 18,651,900 dollars approved as a commitment authority for the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, for which an assessment had been approved by the General Assembly in its resolution [76/246](#) B;

³ [A/78/89](#).

⁴ [A/78/330](#).

III

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

Recalling its resolution [58/284](#) of 8 April 2004, section VII of its resolution [59/276](#) of 23 December 2004, section II of its resolution [59/294](#) of 22 June 2005, section XII of its resolution [65/259](#), section IX of its resolution [66/247](#) of 24 December 2011, section I of its resolution [67/246](#), section VII of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section III of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section VIII of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section III of its resolution [73/279](#) A, section VI of its resolution [74/263](#), section XVI of its resolution [75/253](#) A, section XI of its resolution [76/246](#) A and section III of its resolution [77/263](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone;
4. *Welcomes* the support provided by several countries, including voluntary contributions, pro bono annual audit of the Residual Special Court and in-kind support in enforcing sentences, relocating witnesses, housing the archives of the Residual Special Court as well as prisoners of the Court, and hosting fundraising activities;
5. *Also welcomes* the continued in-kind multiform support provided by the Government of Sierra Leone to the Residual Special Court, including the provision of rent-free office space and other services at no cost;
6. *Emphasizes* that the subvention from the regular budget is a bridging financing mechanism to supplement insufficient voluntary contributions, and encourages all Member States to provide voluntary support for the Residual Special Court;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to seek voluntary contributions, including through broadening the donor base and holding regular consultations with the key stakeholders, as well as to implement innovative fundraising approaches, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-ninth session;
8. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts to seek alternative and sustainable financing arrangements for the Residual Special Court and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-ninth session;
9. *Appreciates* the efforts made by the Residual Special Court on cost-efficiency measures, encourages the Court to continue its efforts aimed at identifying additional cost-efficiency and the relevant cost-savings measures to be applied in view of the persistent funding challenges, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon in the context of his next report;
10. *Welcomes* the efforts to date of the Residual Special Court to digitize judicial records, notes that full digitization of all records remains incomplete, and

⁵ [A/78/363](#).

⁶ [A/78/7/Add.12](#).

encourages the Court to continue to work towards the completion of the full digitization of archives within the existing resources;

11. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 2,820,000 dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Residual Special Court for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of his next report;

IV

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

Recalling section I of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014, section I of its resolution 69/274 A, section IV of its resolution 70/248 A, section II of its resolution 71/272 A, section IX of its resolution 72/262 A, section IV of its resolution 73/279 A, section V of its resolution 74/2639, section XX of its resolution 75/253 A, section XII of its resolution 76/246 A and section IV of its resolution 77/263 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁸

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia;
4. *Notes with appreciation* the sustained contributions of the Government of Cambodia, as the host country, for the Extraordinary Chambers;
5. *Encourages* the Extraordinary Chambers to continue to adopt appropriate measures for achieving operational savings and efficiencies while properly carrying out the residual functions in a transparent, accountable, cost-effective and expeditious manner, with a view to a timely completion of the residual phase;
6. *Welcomes* the completion of judicial proceedings in all cases before the Extraordinary Chambers;
7. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and stresses the importance of maintaining and preserving the records of the Extraordinary Chambers in the three official languages of the Chambers and making those documents easily accessible for the general public;
8. *Also recalls* paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and reaffirms that expenses of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers should be borne by voluntary contributions, further encourages all Member States to provide continuing and additional voluntary support for the Extraordinary Chambers, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his intensive efforts to obtain additional voluntary contributions, including by broadening the donor base;
9. *Encourages* all Member States to provide continuing and additional voluntary support for both the international and national components of the

⁷ A/78/515.

⁸ A/78/7/Add.21.

Extraordinary Chambers in support of the expeditious completion of the mandate of the Chambers;

10. *Welcomes* all financial and in-kind contributions to support the work of the Extraordinary Chambers;

11. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 2,216,700 dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024, so as to enable the Chambers to carry out its judicial mandate, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of the next report;

V

Capital investment planning

Recalling its resolution [76/245](#), and its decision 77/548 B of 18 April 2023,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General⁹ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,¹⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,¹² subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Emphasizes* that the capital investment plan presents the Secretariat's medium- to long-term plan for capital investment needs in the United Nations Secretariat for information and planning purposes, with the aim of enhancing transparency, predictability, accountability and coherence of capital investment needs, and encourages the Secretary-General to report on those needs on a regular basis;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the procurement of goods and services for the construction project is carried out in strict compliance with the existing regulations, rules and relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions governing procurement in the United Nations;
5. *Recalls* paragraph 54 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹³ and requests the Secretary-General to continue to explore additional innovative ways to promote procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition at Headquarters and field offices, and to report on concrete measures taken in this regard;
6. *Also recalls* paragraph 59 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁴ and requests that best practices from previous and ongoing capital investment and construction projects, experiences and lessons learned from governance and oversight arrangements over capital investments, as well as industry best practices and tools, be included in the capital investment planning reports;
7. *Further recalls* paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁵ and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the report on capital investment planning includes information on the Organization's phased plans with medium- and

⁹ [A/77/519](#), [A/78/536](#) and [A/78/536/Corr.1](#).

