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72/262. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

The General Assembly,

I International Public Sector Accounting Standards

Recalling section IV of its resolution [60/283](#) of 7 July 2006, section V of its resolution [63/262](#) of 24 December 2008, its resolution [64/243](#) of 24 December 2009, its resolution [65/243](#) A and section II.B of its resolution [65/259](#) of 24 December 2010, section I of its resolution [66/232](#) B of 21 June 2012, its resolution [66/246](#) of 24 December 2011, section IV of its resolution [67/246](#) of 24 December 2012, its resolution [68/246](#) of 27 December 2013, section II of its resolution [68/247](#) A of 27 December 2013, section I of its resolution [69/262](#) of 29 December 2014, section I of its resolution [70/248](#) A of 23 December 2015 and section I of its resolution [71/272](#) A of 23 December 2016,

Having considered the tenth and final progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations¹ 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

¹ [A/72/213](#).

² [A/72/7/Add.4](#).



II

Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Recalling its resolution 35/221 of 17 December 1980, section VII of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000, its resolution 58/266 of 23 December 2003, section III of its resolution 65/268 of 4 April 2011 and its resolution 68/247 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,³

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;³

III

Strategic capital review

Recalling section III of its resolution 65/259, section V of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014, section VII of its resolution 69/262, section II of its resolution 69/274 A of 2 April 2015, section VI of its resolution 70/248 B of 1 April 2016 and section XVI of its resolution 71/272 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁴

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;⁵

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the largest and most complex capital expenditure projects are not implemented simultaneously, in order to prevent the need to finance them at the same time;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 6 of section V of its resolution 68/247 B, and reaffirms that any potential proposals stemming from the strategic capital review with budgetary implications should follow the procedure set out in the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;⁶

IV

Revised estimates relating to the Office of Counter-Terrorism under section 3, Political affairs, section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 36, Staff assessment

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁸

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁷

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;⁸

3. *Approves* the additional resources proposed in the amount of 1,097,700 United States dollars (net of staff assessment);

³ A/72/366.

⁴ A/72/393.

⁵ A/72/7/Add.9.

⁶ ST/SGB/2013/4.

⁷ A/72/117.

⁸ A/72/7/Add.1.

4. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 1,097,700 dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 3, Political affairs (1,034,100 dollars), and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services (63,600 dollars) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

5. *Also appropriates* the amount of 124,200 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

V

Proposal for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago

Recalling section VII of its resolution [69/274 A](#) and section VI of its resolution [70/248 B](#),

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁹

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁰ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Acknowledges* the important role played by the host countries in facilitating the maintenance and construction of United Nations facilities, and stresses the value of continued collaboration with host countries in this regard;

4. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Chile, as the host country, for the continued efforts in supporting and facilitating the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and stresses the necessity to ensure compliance with all relevant regulations, including provisions for persons with disabilities concerning accessibility and technology;

6. *Takes note* of paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the scope of the project as it relates to seismic mitigation;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 33 of the report of the Advisory Committee, takes note of the overall scope and maximum estimated cost of the project, and requests the Secretary-General to refine the proposal and present it during the main part of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;

8. *Requests* that the Secretary-General present a detailed analysis of the range of possible options to meet the objectives set out in his report, in particular those relating to energy efficiency and reducing the environmental impact of the building's operation;

9. *Approves* the establishment of one National Officer position effective 1 January 2018, related to the dedicated project team, under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

10. *Appropriates* an amount of 160,000 dollars for the project in 2018 comprising 80,000 dollars under section 21, Economic and social development in

⁹ [A/72/367](#).

¹⁰ [A/72/7/Add.8](#).

Latin America and the Caribbean, and 80,000 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

11. *Defers* consideration of the proposal to establish a multi-year construction-in-progress account until the Secretary-General presents the further options analysis requested in his next progress report;

VI

Financial implications relating to the administration of justice at the United Nations

Recalling its resolution [72/256](#) of 24 December 2017 on the administration of justice at the United Nations,

1. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 1,862,700 dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination (1,563,900 dollars), section 29A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management (177,600 dollars) and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services (121,200 dollars) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

2. *Also appropriates* the amount of 125,600 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

VII

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2017

Having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly¹¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹²

1. *Recalls* its resolution [72/255](#) of 24 December 2017;
2. *Takes note* of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General;¹¹
3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;¹²

VIII

Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone

Recalling its resolution [58/284](#) of 8 April 2004, section VII of its resolution [59/276](#) of 23 December 2004, section II of its resolution [59/294](#) of 22 June 2005, section XII of its resolution [65/259](#), section IX of its resolution [66/247](#) of 24 December 2011, section I of its resolution [67/246](#), section VII of its resolution [70/248](#) A and section III of its resolution [71/272](#) A,

¹¹ [A/C.5/72/3](#) and [A/C.5/72/3/Corr.1](#).

