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[on the report of the Fifth Committee ([A/78/641](#), para. 17)]

78/244. Programme planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [37/234](#) of 21 December 1982, [38/227](#) A of 20 December 1983, [41/213](#) of 19 December 1986, [55/234](#) of 23 December 2000, [56/253](#) of 24 December 2001, [57/282](#) of 20 December 2002, [58/268](#) and [58/269](#) of 23 December 2003, [59/275](#) of 23 December 2004, [60/257](#) of 8 May 2006, [61/235](#) of 22 December 2006, [62/224](#) of 22 December 2007, [63/247](#) of 24 December 2008, [64/229](#) of 22 December 2009, [65/244](#) of 24 December 2010, [66/8](#) of 11 November 2011, [67/236](#) of 24 December 2012, [68/20](#) of 4 December 2013, [69/17](#) of 18 November 2014, [70/8](#) of 13 November 2015, [71/6](#) of 27 October 2016, [72/9](#) of 17 November 2017, [72/266](#) A of 24 December 2017, [72/266](#) B of 5 July 2018, section III of its resolution [72/262](#) C of 5 July 2018 and its resolutions [73/269](#) of 22 December 2018, [74/251](#) of 27 December 2019, [75/243](#) of 31 December 2020, [76/236](#) of 24 December 2021 and [77/254](#) of 30 December 2022,

Recalling also the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as outlined in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976,

Recalling further the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,¹ by which the relevant programmes and subprogrammes of the proposed strategic framework shall be reviewed by the relevant sectoral, functional and regional intergovernmental bodies, if possible during the regular cycle of their meetings,

¹ [ST/SGB/2018/3](#).



Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its sixty-third session,² the reports of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for 2024: part II, proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance for 2022,³ and the letters and the annexes thereto from the Chairs of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee) dated 24 October 2023,⁴ the Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee) dated 23 October 2023⁵ and the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (Third Committee) dated 20 October 2023⁶ addressed to the Chair of the Fifth Committee,

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination;
2. *Also reaffirms* the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in verifying that the programmes of activities of the Organization are implemented in line with the legislative mandates and that the full implementation of regulations and rules is ensured;
3. *Re-emphasizes* the role of the plenary and the Main Committees of the General Assembly in reviewing and taking action on the appropriate recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work, in accordance with regulation 4.10 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;
4. *Stresses* that setting the priorities of the United Nations is the prerogative of the Member States, as reflected in legislative mandates;
5. *Reiterates* the need for Member States to participate fully in the budget preparation process, from its early stages and throughout the process;
6. *Takes note with appreciation* of the work of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, and welcomes its report;
7. *Reiterates* that whenever the Committee for Programme and Coordination cannot provide conclusions and recommendations on a given subprogramme or programme of the proposed programme budget, the plenary or the relevant Main Committee or Main Committees of the General Assembly responsible for those mandates will consider the said subprogramme or programme at the very start of its session in order to provide any conclusions and recommendations to the Fifth Committee, at the earliest opportunity, and no later than four weeks after the start of the session, for timely consideration by the Fifth Committee;
8. *Recognizes* the efforts of the President of the General Assembly and the Chair of the Fifth Committee in following up with the Chairs of the relevant Main Committees on the consideration of the programmes without recommendations from

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/78/16).*

³ A/78/6 (Sect. 2), A/78/6 (Sect. 3), A/78/6 (Sect. 4), A/78/6 (Sect. 5), A/78/6 (Sect. 6), A/78/6 (Sect. 8), A/78/6 (Sect. 9), A/78/6 (Sect. 10), A/78/6 (Sect. 11), A/78/6 (Sect. 12), A/78/6 (Sect. 13), A/78/6 (Sect. 14), A/78/6 (Sect. 15), A/78/6 (Sect. 16), A/78/6 (Sect. 17), A/78/6 (Sect. 18), A/78/6 (Sect. 19), A/78/6 (Sect. 20), A/78/6 (Sect. 21), A/78/6 (Sect. 22), A/78/6 (Sect. 24), A/78/6 (Sect. 25), A/78/6 (Sect. 26), A/78/6 (Sect. 27), A/78/6 (Sect. 28), A/78/6 (Sect. 29), A/78/6 (Sect. 29A), A/78/6 (Sect. 29B), A/78/6 (Sect. 29C), A/78/6 (Sect. 29D), A/78/6 (Sect. 29E), A/78/6 (Sect. 29F), A/78/6 (Sect. 30), A/78/6 (Sect. 31) and A/78/6 (Sect. 34).

⁴ A/C.5/78/13.

⁵ A/C.5/78/12.

⁶ A/C.5/78/11.

the Committee for Programme and Coordination, in accordance with paragraph 12 of its resolution [77/254](#), and reiterates that incoming Presidents of the General Assembly and Chairs of the Fifth Committee shall reach out to and support the Chairs of the Main Committees to ensure that conclusions and recommendations are issued on time;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance for 2022⁷ and on evaluation,⁸ contained in its report on the work of its sixty-third session, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the timely implementation of the recommendations;

10. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, for programmes 3 and 20 of the proposed programme budget for 2024, a programme narrative that is composed solely of the list of mandates at the programme level and the objectives approved by the General Assembly in its resolution [71/6](#) and the deliverables for 2024 at the subprogramme level;

11. *Also approves*, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, for programmes 13 and 21 of the proposed programme budget for 2024, a programme narrative that is composed solely of the list of mandates at the programme level and the objectives approved by the General Assembly in its resolution [76/236](#) and the deliverables for 2024 at the subprogramme level;

12. *Further approves*, on an exceptional basis and without creating a precedent, for programmes 2, 10, 17, 25 and 26 of the proposed programme budget for 2024, a programme narrative that is composed solely of the list of mandates at the programme level and the objectives approved by the General Assembly in its resolution [77/254](#) and the deliverables for 2024 at the subprogramme level;

13. *Approves* the programme plan for programme 6, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2024, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General;⁹

14. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2022¹⁰ and on United Nations system support for Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want.¹¹

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⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/78/16)*, chap. II, sect. A.

⁸ Ibid., sect. B.

⁹ [A/78/6](#) (Sect. 8).

¹⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/78/16)*, chap. III, sect. A.

¹¹ Ibid., sect. B.