¹⁰ [A/77/7/Add.23](#) and [A/78/7/Add.20](#).

¹¹ [A/78/536](#) and [A/78/536/Corr.1](#).

¹² [A/78/7/Add.20](#).

¹³ *Ibid.*

¹⁴ *Ibid.*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*

long-term perspectives on capital investment needs for information and planning purposes such as information and communications technology equipment standards, assets renewal plan, safety and security, and buildings and facilities, and encourages the Secretary-General to further refine and standardize the information, analysis and presentation of information in terms of detail, timescale, comparability and integration and thus enable better understanding, comparison and analysis of the strategic needs of the Organization across all lines of capital investment;

8. *Welcomes* the application of lessons learned in designing information and communications technology infrastructures to ensure stronger connectivity and backups in operations through capital investment and maintenance projects, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard and report thereon through the capital investment planning report on further assessments and the resulting strategies, including their impacts and benefits;

9. *Trusts* that the Secretary-General will ensure that all resource requirements related to the capital investment plan are and will be presented through the proposed programme budget;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 49 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁶ and requests the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization;

VI

Assessment of the workplace at United Nations Headquarters

Recalling section V of its resolution [67/246](#), section III of its resolution [67/254](#) A of 12 April 2013, section IV of its resolution [68/247](#) B, section VII of its resolution [69/274](#) A, section XVI of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XI of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section VI of its resolution [73/279](#) A, section IX of its resolution [74/263](#), section XIII of its resolution [75/253](#) A and section II of its resolution [75/253](#) C of 30 June 2021,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸

Having also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters,¹⁹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;

VII

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Recalling its resolution [70/238](#) A of 23 December 2015, section XIII of its resolution [76/246](#) A and its resolution [77/258](#) of 30 December 2022,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the work of its seventy-fifth session and administrative expenses of the United

¹⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷ [A/78/325](#).

¹⁸ [A/78/7/Add.15](#).

¹⁹ [A/78/225](#).

Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,²⁰ the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board,²¹ the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the report of the Board of Auditors on the Fund²² and the recommendations contained therein, the report of the Chief Executive of Pension Administration and the Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the Fund on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report for the year ended 31 December 2022 on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund²³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Chief Executive of Pension Administration and the Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the Fund on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report for the year ended 31 December 2022 on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;
3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
4. *Acknowledges* that some members of the Pension Board were unable to attend the seventy-fifth session of the Board due to challenges beyond their control, and looks forward to the future efforts of hosting Governments and the Board's secretariat in facilitating the participation of the members of the Board at its sessions, as needed and appropriate;
5. *Recalls* paragraph 158 of the report of the Pension Board, and requests the Board to examine any other circumstances where the guidelines could be extended in the context of changes in national law and marital status;
6. *Approves* the changes to the staffing table as set out in the table below:

A. Pension Administration

<i>Action</i>	<i>Title of post</i>	<i>Category/Level</i>	<i>Number</i>
New post	Information Systems Officer	P-4	1
New post	Information Systems Officer	P-3	1
New post	Benefits Assistant	GS (OL)	1
New post	Administrative Assistant	GS (OL)	1
Total net changes			4
Reclassification	Senior Finance and Budget Officer	P-5	1
Reclassification	Benefits Officer	P-4	1
Reclassification	Senior Facilities Management Assistant	GS (PL)	1

²⁰ [A/78/329](#).

²¹ [A/C.5/78/4](#).

²² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5P (A/78/5/Add.16)*.

²³ [A/78/323](#).

²⁴ [A/78/7/Add.7](#).

<i>Action</i>	<i>Title of post</i>	<i>Category/Level</i>	<i>Number</i>
Redeployment from Contracts Management Unit to Sourcing Coordination Unit	Contracts Management Officer	P-3	1
Redeployment from Contracts Management Unit to Sourcing Coordination Unit	Administrative Assistant	GS (OL)	1

B. Office of Investment Management

<i>Action</i>	<i>Title of post</i>	<i>Category/Level</i>	<i>Number</i>
New post	Investment Officer (Private Markets)	P-4	1
New post	Investment Officer (Sustainable Investing)	P-4	1
New post	Associate Legal Officer	P-2/1	1
New post	Senior Information Assistant	GS (PL)	1
New post	Information Technology Assistant	GS (OL)	1
New post	Associate Human Resources Officer	P-2/1	1
New post	Programme Management Officer	P-3	1
New post	Associate Data Analyst	P-2/1	1
Total net changes			8
Reclassification	Senior Human Resources Assistant	GS (PL)	1
Redeployment from Office of the Representative of the Secretary-General to Legal Team	Senior Legal Officer	P-5	1
Redeployment from Office of the Representative of the Secretary-General to Legal Team	Legal Officer	P-4	1
Redeployment from Office of the Representative of the Secretary-General to Legal Team	Legal Officer	P-3	2
Redeployment from Office of the Representative of the Secretary-General to Legal Team	Associate Legal Officer	P-2/1	1
Redeployment from Office of the Representative of the Secretary-General to Legal Team	Legal Assistant	GS (OL)	1

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level).

