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69/274. Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015

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The General Assembly,

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Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015 for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response

Recalling its resolution 69/3 of 9 October 2014 and section X of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to section 5, Peacekeeping operations, section 8, Legal affairs, section 27, Humanitarian assistance, section 29B, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, section 29C, Office of Human Resources Management, section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, section 34, Safety and security, and section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015 for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

¹ Resolution 69/274 of 2 April 2015 becomes resolution 69/274 A.

² A/69/842.

³ A/69/903.



3. *Expresses gratitude* for the efforts of the Secretary-General and other actors in tackling the crisis caused by the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease and for the dedicated service and commitment of the personnel of the United Nations system who are engaged in the effort to combat the spread of Ebola;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the contributions of the international community to the Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund, and encourages further contributions to support the financing of future United Nations activities in the most affected countries;

5. *Recalls* section X, paragraph 6, of its resolution 69/262, notes the inherent difficulties of determining resource and staffing levels accurately in the context of such unpredictable and volatile operating circumstances, and, however, continues to hold strong views that its previous concern has not fully been taken into account with regard to the staffing structure of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response and the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola;

6. *Notes* that the liquidation of the Mission is planned to be completed by 30 September 2015 and that the activities of the Office of the Special Envoy are planned to be finalized by 31 December 2015, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure a smooth and timely transition from the Mission and the Office to the United Nations country teams and other actors as a matter of priority;

7. *Takes note* of paragraphs 26 and 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee;³

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the international community to continue to support the efforts of the Governments of the affected countries, including those related to recovery and building and strengthening their respective public health infrastructures;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, to provide, at the first part of the resumed seventieth session of the General Assembly, detailed information, in the context of his lessons learned exercise, on the coordination activities of the Mission and the Office of the Special Envoy with the wider United Nations system, the Governments of the most affected countries and other actors;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the report mentioned in paragraph 9 above, to include the results of his in-depth review of the organizational, administrative and planning aspects, and operation on the ground, as well as information on the final performance, including the liquidation and the disposal of the assets, of the Mission and the Office of the Special Envoy;

11. *Welcomes* the establishment of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises, which will take into account, inter alia, the recent experience in dealing with the Ebola outbreak, and encourages the Secretary-General to ensure that the lessons learned exercises are complementary;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the disposal of all assets upon the liquidation of the Mission in accordance with the United Nations regulations and rules;

13. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of 87,839,700 United States dollars (net of staff assessment) of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015, comprising 862,300 dollars under section 5, Peacekeeping operations, 100,200 dollars under section 8, Legal affairs, 84,539,100 dollars under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, 150,200 dollars under section 29B, Office of Programme

Planning, Budget and Accounts, 828,000 dollars under section 29C, Office of Human Resources Management, 1,244,700 dollars under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, and 115,200 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, and 2,831,700 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;

II

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

Recalling section VI of its resolution 68/247 A of 27 December 2013, its resolutions 68/248 A and C of 27 December 2013, section II of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014, its resolution 68/280 of 30 June 2014 and section IV of its resolution 69/262,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council concerning the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, the United Nations Electoral Observer Mission in Burundi, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and the Panel of Experts on South Sudan,⁴ as well as the related reports of the Advisory Committee,⁵

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;⁴
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee,⁵ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Takes note* of paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee;⁶
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the staffing structure of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya under review, including in the Electoral Assistance Division, the Human Rights, Transitional Justice and Rule of Law Division and the Security Sector Advisory and Coordination Division, in order to ensure the effective mandate delivery of the mission;
5. *Recalls* paragraphs 36 and 37 (b) of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁶ and decides to approve the establishment of two Security Officer positions within existing resources;
6. *Takes note* of paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁷ and decides to establish three positions, one P-3 and two General Service (Other level);
7. *Recalls* paragraph 42 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁸ and requests the Secretary-General to provide, in the context of the next budget submission, information on the utilization of the resources provided to non-United Nations personnel;

⁴ A/69/363/Add.6–8.

⁵ A/69/628/Add.1–3.

⁶ A/69/628/Add.1.

⁷ A/69/628/Add.3.

⁸ A/69/628/Add.2.

8. *Also recalls* paragraph 44 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁸ and requests the Secretary-General to provide information on the use of private security companies in all future budgets for special political missions;

9. *Further recalls* paragraph 47 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁸ and decides to reduce the proposed resources for official travel for 2015 by 93,700 dollars;

10. *Decides* to approve resources for 2015 for the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and the Panel of Experts on South Sudan in the amount of 236,226,900 dollars net of staff assessment;

11. *Also decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an additional amount of 73,130,500 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015, after taking into account the unencumbered balances and the amounts appropriated by the General Assembly in its resolution 69/262;

12. *Further decides* to appropriate an amount of 8,755,900 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015.

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