¹² [A/72/7/Add.21](#).

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone¹³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹³
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;¹⁴
3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone;
4. *Welcomes* the in-kind support provided by the Government of Sierra Leone to the Residual Special Court, including support for the sub-office of the Court in Freetown and for the provision of security personnel;
5. *Stresses* the need for a realistic approach to budgeting reflecting actual needs, and encourages further efforts to identify efficiencies, without prejudice to the judicial requirements of the Residual Special Court;
6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 2,300,000 dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Residual Special Court for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 as a bridging financial mechanism, and requests the Secretary-General to report, at the main part of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, on the use of the commitment authority;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals continues to provide logistical and administrative support to the Residual Special Court, on a cost-reimbursable basis, as appropriate, without prejudice to the mandate of each of the entities, and to report, at the main part of the seventy-third session, on the modalities for the future support of the International Residual Mechanism for the Residual Special Court;
8. *Encourages* all Member States to provide voluntary support for the Residual Special Court;
9. *Expresses serious concern* over the adverse financial situation facing the Residual Special Court, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts to seek voluntary contributions, including through broadening the donor base and holding regular consultations with the key stakeholders, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session;

IX

Subvention to the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

Recalling section I of its resolution 68/247 B, section I of its resolution 69/274 A, section IV of its resolution 70/248 A and section II of its resolution 71/272 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia¹⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁵

¹³ A/72/384.

¹⁴ A/72/7/Add.20.

¹⁵ A/72/341.

¹⁶ A/72/7/Add.7.

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁶ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia;
4. *Takes note* of paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, as an exceptional measure, to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 8 million dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018, so as to enable the Extraordinary Chambers to carry out its judicial mandate, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of the next report;
6. *Encourages* all Member States to provide voluntary support for both the international and national components of the Extraordinary Chambers, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his intensive efforts to obtain additional voluntary contributions, including by broadening the donor base, for funding the future activities of the Extraordinary Chambers;

X

Revised estimates relating to the Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 36, Staff assessment

Recalling its resolution [71/297](#) of 30 June 2017,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁷
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;¹⁸
3. *Reaffirms* the collective and unanimous position that one substantiated case of sexual exploitation and abuse is one case too many;
4. *Approves* the additional resources proposed in the amount of 612,500 dollars (net of staff assessment);
5. *Also approves* the establishment of four positions (1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 P-4, 1 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level)) under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018;
6. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 612,500 dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination (504,000 dollars), and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services (108,500 dollars) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;
7. *Also appropriates* an additional amount of 52,500 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

¹⁷ [A/72/373](#).

¹⁸ [A/72/7/Add.27](#).

XI**Progress on the implementation of a flexible workplace
at United Nations Headquarters**

Recalling section V of its resolution [67/246](#), section III of its resolution [67/254](#) A of 12 April 2013, section IV of its resolution [68/247](#) B, section VII of its resolution [69/274](#) A and section XVI of its resolution [71/272](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,²⁰ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Reaffirms* that flexible workplace strategies in the United Nations should be aimed at improving the overall productivity and efficiency of the Organization, as well as the staff workplace environment;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure full compliance with its decisions and full cooperation with the implementation plan for the project, while meeting the needs of staff and ensuring their well-being and productivity;
5. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of section XVI of its resolution [71/272](#) A, and reiterates its request that the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat assess in detail the impact of the flexible workplace on productivity and provide reliable qualitative and quantitative benefit indicators as well as other factors for the improvement of overall productivity and staff well-being, and report thereon in the context of the next progress report;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue with the implementation of flexible workplace strategies in New York in 2018, with a maximum number of 140 staff per floor, and to report thereon at the main part of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;
7. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and reiterates its requests that the Secretary-General carefully analyse and apply the lessons learned from the outcome of the pilot programme and report thereon in the next progress report;
8. *Notes* the decrease in the current revised project costs, requests the Secretary-General to revisit his cost estimates for the implementation of the project and to review the methodology and underlying assumptions so as to arrive at a reliable cost estimate for the project and to provide updated information in this regard in his next report;
9. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to include relevant data in his next report;
10. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to seek complementarities between flexible workplace strategies and flexible working arrangements, and in this regard requests him, under the guidance of the interdisciplinary working group, to provide information on arrangements for staff to work in remote locations, including from home, with an emphasis on addressing the requirements of staff with special needs, including those with disabilities, the elderly, expecting parents and parents with newborn or young children;

¹⁹ [A/72/379](#).