7. *Approves* the estimates of 139,789,700 dollars for the administration of the Fund for 2024;

8. *Also approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 131,366,600 dollars net for 2024;

9. *Further approves* the amount of 8,423,100 dollars as the cost of the services provided by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund to the secretariat of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for 2024, of which 5,188,600 dollars would represent the share of the regular budget and the balance of 3,234,500 dollars would represent the share of the funds and programmes;

10. *Approves* the decrease of 293,000 dollars in the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for 2024;

11. *Authorizes* the Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for 2024 by an amount not to exceed 112,500 dollars;

VIII

Revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for 2024 under section 34, Safety and security, related to strategic security resilience

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Approves* the establishment of 19 posts (2 P-5, 7 P-4, 5 P-3, 2 P-2 and 3 General Service (Other level)) under section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for 2024;
4. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 2,559,700 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;
5. *Also appropriates* an amount of 220,900 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, to be offset by an equivalent increase of 220,900 dollars under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

IX

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁸

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Approves* the establishment, effective 1 January 2024, of five new temporary posts (2 P-4, 1 P-2, 1 GS (PL), 1 GS (OL)) under section 8, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, to support the activities mandated by General Assembly resolution [77/321](#) of 1 August 2023;
4. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 3,431,700 dollars, comprising 825,800 dollars under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination,

²⁵ [A/78/530](#).

²⁶ [A/78/7/Add.22](#).

²⁷ [A/78/550](#).

²⁸ [A/78/7/Add.24](#).

5,000 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 2,503,600 dollars under section 8, Legal affairs, 71,000 dollars under section 29B, Department of Operational Support, and 26,300 dollars under section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, representing a charge against the contingency fund;

5. *Also appropriates* an amount of 122,100 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

X

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2023 session

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 1,442,000 dollars, comprising 969,900 dollars under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, 468,300 dollars under section 20, Economic development in Europe, and 3,800 dollars under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, representing a charge against the contingency fund;
4. *Also appropriates* an amount of 149,400 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

XI

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fifty-second, fifty-third and fifty-fourth regular sessions, and at its thirty-sixth special session, in 2023

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Approves* the establishment, effective 1 January 2024, of 67 posts (2 P-5, 24 P-4, 16 P-3, 12 P-2, 7 National Professional Officer, 6 General Service (Other level), including 9 temporary posts: 6 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2, 1 General Service (Other level)) under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, to support the activities mandated by the Human Rights Council in its resolutions

²⁹ A/78/334.

³⁰ A/78/7/Add.8.

³¹ A/78/574.

³² A/78/7/Add.39.

52/14 of 3 April 2023,³³ 53/28 of 4 April 2023,³⁴ 53/29 of 14 July 2023,³⁵ 54/9 of 11 October 2023³⁶ and 54/18,³⁷ 54/22,³⁸ 54/26³⁹ and 54/33⁴⁰ of 12 October 2023;

4. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 47,711,300 dollars, comprising 2,784,700 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and 44,926,600 dollars under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for 2024;

5. *Also appropriates* an amount of 4,244,100 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

XII

Revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for 2024 under section 29A, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, and section 29B, Department of Operational Support, related to addressing racism and promoting dignity for all in the United Nations Secretariat

Recalling its resolution 76/271,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Condemns in the strongest possible terms* acts of racism and reaffirms that racism and racial discrimination have no place in the United Nations and that all Member States must work together to eliminate racism, and requests the Secretary-General to continue the implementation of the United Nations zero-tolerance approach on racism and intensify his support to the work of the Anti-Racism Office, in addressing racism within the Secretariat, including through encouraging staff to report such abuses and by consolidating lessons learned and best practices;
4. *Notes* the long-standing efforts and initiatives by the United Nations to combat racism and racial discrimination in the Secretariat, and welcomes the role played by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General for Addressing Racism in the Workplace in this regard;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all future reports on this question are entitled “Addressing racism and racial discrimination” and focus on combating racism and racial discrimination;
6. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and further requests the Secretary-General to further refine the strategic action plan, based on wider data sources and further analysis, and continue to implement the three-pronged approach for action developed by the Anti-Racism Team to focus on combating racism and racial discrimination, and report thereon in the context of the next report;

³³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/78/53)*, chap. V, sect. A.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, chap. VII, sect. A.

