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### Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

#### Draft resolution submitted by Antigua and Barbuda\*

#### Development-related activities

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* paragraph 73 of its resolution 62/236 of 22 December 2007,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 52/220 and 52/221 A of 22 December 1997, 52/235 of 26 June 1998, 53/220 A of 7 April 1999, 53/220 B of 8 June 1999, 54/15 of 29 October 1999, 56/237 of 24 December 2001 and 60/246 of 23 December 2005, section IV of its resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006 and section VIII of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007,

*Reaffirming* Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations and the fundamental role of the United Nations in the promotion of international economic and social cooperation,

*Reaffirming also* the central position of the General Assembly as the chief deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009<sup>1</sup> and on the Development Account<sup>2</sup> as well as the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>3</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities

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\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

<sup>1</sup> A/62/708.

<sup>2</sup> A/63/335.

<sup>3</sup> A/62/7/Add.40 and A/63/479.



and the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009,<sup>1</sup> and on the Development Account;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>3</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Reaffirms* its commitment to take urgent and concrete action to address the special needs of and challenges faced by Africa, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, decides, in this regard, not to abolish the post of the Special Adviser on Africa and one General Service (Other level) post, and requests the Secretary-General to fill these posts as a matter of urgency;

4. *Reiterates* its commitment to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women as effective ways to combat poverty, hunger and disease and to stimulate development that is truly sustainable, takes note, in this regard, of paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>4</sup> and decides to approve the proposals of the Secretary-General for additional posts in the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women;

5. *Recognizes* the growing demand for the capacity-building activities and other technical cooperation services of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration for the Member States, especially countries with economies in transition, and, in this regard, decides to establish one P-4 post under subprogramme 4, economic cooperation and integration, of section 19, Economic development in Europe, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

6. *Takes note* of paragraphs 31, 32, and 39 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>4</sup> and decides to establish, under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium, two P-5 posts and one P-4 post (general temporary assistance), under executive direction and management, one P-4 post, under subprogramme 1, Economic and Social Council support and coordination, and two P-4 and two P-3 posts, under subprogramme 5, Statistics;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution, as well as to continue to analyse the gaps in the capacity of the Secretariat to implement its mandates in the development field, and to submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session on proposals to further strengthen the development-related activities of the Secretariat.

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<sup>4</sup> A/62/7/Add.40.