²⁰ [A/72/7/Add.29](#).

11. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of section XVI of its resolution [71/272](#) A and decides that flexible working arrangements shall be an integral part of all flexible workplace strategies, and requests the Secretary-General to update his bulletin on flexible working arrangements and to report thereon in his next report;
12. *Emphasizes* the central coordination and oversight role of the Office of Central Support Services of the Department of Management of the Secretariat in the management of rental properties;
13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore options for the self-financing of the project and to report thereon in the context of his next report to the General Assembly for its consideration;
14. *Decides* that project and swing space costs for 2018 will be absorbed within the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;
15. *Approves* the continuation of three temporary positions (1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 General Service (Other level)) for the project team;

XII

Progress in the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and update on the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall

Recalling its resolution [56/270](#) of 27 March 2002, section IX of its resolution [62/238](#) of 22 December 2007, section I of its resolution [63/263](#) of 24 December 2008, its resolution [64/243](#), section III of its resolution [65/259](#), section VII of its resolution [66/247](#), section II of its resolution [67/246](#), section III of its resolution [68/247](#) A, section V of its resolution [69/262](#), section IX of its resolution [70/248](#) A and section V of its resolution [71/272](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,²² subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Appreciates* the continued efforts of the Government of Ethiopia, as the host country, in facilitating the construction of new office facilities and the renovation of the conference facilities, including Africa Hall, at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa;
4. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge, material, technology and capacity throughout the implementation of construction and renovation projects at the Economic Commission for Africa, as appropriate;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to update Member States, through the Office of Central Support Services, on the progress of the construction projects;
6. *Stresses* that the Secretary-General must ensure that the renovation of Africa Hall takes into account the preservation of the historical and architectural integrity of the facility, and underlines the need to liaise with key stakeholders, including the host Government, the African Union and the United Nations

²¹ [A/72/374](#).

²² [A/72/7/Add.26](#).

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in safeguarding the heritage conservation objective;

7. *Also stresses* the importance of including energy efficiencies in project planning and implementation, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts within the scope of the project with a view to, inter alia, minimizing utility consumption and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of section IX of its resolution 70/248 A, notes the revised business case for the visitors' centre, and encourages the Secretary-General to refine the underlying assumptions and the calculation for the projected number of visitors to Africa Hall and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue in his efforts to conduct wide-ranging outreach activities and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General, in the context of future progress reports, to include an update on the different admission options that could allow access to Africa Hall to a larger number of visitors, especially students, academicians, residents and guests;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to expedite the completion of the project's Monte Carlo risk analysis, present the refined contingency estimate and take appropriate measures to mitigate potential risks that may affect the project implementation timeline, and to include the update in the context of the next report;

12. *Emphasizes* the need for the Office of Internal Oversight Services to continue to provide oversight of the construction projects at the Economic Commission for Africa, in particular the renovation of Africa Hall, and to continue to include information on key findings in the context of the annual reports of the Office on its activities;

13. *Welcomes with appreciation* the voluntary contributions of the host country, Mali and Switzerland to Africa Hall, and requests that the Secretary-General continue to seek both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant regulations and rules of the Organization, and provide detailed information on the matter in the context of the next progress report;

14. *Notes* the importance of developing a comprehensive and sustainable resource mobilization strategy with regard to operations in Africa Hall, pending the review of admission options;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that resource requirements at each stage of the project are based on a thorough review of actual and up-to-date needs on the ground and to provide detailed information in the context of future progress reports;

16. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to take prudent measures to control cost overruns, such as expenses relating to official travel, so that expenditures would remain within the planned operational budget of the project in compliance with the relevant Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;⁶

17. *Approves* an appropriation in the amount of 5,700,300 dollars for the project for 2018, comprising 905,400 dollars under section 18, Economic and social development for Africa, 4,644,700 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and 150,200 dollars under section 34, Safety

and security, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at the main part of its seventy-third session, a progress report on the implementation of the construction projects and the renovation of the conference facilities, including Africa Hall and the visitors' centre, outlining, *inter alia*, project expenditure and total costs;

XIII

Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok

Recalling section XII of its resolution [70/248](#) A and section IV of its resolution [71/272](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²³

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,²⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the continued efforts of the Government of Thailand, as the host country, in facilitating the work of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok;

4. *Welcomes* the positive steps taken towards engaging with the host country, and encourages the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to continue the discussions on cooperation with the host country in this regard;

