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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Agenda item 117: Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (*continued*)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.15: Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies (A/C.5/61/17; A/C.5/61/L.15)

1. **Ms. Van Buerle** (Director, Programme Planning and Budget Division) introducing the statement of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.15, entitled “Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies” (A/C.5/61/17), said that under the draft resolution (paras. 3 and 4) the Secretary-General was requested to submit reports on revised terms of reference for the Independent Audit Advisory Committee and on the strengthening of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and, in addition, to submit to the General Assembly, at its resumed sixty-first session, if possible, but not later than by the end of its sixty-first session, three reports on enterprise risk management and the internal control framework, results-based management, and the accountability framework.

2. The activities would be carried out under programme 24, Management and support services of the biennial programme plan for the period 2006-2007, and section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

3. Additional requirements would arise under paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, in connection with which it was anticipated that in-house expertise would need to be significantly augmented by, inter alia, expertise from within the United Nations system, the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination machinery, and consultancy, for the provision of technical advice and guidance on best practice. Resource requirements were currently estimated at \$1.3 million (gross) and \$1.2 million net.

4. No provision had been made under the programme budget for the biennium in relation to the three reports. To the greatest extent possible, the Secretariat would accommodate the requirements for

the studies from within the appropriations under sections 28A and 28D; any additional requirements would be reported in the context of the second performance report. The summary of the action to be taken by the General Assembly, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.15, was contained in paragraph 9 of the statement.

5. **Mr. Saha** (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) said that under paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.15 the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit to it, at the first part of its resumed sixty-first session, a report on revised terms of reference for the Independent Audit Advisory Committee and a report on strengthening the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

6. Under paragraph 4, the Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit to it three reports at the second part of its resumed sixty-first session if possible, but not later than by the end of its sixty-first session on enterprise risk management and the internal control framework, results-based management, and the accountability framework.

7. As indicated in the Secretary-General's statement, the reports requested under paragraph 3 of the draft resolution would not entail additional resources. The Advisory Committee noted, with regard to the reports requested under paragraph 4, that it was anticipated that expertise within the Secretariat would need to be augmented by expertise from within the United Nations system, including the Chief Executives Board for Coordination machinery, and by recourse to consultants for the provision of technical advice and guidance on best practice. Preliminary estimates of the resources required for the three reports requested in paragraph 4 of the draft resolution amounted to \$404,100 for the report on enterprise risk management and the internal control framework, \$508,000 for the report on results-based management, and \$404,100 for the report on the accountability framework for a total of \$1,316,200 gross (\$1,206,300 net). The Advisory Committee had also been informed that the reports would encompass the elements specified in paragraphs 10 to 12, 14 and 17 of the related report of the Secretary-General (A/60/883). The Secretary-General's reports should also take into account the relevant comments and observations of the Advisory Committee, as contained in its related report (A/61/605).

8. The Advisory Committee noted that, to the fullest extent possible, the requirements for the studies would be accommodated from within the appropriations available under section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, and section 28D, Office for Central Support Services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. Additional requirements, as necessary, would be reflected in the second performance report for the biennium 2006-2007.

9. **The Chairman** invited the Committee to adopt the following oral draft decision on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.15:

“The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/61/17) and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.5/61/SR.35):

(a) *Decides* to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.15, entitled ‘Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies’, the activities requested under the resolution would be added to the programme of work approved in resolution 60/246 under section 28, Management and support service;

(b) *Also decides* that resource requirements for the activities requested would amount to \$1,316,200 gross (or \$1,206,300 net) for the biennium 2006-2007 to be accommodated to the fullest extent possible from within the appropriations available under section 28A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, and any additional requirements as may be necessary would be reported in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2006-2007.”

10. *The draft decision was adopted.*

Agenda item 144: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East *(continued)*

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon *(continued)* (A/C.5/61/L.17)

Draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.17: Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

11. **Ms. Lock** (South Africa), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.17, which provided adequate financing to enable the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) to implement its mandate.

12. The Group noted that Israel had failed to comply with previous General Assembly resolutions requesting it to pay the amount of \$1,117,005 resulting from the incident at Qana in 1996. Paragraph 21 of the draft resolution reiterated previous requests on that matter and requested the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly later in its current session.

13. **The Chairman** said that action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.17 would be taken at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.