³⁵ *Ibid.*

³⁶ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 53A (A/78/53/Add.1)*, chap. III, sect. A.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

³⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. III, sect. A.

³⁹ *Ibid.*

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*

⁴¹ A/78/384.

⁴² A/78/7/Add.16.

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a system-wide zero-tolerance policy on racism and racial discrimination in the workplace, and to continue to strengthen policies and guidelines on addressing racism and racial discrimination, stresses that racism and racial discrimination have no place in the United Nations and offend the very principles of what the Organization stands for and undermine the core values of integrity, competence and professionalism expected of all staff, and emphasizes that racism and racial discrimination shall not be tolerated and that perpetrators must be held accountable and staff must feel safe, and further requests the Secretary-General to report thereon in the next report;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide an update on the global conference of United Nations anti-racism advocates in his next report;

9. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Anti-Racism Team in the collection and analysis of data, and requests the Secretary-General to collect more comprehensive and reliable data regarding racism and racial discrimination;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to further strengthen cooperation and coordination of the Office of the Special Adviser with other United Nations offices and continue his consultations with other intergovernmental and expert bodies that have a mandate on racism and racial discrimination to capture lessons learned and best practices from the experiences, including from other organizations and Member States, in addressing racial discrimination;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to use the ClearCheck database in order to prevent the hiring and re-hiring of individuals whose working relationship with an organization of the system ended because of a determination that they had perpetrated racism and racial discrimination, and report on progress in the next report;

12. *Recalls* paragraph 24 of the report of the Advisory Committee, stresses the importance of the Anti-Racism Office and its role in addressing racial discrimination, decides to review its structure, placement and reporting, and requests the Secretary-General to propose options for consideration by the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed eightieth session;

13. *Notes* the distinct roles and responsibilities of the entities involved in the Organization's accountability processes, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure complementarity and work towards addressing potential duplication of existing resources and realizing synergies, efficiencies, coordination and cooperation;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the policies, rules and procedures on recruitment, hiring, promotion and other aspects of human resources management of the Organization and propose measures with a view to preventing and addressing cases of racial bias, including at the Director and higher levels of the Secretariat, and to promote the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly;

15. *Approves* the conversion of eight temporary positions to posts and the establishment of three posts, as reflected in the table below:

	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	GS (PL)	GS (OL)	Total
Department of Management									
Strategy, Policy and Compliance	1	–	3	3	1	1	–	1	10
Department of Operational Support	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Total	1	–	3	4	1	1	–	1	11

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level).

16. *Also approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 1,041,000 dollars, comprising 1,011,000 dollars under section 29A, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, and 30,000 dollars under section 29B, Department of Operational Support, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, representing a charge against the contingency fund;

17. *Further approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 60,800 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

XIII

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

Recalling section XII of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section IV of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XIII of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section VII of its resolution [73/279](#) A, section XII of its resolution [74/263](#), section XII of its resolution [75/253](#) A, section VII of its resolution [76/246](#) A and section XI of its resolution [77/263](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Thailand, as the host country, for its continued efforts in supporting and facilitating the work of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific through voluntary contributions and transfer of local knowledge and expertise towards the execution of the project;
4. *Welcomes* the positive steps taken towards engaging with the host country, and encourages the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to continue to engage with the host country in this regard;
5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization, and to provide detailed information on the matter in the context of his next progress report;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all activities promote cost-efficiency and transparency, are implemented within existing resources and in accordance with the United Nations legislative framework, including the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,⁴⁵ while maintaining full accountability to the General Assembly;
7. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within the approved budget and time schedule;
8. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;

⁴³ [A/78/346](#).

⁴⁴ [A/78/7/Add.17](#).

⁴⁵ [ST/SGB/2013/4](#) and [ST/SGB/2013/4/Amend.1](#).

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to proactively monitor and mitigate all project risks, to take all measures necessary to ensure the delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline approved by the General Assembly and to include in his next progress report an update on risk management and related mitigation measures;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to actively manage the owner-directed changes, and reiterates that any additional project costs resulting from late-stage changes initiated by tenants, which may result in potential claims, should be borne by the respective tenant, not by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take into account lessons learned and best practices from past construction and renovation projects and, in particular, to draw from experience and knowledge acquired from other capital projects, to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within budget and in a timely manner, and also requests the Secretary-General to provide an update on measures considered and applied in this regard in his next progress report;

12. *Recalls* paragraph 27 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and trusts that further clarification regarding the potential benefits of upgrades to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific service building will be provided in future reports;

13. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to intensify his efforts to include local knowledge, technology, capacity and the use of locally sourced and manufactured materials, as well as local labour and expertise, throughout the implementation of the construction project;

