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**Sixty-eighth session**  
Agenda item 133

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

### **Report of the Fifth Committee**

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#### **I. Introduction**

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled “Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 13th, 24th and 26th meetings, on 31 October and on 16 and 27 December 2013. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records ([A/C.5/68/SR.13](#), 24 and 26).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

#### **After-service health insurance**

Report of the Secretary-General on managing after-service health insurance liabilities ([A/68/353](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/550](#))

#### **Second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013**

Second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 ([A/68/628](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/656](#))



## **II. Consideration of draft resolutions [A/C.5/68/L.6](#) and [A/C.5/68/L.18](#)**

4. At its 26th meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Managing after-service health insurance liabilities” ([A/C.5/68/L.6](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Sweden.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.6](#) without a vote (see para. 9, draft resolution I).
6. Also at its 26th meeting, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013” ([A/C.5/68/L.18](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Uruguay.
7. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, made a statement (see [A/C.5/68/SR.26](#)).
8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.18](#) without a vote (see para. 9, draft resolution II).

### III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

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

#### **Draft resolution I Managing after-service health insurance liabilities**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions [58/249](#) A of 23 December 2003, section III of its resolution [60/255](#) of 8 May 2006, its resolutions [61/264](#) of 4 April 2007 and [64/241](#) and [64/245](#) of 24 December 2009, and section IV of its resolution [65/259](#) of 24 December 2010,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on managing after-service health insurance liabilities<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;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>2</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to examine the option of broadening the mandate of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, based on input from the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, to include the cost-effective, efficient and sustainable administration of after-service health insurance benefits, taking into account the advantages and disadvantages of this option, including its financial and legal implications, without prejudice to the outcome of the examination, and to report thereon at its seventieth session;
4. *Underlines* that the request in paragraph 3 above does not prevent the Secretary-General from considering other options;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a survey of current health-care plans for active and retired staff within the United Nations system, to explore all options to increase efficiency and contain costs and to report thereon at its seventieth session.

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<sup>1</sup> A/68/353.

<sup>2</sup> A/68/550.

## Draft resolution II

### Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

#### A

#### Final budget appropriations for the biennium 2012-2013

##### *The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013,<sup>1</sup> and endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>2</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further review unliquidated obligations with a view to ensuring that only vital expenditures are ascribed to the programme budget for 2012-2013 and that other expenditures are cancelled, and decides accordingly to reduce the resource allocation for unliquidated obligations by 40,000,000 United States dollars;

3. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2012-2013:

(a) The amount of 5,399,364,500 dollars appropriated by it in its resolutions [67/247](#) A of 24 December 2012 and [67/269](#) of 28 June 2013 shall be increased by 165,703,300 dollars, as follows:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount approved in resolutions 67/247 A and 67/269</i>	<i>Increase/ (decrease)</i>	<i>Final appropriation</i>
	<i>(United States dollars)</i>		
<i>Part I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination</i>			
1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	108 571 700	2 986 500	111 558 200
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	636 390 800	28 685 700	665 076 500
<b>Subtotal, part I</b>	<b>744 962 500</b>	<b>31 672 200</b>	<b>776 634 700</b>
<i>Part II. Political affairs</i>			
3. Political affairs	1 325 788 700	10 445 100	1 336 233 800
4. Disarmament	23 001 800	2 322 900	25 324 700
5. Peacekeeping operations	110 653 200	(1 125 400)	109 527 800
6. Peaceful uses of outer space	7 981 900	562 900	8 544 800
<b>Subtotal, part II</b>	<b>1 467 425 600</b>	<b>12 205 500</b>	<b>1 479 631 100</b>
<i>Part III. International justice and law</i>			
7. International Court of Justice	47 567 700	2 296 900	49 864 600
8. Legal affairs	45 861 000	1 637 000	47 498 000
<b>Subtotal, part III</b>	<b>93 428 700</b>	<b>3 933 900</b>	<b>97 362 600</b>

<sup>1</sup> A/68/628.

<sup>2</sup> A/68/656.

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount approved in resolutions 67/247 A and 67/269</i>	<i>Increase/ (decrease)</i>	<i>Final appropriation</i>
	<i>(United States dollars)</i>		
<i>Part IV. International cooperation for development</i>			
9. Economic and social affairs	154 404 100	3 948 900	158 353 000
10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	7 348 600	203 000	7 551 600
11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	12 746 600	(774 100)	11 972 500
12. Trade and development	142 956 300	4 633 600	147 589 900
13. International Trade Centre	40 141 800	(406 400)	39 735 400
14. Environment	14 337 200	978 800	15 316 000
15. Human settlements	21 345 600	699 800	22 045 400
16. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	40 797 500	4 321 600	45 119 100
17. UN-Women	14 676 700	631 900	15 308 600
<b>Subtotal, part IV</b>	<b>448 754 400</b>	<b>14 237 100</b>	<b>462 991 500</b>
<i>Part V. Regional cooperation for development</i>			
18. Economic and social development in Africa	143 497 300	(6 546 000)	136 951 300
19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	103 187 700	3 252 800	106 440 500
20. Economic development in Europe	68 606 300	6 709 400	75 315 700
21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	115 226 300	7 584 400	122 810 700
22. Economic and social development in Western Asia	66 449 100	4 470 200	70 919 300
23. Regular programme of technical cooperation	57 676 000	(5 059 900)	52 616 100
<b>Subtotal, part V</b>	<b>554 642 700</b>	<b>10 410 900</b>	<b>565 053 600</b>
<i>Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs</i>			
24. Human rights	167 324 500	7 812 300	175 136 800
25. International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	92 377 900	922 100	93 300 000
26. Palestine refugees	48 930 500	5 155 700	54 086 200
27. Humanitarian assistance	29 969 500	820 400	30 789 900
<b>Subtotal, part VI</b>	<b>338 602 400</b>	<b>14 710 500</b>	<b>353 312 900</b>
<i>Part VII. Public information</i>			
28. Public information	182 160 400	9 015 500	191 175 900
<b>Subtotal, part VII</b>	<b>182 160 400</b>	<b>9 015 500</b>	<b>191 175 900</b>
<i>Part VIII. Common support services</i>			
29A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	15 088 000	1 410 200	16 498 200
29B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	36 770 600	2 257 400	39 028 000
29C. Office of Human Resources Management	74 611 400	2 641 200	77 252 600
29D. Office of Central Support Services	181 255 200	(1 080 200)	180 175 000

