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**Report of the Economic and Social Council**

**Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013**

## **Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed substantive session of 2012**

**Report of the Secretary-General**

### *Summary*

The present report details budgetary requirements resulting from a resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed substantive session of 2012. No additional requirements for 2012-2013 would arise as a result of the adoption of the resolution set out in the report.



## I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted to inform the General Assembly of the requirements resulting from a resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed substantive session of 2012.

2. The Economic and Social Council adopted a resolution, detailed in section II below, in which it authorized a relevant functional commission to undertake additional activities for which no provision had been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.<sup>1</sup> In accordance with rule 31 of its rules of procedure, the Council was provided with a statement of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of the resolution.

## II. Additional requirements and modifications to the programme of work entailed by the resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council

### **Resolution 2012/36: regional dimension of development in the Latin American and Caribbean region**

3. Resolution 2012/36 will not require modifications of the programme of work under programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The additional activities to be carried out relate to programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013. Furthermore, they fall under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

4. In resolution 2012/36, the Economic and Social Council endorsed Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean resolution 674 (XXXIV), adopted by States members of the Commission at its thirty-fourth session, held in San Salvador from 27 to 31 August 2012.

5. In paragraph 1 of resolution 674 (XXXIV), the Commission requested its Executive Secretary to respond urgently and appropriately to the strategic challenges arising from the various activities being undertaken to define the development agenda beyond 2015, taking into account the needs and priorities of the Latin American and Caribbean region.

6. In paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Commission also requested its Executive Secretary to ensure the strategic coordination of the United Nations system at the regional level, in support of integration efforts, through the Regional Coordination Mechanism and in consultation with other regional and subregional organizations.

7. The Economic and Social Council was informed that the adoption of resolution 2012/36 would entail no additional resources under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the programme budget for the

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<sup>1</sup> The programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 is contained in document A/66/6 (Introduction) and separate budget section documents (sect. 1-36 and Income sect. 1-3) and related corrigenda. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 will be contained in document A/68/6 (Introduction) and separate budget section documents (sects. 1-36 and Income sect. 1-3) and related corrigenda.

biennium 2012-2013, for the year 2013 for the upgrading of two posts and the abolition of one existing post effective 1 January 2013.

8. To ensure the provision of enhanced support and assistance to the Commission with a view to fulfilling the request made by member States in Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolution 674 (XXXIV), it is proposed that two existing posts be reclassified, as follows:

(a) One D-1 post to the D-2 level to carry out duties as Director of the subregional office in Mexico, under subprogramme 12, Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America, which would result in a net increase of \$13,400; and

(b) One P-4 post to the P-5 level to carry out duties as Political Affairs Officer in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in Santiago, under executive direction and management, which would result in a net increase of \$26,200.

9. The estimated net increase resulting from the above-proposed upward reclassifications for the year 2013 would be offset by the proposed abolition of one existing P-2 post in the Economic Development Division in Santiago, under subprogramme 3, Macroeconomic policies and growth (\$105,800).

10. The functions of the P-2 post proposed for abolition would be absorbed by the remaining staff of the respective division. The proposed abolition would therefore have no negative impact on the programme delivery of the respective organizational unit.

11. The above proposals would result in savings of \$66,200 for the year 2013, as detailed in table 1. Table 2 details changes to the overall staffing requirements.

Table 1

**Summary of additional resource requirements (net)**

**Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean**

(United States dollars)

<i>Component</i>	<i>Initial appropriation 2012-2013</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Revised estimate 2012-2013</i>
1. Policymaking organs	1 371.2	–	1 371.2
2. Executive direction and management	6 534.1	26.2	6 560.3
3. Programme of work			
Subprogramme 1. Linkages with the global economy, regional integration and cooperation	6 075.9	–	6 075.9
Subprogramme 2. Production and innovation	5 465.0	–	5 465.0
Subprogramme 3. Macroeconomic policies and growth	6 965.3	(105.8)	6 859.5
Subprogramme 4. Financing for development	1 804.7	–	1 804.7
Subprogramme 5. Social development and equality	4 182.2	–	4 182.2
Subprogramme 6. Mainstreaming the gender perspective in regional development	2 342.4	–	2 342.4
Subprogramme 7. Population and development	3 410.7	–	3 410.7

<i>Component</i>	<i>Initial appropriation 2012-2013</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Revised estimate 2012-2013</i>
Subprogramme 8. Sustainable development and human settlements	4 621.2	–	4 621.2
Subprogramme 9. Natural resources and infrastructure	4 204.5	–	4 204.5
Subprogramme 10. Planning of public administration	2 036.5	–	2 036.5
Subprogramme 11. Statistics	4 834.1	–	4 834.1
Subprogramme 12. Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America	8 255.4	13.4	8 268.8
Subprogramme 13. Subregional activities in the Caribbean	6 513.1	–	6 513.1
<b>Subtotal 3</b>	<b>60 711.0</b>	<b>(92.4)</b>	<b>60 618.6</b>
4. Programme support	41 639.7	–	41 639.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>110 256.0</b>	<b>(66.2)</b>	<b>110 189.8</b>

Table 2

**Overall staffing requirements****Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean**

	<i>Professional and higher categories</i>								<i>Total Professional and higher categories</i>	<i>General Service and related categories</i>		<i>National staff</i>		<i>Total General Service and National staff</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>USG</i>	<i>ASG</i>	<i>D-2</i>	<i>D-1</i>	<i>P-5</i>	<i>P-4</i>	<i>P-3</i>	<i>P-2</i>		<i>Principal level</i>	<i>Other level</i>	<i>National Officer</i>	<i>Local level</i>		
2012	1	–	1	14	29	62	59	49	<b>215</b>	–	4	2	273	279	<b>494</b>
2013	1	–	2	13	30	61	59	48	<b>214</b>	–	4	2	273	279	<b>493</b>
<b>Change</b>	–	–	<b>1</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(1)</b>	–	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>(1)</b>

**III. Conclusions and recommendations**

12. Requirements resulting from the adoption of Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/36, adopted at the Council's resumed substantive session of 2012, would give rise to no net additional requirements under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

13. The General Assembly is, however, requested to approve the following modifications to the approved structure of section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013:

(a) Reclassification of one D-1 post to the D-2 level to carry out duties as Director of the subregional office in Mexico, under subprogramme 12, Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America, which would result in a net increase of \$13,400;

(b) **Reclassification of one P-4 post to the P-5 level to carry out duties as Political Affairs Officer in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in Santiago, under executive direction and management, which would result in a net increase of \$26,200;**

(c) **Abolition of one P-2 post from the Economic Development Division in Santiago, under subprogramme 3, Macroeconomic policies and growth, which would result in savings of \$105,800.**

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