14. *Notes* the economies of scale achieved from the joint solicitation exercise of office furniture requirements with the Economic Commission for Africa, welcomes the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in this regard with other capital projects and United Nations entities, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue documenting best practices and lessons learned from other areas of the project, including, inter alia, cost savings through value engineering and the use of local materials and knowledge;

15. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Secretary-General to ensure that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific building is compliant with relevant building standards and best practices for persons with disabilities, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an update on relevant progress made in his next report;

16. *Decides* to abolish the post of Safety Project Officer (Local level);

17. *Approves* the revised estimated overall maximum cost of the project of 41,260,400 dollars;

18. *Appropriates* an amount of 1,241,300 dollars for 2024, comprising 253,600 dollars under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, and 987,700 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2024;

XIV

Progress in the renovation of Africa Hall at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

Recalling section III of its resolution [65/259](#), section VII of its resolution [66/247](#), section III of its resolution [68/247](#) A of 27 December 2013, section V of its resolution [69/262](#) of 29 December 2014, section IX of its resolution [70/248](#) A,

section V of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XII of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section VIII of its resolution [73/279](#) A, section X of its resolution [74/263](#), section X of its resolution [75/253](#) A, section VIII of its resolution [76/246](#) A and section IX of its resolution [77/263](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Ethiopia, as the host country, for its continued support for the project, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to engage with the host country, inter alia in protecting the environment, including the greening of the compound and public spaces in its vicinity;
4. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee, appreciates the contribution by Member States, especially the Government of Mali and other Member States that contributed and made pledges to the project, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to continue to seek both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant regulations and rules of the Organization, and to provide detailed information on the matter in the context of his next progress report;
5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to engage with the member States of the African Union as well as the African Union Commission, to mobilize voluntary contributions to support the project and the visitors' centre, taking into consideration that Africa Hall is the historical birthplace of the Organization of African Unity and the African heritage it represents;
6. *Reiterates its appreciation* for the continued commitment of the Secretary-General to ensuring the preservation of the historical and architectural integrity of Africa Hall, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General enhance efforts to engage key stakeholders in implementing the heritage conservation objective, to raise global awareness of the historic Africa Hall and the African heritage that it represents, and to cultivate partnerships with regional and international academic and research institutions, including universities and museums, specializing in African history and culture;
7. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that any attempts to cut costs and employ value engineering methods will not have an impact on the quality and scope of the work to be performed and the preservation of the heritage of Africa Hall;
8. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within the approved budget and time schedule;
9. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to engage with the

⁴⁶ [A/78/350](#).

⁴⁷ [A/78/7/Add.19](#).

Stakeholders Committee, the Advisory Board and the host country to improve coordination efforts in the implementation of the project;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all activities promote cost-efficiency and transparency, are implemented within existing resources and in accordance with the United Nations legislative framework, including the Financial Regulations and Rules, while maintaining full accountability to the General Assembly;

11. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to include an update on the management of the main risks and the related mitigation measures, with a view to keeping the approved time frame of the project, to avoiding cost overruns and to ensuring the delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline, as approved by the General Assembly, and requests an update in the context of his next progress report;

12. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Secretary-General to ensure the conformity of Africa Hall and its visitors' centre with relevant building codes and standards, as well as best practices for persons with disabilities and encourages the Economic Commission for Africa to continue to pursue such efforts, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an update on relevant progress made in his next report;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to conduct the necessary analysis to finalize the establishment of an energy efficiency baseline and provide a detailed update to the General Assembly in the context of the next progress report;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue documenting best practices and lessons learned from capital construction projects, including value engineering, multistage request for proposals and the use of local materials and knowledge, and to consider their application, as appropriate, to ensure that the objectives of this project are achieved within the approved budget and timeline;

15. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to utilize local knowledge, materials, technology and capacity throughout the implementation of construction and renovation projects at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, as appropriate;

16. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to refine the business case for the visitors' centre and provide revenue projections, justifications and an assessment of options to support future financial stability of the centre, while making sure that fees for services to the public are reasonable and affordable to a wide range of income groups and segments of society and that the centre contributes to the strengthening of awareness of the work of the United Nations;

17. *Appropriates* a net amount of 13,475,700 dollars for project activities in 2024 comprising 1,127,600 dollars under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, 12,097,200 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and 250,900 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for 2024;

