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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/71/708)]

71/270. Review of the United Nations Office to the African Union

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 70/287 of 17 June 2016,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;¹

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. Recognizes the increasing complexities of the issues in the region, emphasizes the importance of enhancing partnership, collaboration and cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union, with a view to better addressing existing challenges, in accordance with the given mandates, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget submissions place sufficient emphasis on the substantive part of mandate delivery;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take advantage of the co-location of the United Nations Office to the African Union and the Economic Commission for Africa, with a view to continuing to maximize efficiencies on common administrative support services, and to include relevant information in the context of future budget submissions;

5. Notes the comprehensive review of the Office carried out pursuant to its resolution 70/287, and in this regard approves the restructuring of the Office;

¹ A/71/551.

² A/71/646.



6. *Recalls* paragraphs 13 and 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides, under the support account for peacekeeping operations, with effect from 1 January 2017:

- (a) To establish three new posts, comprising one Head of the Institutional and Operational Partnership Service (D-1), one Chief of Staff (D-1) and one National Professional Officer;
- (b) To abolish five national General Service posts, comprising two Telecommunications Assistants, two General Service Assistants and one Medical Assistant/Nurse;
- (c) To abolish two Field Service posts, comprising one Security Officer and one Telecommunications Technician;
- (d) To retain one national General Service post of Facilities Management Assistant;
- (e) To redeploy posts as proposed by the Secretary-General;
- (f) To reassigned posts as proposed by the Secretary-General;

7. *Also recalls* paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and approves the reassignment of the D-2 post (from Chief of Staff to Deputy Head of Office) approved under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017.

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