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## Programme budget for 2024

### Report of the Fifth Committee

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#### I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 134 are set out in the report of the Committee contained in document [A/78/662](#).

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 28th, 30th, 33rd and 34th meetings, on 5, 11, 25 and 28 March 2024. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's formal consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.<sup>1</sup>

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

#### **Revised estimates relating to the Independent Institution on Missing Persons in the Syrian Arab Republic**

Report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the Independent Institution on Missing Persons in the Syrian Arab Republic ([A/78/706](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/78/7/Add.43](#))

#### **Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2024 under section 3, Political affairs, and section 36, Staff assessment: special political missions – thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions – United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan**

Report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2024 under section 3, Political affairs, and section 36, Staff assessment: special political missions – thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of

<sup>1</sup> [A/C.5/78/SR.28](#), [A/C.5/78/SR.30](#), [A/C.5/78/SR.33](#) and [A/C.5/78/SR.34](#).



political processes and other missions – United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan ([A/78/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.8](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/78/7/Add.44](#))

**Revised estimates relating to the relating to the proposed programme budget for 2024 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, and section 29B, Department of Operational Support**

Report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the relating to the proposed programme budget for 2024 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, and section 29B, Department of Operational Support ([A/78/753](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/78/7/Add.46](#))

## II. Consideration of proposals

### A. Draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.29](#)

4. At its 34th meeting, on 28 March, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, also on behalf of Belarus, China, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, the Russian Federation, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zimbabwe, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Revised estimates relating to the Independent Institution on Missing Persons in the Syrian Arab Republic" ([A/C.5/78/L.29](#)).

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) requested a recorded vote on draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.29](#) and, before the vote, made a statement in explanation of vote.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee rejected draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.29](#) by a recorded vote of 70 to 13, with 43 abstentions. The voting was as follows:<sup>2</sup>

*In favour:*

Belarus, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mali, Nicaragua, Panama, Russian Federation, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Zimbabwe.

*Against:*

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Niger, North Macedonia, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

<sup>2</sup> The delegation of Panama subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote against, and the delegation of the Niger subsequently indicated that it had intended to abstain.

*Abstaining:*

Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen.

**B. Draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.30](#)**

7. At its 34th meeting, on 28 March, the representative of Albania introduced a draft resolution entitled “Revised estimates relating to the Independent Institution on Missing Persons in the Syrian Arab Republic” ([A/C.5/78/L.30](#)).

8. At the same meeting, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic requested a recorded vote on draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.30](#) and, before the vote, made a statement in explanation of vote.

9. Also at the same meeting, before the vote, the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote.

10. Also at its 34th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.30](#) by a recorded vote of 71 to 12, with 46 abstentions (see para. 15, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows:<sup>3</sup>

*In favour:*

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Niger, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

*Against:*

Belarus, China, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Eritrea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mali, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Zimbabwe.

*Abstaining:*

Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam.

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

**C. Draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.32](#)**

11. At its 34th meeting, on 28 March, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Special subjects relating to the programme budget for 2024” ([A/C.5/78/L.32](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representatives of Bulgaria and Jamaica. In the light of the adoption by the Committee of draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.30](#), the Committee proceeded to consider draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.32](#), as technically adjusted to consist of only one section ([A/C.5/78/L.32](#), sect. II) and renamed “Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2024 under section 3, Political affairs, and section 36, Staff assessment: special political missions – thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions – United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan”.

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.32](#), as technically adjusted, without a vote (see para. 15, draft resolution II).

13. Also at the same meeting, after the adoption of draft resolutions [A/C.5/78/L.30](#) and [A/C.5/78/L.32](#), as technically adjusted, the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Cuba, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Eritrea, China and Belarus made statements indicating that they wished to disassociate themselves from section I of draft resolution [A/C.5/78/L.32](#), as originally submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations.

14. Also at the 34th meeting, after the adoption of draft resolutions [A/C.5/78/L.30](#) and [A/C.5/78/L.32](#), as technically adjusted, Panama and the Niger also made statements.

### III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

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

#### **Draft resolution I**

#### **Revised estimates relating to the Independent Institution on Missing Persons in the Syrian Arab Republic**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>1</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Takes note* of paragraph 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
4. *Approves* the establishment of 28 posts (1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 D-1, 3 P-5, 7 P-4, 9 P-3, 4 P-2, 1 General Service (Principal level) and 2 General Service (Other level)) for the Independent Institution on Missing Persons in the Syrian Arab Republic, under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2024;
5. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 2,991,700 United States dollars, comprising 24,500 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and 2,967,200 dollars under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2024;
6. *Also appropriates* an amount of 278,600 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for 2024, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

<sup>1</sup> A/78/706.

<sup>2</sup> A/78/7/Add.43.

**Draft resolution II**  
**Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2024**  
**under section 3, Political affairs, and section 36, Staff assessment:**  
**special political missions – thematic cluster III: regional offices,**  
**offices in support of political processes and other missions –**  
**United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in**  
**the Sudan**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>1</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>2</sup>

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* resources in the amount of 22,162,600 dollars for the transition and liquidation of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan, which would supersede the commitment authority in the amount of 21,500,000 dollars approved, with assessment, by the General Assembly in section XVII, paragraph 4, of its resolution [78/253](#) of 22 December 2023 and paragraph 2 of its resolution [78/254](#) C of 22 December 2023;
4. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 22,162,600 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for 2024;
5. *Also appropriates* an additional amount of 1,021,400 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> [A/78/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.8.](#)

<sup>2</sup> [A/78/7/Add.44.](#)