XV

Addressing the deteriorating conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Recalling its resolution [73/270](#) of 22 December 2018, section XIV of its resolution [74/263](#), section III of its resolution [75/253](#) B of 16 April 2021, section IV of its resolution [76/246](#) A and section VIII of its resolution [77/263](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Government of Kenya for its continued support for the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and trusts that the Secretary-General will continue to engage with the host country to ensure the success of the project;
4. *Acknowledges* the need to address the deteriorating conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the urgent need to implement the project in a timely manner to address the situation, increase its utilization and to bring the Office to a standard consistent with other United Nations headquarters;
5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization, and to provide detailed information on the matter in the context of his next progress report;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to incorporate the envisaged renewable energy efficiency measures, wastewater treatment, solid waste management and water management into the project design;
7. *Emphasizes* that the utilization and management of the conference facilities of the United Nations Office at Nairobi should be in line with the applicable criteria for the use of United Nations premises, and encourages the use of best practices and lessons learned from other United Nations conference facilities;
8. *Recalls* its resolution [77/263 A](#), reiterates the important role of the United Nations Office at Nairobi as a duty station of the United Nations, requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure compliance with the general principle established in the headquarters rule, encourages the Secretary-General to continue the efforts being made by the United Nations Office at Nairobi to attract more United Nations intergovernmental meetings to its facilities, as appropriate, and emphasizes that the intergovernmental meetings shall be given priority in using the facilities to further increase the utilization of the conference facilities;
9. *Notes* that the commencement of the design phase allows for voluntary contributions and other forms of support to be sought, which may potentially contribute to offsetting the overall cost of the project;
10. *Decides* to approve the scope of option B for the conference facilities capital project at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that any change that affects the scope of the project is presented for the consideration and decision of the General Assembly;
11. *Recalls* section VII of its resolution [66/247](#), and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the implementation of this project and the finalization of the other ongoing major capital project in a timely manner;
12. *Decides* to approve the recommended implementation strategy and schedule for the project;

⁴⁸ [A/78/382](#) and [A/78/382/Corr.1](#).

⁴⁹ [A/78/7/Add.10](#).

13. *Recalls* paragraph 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the implementation of the conference services facilities project in a timely manner;
14. *Also recalls* paragraph 27 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and further encourages the Secretary-General to continue to identify potential linkages and synergies between this project and the project for the replacement of office blocks A to J;
15. *Further recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to incorporate local knowledge, technology, capacity and the use of locally sourced and manufactured materials, as well as local labour and expertise, throughout the implementation of the construction project, and looks forward to updates thereon in future progress reports;
16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all activities promote cost-efficiency and transparency, are implemented within existing resources and in accordance with the United Nations legislative framework, including the Financial Regulations and Rules, while maintaining full accountability to the General Assembly;
17. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within the approved budget and time schedule;
18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore possible cost-sharing arrangements that may be implemented by the United Nations Office at Nairobi conference facilities and to report thereon in the next progress report;
19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to proactively monitor and mitigate all project risks, to take all measures necessary to ensure the delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline approved by the General Assembly and to include in his next progress report an update on risk management and related mitigation measures;
20. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, through the Global Asset Management Policy Service, to take into account lessons learned and best practices from similar United Nations construction and renovation projects in the planning, design and implementation of the proposed conference services facilities;
21. *Recalls* its resolution [77/263](#) A, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure conformity with relevant building codes and standards, technology and workplace safety, as well as best practices for persons with disabilities, in the design, construction and renovation of the United Nations Office at Nairobi facilities;
22. *Affirms* that the proposed dedicated project management team for the United Nations Office at Nairobi conference services facilities will be a time-limited and mission-specific endeavour and that the team should therefore not be a permanent addition to the existing organisational structure;
23. *Recalls* paragraph 20 of section VIII of its resolution [77/263](#) A, in which it established a multi-year construction-in-progress account for the duration of the project;
24. *Stresses* that any increase to the maximum overall budget must be approved by the General Assembly before entering into corresponding financial commitments;
25. *Notes with concern* that the projected costs for the design consultancy firm have increased by 58.1 per cent since the previous report of the Secretary-General,

and stresses the need to achieve the full scope and objectives of the project within the approved overall maximum budget;

26. *Notes* that changes in escalation rates constitute direct changes in the overall project resource requirements, and stresses that such changes should be accurately reflected in the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly;

27. *Decides* to approve the maximum overall cost of the project in the amount of 265,659,200 dollars;

28. *Appropriates* an amount of 11,928,200 dollars for the project in 2024, comprising 9,837,000 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and 2,091,200 dollars under section 29D, Administration, Nairobi, of the proposed programme budget for 2024;

XVI

Progress on the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Recalling section XIV of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section IX of its resolution [73/279](#) A, section XIII of its resolution [74/263](#), section XIV of its resolution [75/253](#) A, section XV of its resolution [76/246](#) A and section XII of its resolution [77/263](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁵⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁵¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Kenya for its continued support for the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and trusts that the Secretary-General will continue to engage with the host country to ensure the success of the project;
4. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization, and to provide an update in the context of his next progress report;
5. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within the approved budget and time schedule;
6. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;
7. *Recalls* paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to incorporate local knowledge, technology, capacity and the use of locally sourced and manufactured materials, as well as local labour and expertise, especially throughout the implementation of the construction project, and looks forward to updates thereon in future progress reports;

⁵⁰ [A/78/510](#) and [A/78/510/Corr.1](#).