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount approved in resolutions 67/247 A and 67/269</i>	<i>Increase/ (decrease)</i>	<i>Final appropriation</i>
	<i>(United States dollars)</i>		
29E. Administration, Geneva	153 603 200	11 261 900	164 865 100
29F. Administration, Vienna	39 274 000	644 900	39 918 900
29G. Administration, Nairobi	32 052 500	525 900	32 578 400
29H. Office of Information and Communications Technology	75 800 200	(1 280 000)	74 520 200
<b>Subtotal, part VIII</b>	<b>608 455 100</b>	<b>16 381 300</b>	<b>624 836 400</b>
<i>Part IX. Internal oversight</i>			
31. Internal oversight	38 877 300	(311 000)	38 566 300
<b>Subtotal, part IX</b>	<b>38 877 300</b>	<b>(311 000)</b>	<b>38 566 300</b>
<i>Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses</i>			
32. Jointly financed administrative activities	10 897 500	600 100	11 497 600
33. Special expenses	120 441 300	(436 900)	120 004 400
<b>Subtotal, part X</b>	<b>131 338 800</b>	<b>163 200</b>	<b>131 502 000</b>
<i>Part XI. Capital expenditures</i>			
34. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	65 051 600	1 153 800	66 205 400
<b>Subtotal, part XI</b>	<b>65 051 600</b>	<b>1 153 800</b>	<b>66 205 400</b>
<i>Part XII. Safety and security</i>			
35. Safety and security	223 123 300	25 836 400	248 959 700
<b>Subtotal, part XII</b>	<b>223 123 300</b>	<b>25 836 400</b>	<b>248 959 700</b>
<i>Part XIII. Development Account</i>			
36. Development Account	29 243 200	–	29 243 200
<b>Subtotal, part XIII</b>	<b>29 243 200</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>29 243 200</b>
<i>Part XIV. Staff assessment</i>			
37. Staff assessment	473 298 500	26 294 000	499 592 500
<b>Subtotal, part XIV</b>	<b>473 298 500</b>	<b>26 294 000</b>	<b>499 592 500</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 399 364 500</b>	<b>165 703 300</b>	<b>5 565 067 800</b>

(b) Of the increase mentioned in paragraph 3 (a) above, an amount of 44,734,400 dollars shall be assessed in accordance with the scale of assessment applicable to the regular budget;

(c) The balance of 120,968,900 dollars shall be financed as follows:

(i) Applying the credit of 40,508,300 dollars gross (40,069,800 dollars net), which constitutes the unencumbered balance of the biennium 2012-2013 of the

Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 and the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, and decides in this regard that the provision for the application of credits under regulations 3.2 (d), 5.3 and 5.4 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations<sup>3</sup> shall be suspended;

(ii) Authorizing the Secretary-General to credit from the Special Account established in resolution 3049 A (XXVII) of 19 December 1972 an amount of 26,648,200 dollars to the General Fund;

(iii) Applying the credit of 23,141,000 dollars of the cancellation of prior-period obligations corresponding to the biennium 2010-2011, and decides in this regard that regulations 3.2 (d), 5.3 and 5.4 shall be suspended;

(iv) Applying the credit of the estimated increase in income of 31,109,900 dollars, consisting of 5,194,400 dollars in income other than staff assessment income plus 25,915,500 dollars in staff assessment income for the biennium 2012-2013, as reflected in resolution B below;

(d) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee;

(e) In addition to the appropriations approved under subparagraph (a) above, an amount of 75,000 dollars shall be appropriated for each year of the biennium 2012-2013 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations in Geneva as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

**B**  
**Final income estimates for the biennium 2012-2013**

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves that, for the biennium 2012-2013:*

(a) The estimates of income of 511,927,900 United States dollars approved by it in its resolutions [67/247](#) B of 24 December 2012 and [67/269](#) of 28 June 2013 shall be increased by 31,109,900 dollars, as follows:

<sup>3</sup> ST/SGB/2013/4.

<i>Income section</i>	<i>Amount approved in resolutions 67/247 B and 67/269</i>	<i>Increase/ (decrease)</i>	<i>Final estimates</i>
	<i>(United States dollars)</i>		
1. Income from staff assessment	477 606 700	25 915 500	503 522 200
<b>Subtotal, income section 1</b>	<b>477 606 700</b>	<b>25 915 500</b>	<b>503 522 200</b>
2. General income	36 780 500	5 250 500	42 031 000
3. Services to the public	(2 459 300)	(56 100)	(2 515 400)
<b>Subtotal, income sections 2 and 3</b>	<b>34 321 200</b>	<b>5 194 400</b>	<b>39 515 600</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>511 927 900</b>	<b>31 109 900</b>	<b>543 037 800</b>

(b) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(c) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.