⁵¹ [A/78/7/Add.11](#).

8. *Also recalls* paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to identify any potential synergies between this project and the United Nations Office at Nairobi conference facilities project, and also requests him to provide further information in the context of his next report;

9. *Further recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General, through the Global Asset Management Policy Service, to take into account lessons learned and best practices from similar construction and renovation projects in the planning, design and implementation of the proposed replacement of office blocks A to J;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to incorporate the envisaged renewable energy efficiency measures, wastewater treatment, solid waste management and water management into the design and construction of the project;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all activities promote cost-efficiency and transparency, are implemented within existing resources and in accordance with the United Nations legislative framework, including the Financial Regulations and Rules, while maintaining full accountability to the General Assembly;

12. *Notes with appreciation* that the project is progressing in accordance with its approved objectives in terms of energy efficiency and in compliance with health and safety regulations;

13. *Appropriates* an amount of 15,042,900 dollars for 2024, comprising 770,200 dollars under section 29D, Administration, Nairobi, 14,107,700 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and 165,000 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for the year 2024;

XVII

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

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General⁵² and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,⁵³

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Approves* the budgets in the amount of 717,725,500 dollars for the 37 continuing special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, and an amount of 2,128,800 dollars for the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for 2024, under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2024;
4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 21,500,000 dollars for the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan for the period from 1 January to 30 April 2024;

⁵² A/78/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1, A/78/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.2, A/78/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.3, A/78/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.4, A/78/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.5, A/78/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.6 and A/78/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.7.

⁵³ A/78/7/Add.1, A/78/7/Add.2, A/78/7/Add.3, A/78/7/Add.4, A/78/7/Add.5, A/78/7/Add.6 and A/78/7/Add.23.

XVIII

Progress on the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago

Recalling section VII of its resolution [69/274](#) A, section VI of its resolution [70/248](#) B of 1 April 2016, section V of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section X of its resolution [73/279](#) A, section XI of its resolution [74/263](#), section XI of its resolution [75/253](#) A, section XVI of its resolution [76/246](#) A and section X of its resolution [77/263](#) A,

Having considered the progress report of the Secretary-General⁵⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁵⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Acknowledges* the important role played by the host countries in facilitating the maintenance and construction of United Nations facilities, and stresses the value of continued collaboration with host countries in this regard;
4. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Chile, as the host country, for its continued efforts in supporting and facilitating the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;
5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization, and to provide detailed information on the matter in the context of his next progress report;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all activities promote cost-efficiency and transparency, are implemented within existing resources and in accordance with the United Nations legislative framework, including the Financial Regulations and Rules, while maintaining full accountability to the General Assembly;
7. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within the approved budget and time schedule;
8. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to closely monitor and mitigate all project risks and take all measures necessary to ensure the delivery of the project within the scope, revised budget and timeline, as approved by the General Assembly, and also requests the Secretary-General to include information on risk management and mitigation measures taken in his next progress report;
10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take into account lessons learned and best practices from past construction and renovation projects and, in particular, to draw from experience and knowledge acquired from other capital projects, to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within budget and

⁵⁴ [A/78/337](#).

⁵⁵ [A/78/7/Add.14](#).

in a timely manner, and further requests the Secretary-General to provide an update on measures considered and applied in this regard in his next progress report;

11. *Notes with appreciation* that the project is progressing in accordance with its approved objectives in terms of seismic risk mitigation measures, energy efficiency and in compliance with health and safety regulations;

12. *Welcomes* the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as a sustainable and energy-efficient building where the total amount of energy used by the building on an annual basis is equal to or less than the amount of renewable energy generated on site;

13. *Stresses* that any increase to the maximum overall budget must be approved by the General Assembly before entering into corresponding financial commitments;

14. *Approves* a revised estimated overall maximum cost of the project of 19,137,000 dollars;

15. *Also approves* the continuation of the temporary position of Procurement Officer (P-3) for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024;

16. *Appropriates* an amount of 10,097,700 dollars for the project in 2024, comprising 475,100 dollars under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 9,622,600 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

XIX

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Recalling part XI of its resolution [64/243](#), section VII of its resolution [66/247](#), section V of its resolution [68/247](#) A, sections III and VII of its resolution [69/262](#), section X of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section XVIII of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XVI of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section XIII of its resolution [73/279](#) A, section VII of its resolution [74/263](#), section IX of its resolution [75/253](#) A, section XVIII of its resolution [76/246](#) A and section VI of its resolution [77/263](#) A,

Having considered the tenth annual progress report of the Secretary-General⁵⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁵⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Welcomes* the continued support of the Government of Switzerland for the construction project in Geneva;
4. *Stresses* the importance of close coordination between the strategic heritage plan project team and the Secretariat in New York, in particular the Global Asset Management Policy Service, to ensure success in all aspects of the project;
5. *Also stresses* the importance of effective governance, oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the project objectives are achieved on time and within budget;

⁵⁶ [A/78/503](#).

⁵⁷ [A/78/7/Add.18](#).

6. *Reiterates its request* to preserve the historical heritage of the Palais des Nations;

7. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General for the progress achieved during the reporting period and the substantial completion of the historic building D and section AC;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue documenting best practices and lessons learned from capital construction projects, including value engineering, multistage request for proposals and the use of local materials and knowledge, and to consider their application, as appropriate, to ensure that the objectives of the projects are achieved within the approved budget and timeline;

9. *Notes* the turnover in key staff positions and a high risk of key staff departing before the end of the project, and requests the Secretary-General to report on efforts to mitigate the impact of staff turnover and departure on project implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the procurement of goods and services for the construction project is carried out in strict compliance with the existing regulations, rules and relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions governing procurement in the United Nations;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all activities promote cost-efficiency and transparency, are implemented within existing resources and in accordance with the United Nations legislative framework, including the Financial Regulations and Rules, while maintaining full accountability to the General Assembly;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to avoid budget increases or schedule overruns, including tight cost control, regular and proactive review of risks, value engineering and cost-saving measures, in order to ensure that the cost of the project will not exceed the approved budget level, notes such measures undertaken to date, and looks forward to receiving further information in his next progress report;

13. *Stresses* that any increase to the maximum overall budget must be approved by the General Assembly before entering into corresponding financial commitments;

14. *Reaffirms* the proposed project scope, schedule and estimated cost of the strategic heritage plan in the maximum amount of 836,500,000 Swiss francs;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any change that affects the scope of the strategic heritage plan project is presented for the consideration and decision of the General Assembly;

16. *Recalls* section VII of its resolution [66/247](#), and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the finalization of this project and implementation of the other ongoing major capital project in a timely manner;

17. *Decides* to continue to use the multi-year construction-in-progress account established within the regular budget for expenditures related to the strategic heritage plan in 2024;

18. *Also decides* to revert to the establishment of an assessment scheme and currency of appropriation and assessment for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of its seventy-ninth session, and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated detailed information on these issues;

19. *Further decides* to revert to the establishment of the multi-year special account for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of its seventy-ninth session;
20. *Decides* that the annual repayments of the loans to the host country will be funded under the regular budget until decided otherwise by the General Assembly;
21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General, in attracting voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, to give priority to those activities within the scope of the project;
22. *Appreciates* the existing voluntary contributions received from Member States to finance the strategic heritage plan, and requests the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, as well as donations by private entities, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization and agreements related to donations for the strategic heritage plan, and to provide detailed information on this matter in the context of his next progress report;
23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that remaining recommendations of the Board of Auditors are implemented fully and expeditiously;
24. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that works of art, masterpieces and other gifts are handled appropriately during the design and renovation stages of the strategic heritage plan at the Palais des Nations, and also requests him to cooperate with those Member States that wish to take care of their gifts of works of art, masterpieces and other items;
25. *Approves* the extension of the temporary position of Architect (P-4) until the end of 2024, and also approves the reassignment of the position of Senior Administrative Officer (P-5) to a position of Senior Programme Officer (P-5);
26. *Appropriates* the amount of 24,776,200 dollars (equivalent to 21,699,000 Swiss francs) for 2024, under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2024;

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International Trade Centre

Approves resources in the amount of 21,723,500 dollars (the United Nations share equivalent to 50 per cent of 38,050,400 Swiss francs at the exchange rate of 0.8758 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for 2024 under section 13, International Trade Centre, of the proposed programme budget for 2024;

XXI

Gross jointly financed budget of the Joint Inspection Unit

Approves the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2024 in the amount of 8,727,500 dollars;

XXII

Gross jointly financed budget of the International Civil Service Commission

Approves the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for 2024 in the amount of 12,795,700 dollars;

XXIII

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

Notes the gross budget for the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2024 in the amount of 4,334,600 dollars;

XXIV

Gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security

Approves the gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security of the Secretariat for 2024 in the amount of 165,226,300 dollars, broken down as follows:

- (a) Field Security Operations: 149,110,800 dollars;
- (b) Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 16,115,500 dollars;

XXV

Effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from changes in rates of exchange and inflation⁵⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁵⁹

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

XXVI

Contingency fund

Recalls its resolution [77/263](#) A, in which the level of the contingency fund for the year 2024 was set at 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2023, or 25,472,300 dollars,

1. *Notes* that, after a charge of 24,595,700 dollars, a balance of 876,600 dollars remains in the contingency fund for 2024;
2. *Decides* that the contingency fund for the year 2025 shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2024.

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⁵⁸ [A/78/614](#).

⁵⁹ [A/78/7/Add.42](#).