5. *Also welcomes* the advice of the host country on swing space options, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his discussions with the host country on the most suitable option;

6. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge, technology and capacity throughout the implementation of the construction project, as appropriate;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 7 of section IV of its resolution [71/272](#) A, and requests the Secretary-General to include more information on the results of the accessibility assessment, road map and staff survey in the context of his next progress report;

8. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within budget and in a timely manner;

9. *Emphasizes* that the Office of Central Support Services should be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 6 of section XII of its resolution [70/248](#) A, and requests the Secretary-General to report on specific and cost-effective measures undertaken to minimize disruption to tenant operations and other factors in his next report;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 16 of section IV of its resolution [71/272](#) A, and reiterates that unused contingency funds must be carried over to subsequent years,

²³ [A/72/338](#) and [A/72/338/Corr.1](#).

²⁴ [A/72/7/Add.6](#).

and that all remaining unused contingency funds be returned to Member States at the conclusion of the project, in 2023;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to respond flexibly to changes from internal and external factors in order to implement the project within the scope, budget and timeline approved by the General Assembly;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization, and to provide detailed information on the matter in the context of the next progress report;

15. *Approves* an appropriation in the amount of 4,057,200 dollars for the project for 2018, comprising 615,000 dollars under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, and 3,442,200 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at the main part of its seventy-third session, a progress report on the implementation of the project;

XIV

Proposal for the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²⁵

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,²⁶ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Acknowledges* the important role played by the host country in facilitating the maintenance and construction of United Nations facilities in Nairobi, and stresses the value of continued collaboration with the host country in this regard;

4. *Expresses its gratitude* to the host country for its continued support to the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and trusts that the Secretary-General will continue to engage, as appropriate, with the host country as has been the practice with respect to other construction projects at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge, technology and capacity throughout the implementation of the proposed replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, as appropriate;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Office of Central Support Services, to take into account lessons learned and best practices from similar past construction and renovation projects in the planning, design and implementation of the proposed replacement of office blocks A to J;

²⁵ A/72/375.

²⁶ A/72/7/Add.28.

7. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the implementation of the proposed replacement of office blocks A to J, and requests the Secretary-General to put in place appropriate mechanisms in this regard;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to consider the implementation strategy during the main part of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;

9. *Recognizes* the importance of and need for the implementation of a project to develop the accommodation and facilities to replace office blocks A to J in order to, *inter alia*, ensure safety and compliance with all required security, information technology and life-safety standards;

10. *Takes note* of paragraph 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee, approves the scope of activities for 2018 as it relates to the refinement of the project proposal, preparatory work and integrated risk management, takes note of the proposed maximum estimated cost of the project for the replacement of office blocks A to J, and requests the Secretary-General to present a refined proposal during the main part of the seventy-third session;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as part of his refined proposal, to incorporate outcomes of comprehensive analyses regarding the implementation of flexible workplace strategies at the complex, to include rental income and related expenditures;

12. *Approves* the establishment of two temporary positions (consisting of 1 P-4 Space Planner/Coordinator and 1 P-3 Structural/Civil Engineer) related to the dedicated project management team and project support team, under section 29H, United Nations Office at Nairobi, as from 1 January 2018;

13. *Appropriates* an amount of 503,400 dollars for the independent risk management and design of the project for 2018, comprising 165,400 dollars under section 29H, United Nations Office at Nairobi, and 338,000 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

XV

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Recalling its resolution [70/238](#) A of 23 December 2015, section VI of its resolution [70/248](#) A and its resolution [71/265](#) of 23 December 2016,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,²⁷ the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Pension Board,²⁸ the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the report of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund²⁹ and the recommendations contained therein, the report of the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board

²⁷ [A/72/383](#).

²⁸ [A/C.5/72/2](#).

²⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 5P* ([A/72/5/Add.16](#)).

of Auditors contained in its report for the year ended 31 December 2016 on the Fund³⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board²⁷ and the report of the Secretary-General;²⁸

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report for the year ended 31 December 2016 on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;³⁰

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,³¹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Notes* that the Board of Auditors issued an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 31 December 2016;

5. *Welcomes* the findings and recommendations contained in the report of the Board of Auditors on the Fund,²⁹ and notes with serious concern the need to address all of the shortcomings identified by the Board, including the need to ensure the availability of accurate data for the actuarial valuation, and in particular the need to strengthen the internal control procedures, ensure the timely and accurate processing of benefits and create a client grievance redressal mechanism;

6. *Notes with concern* the slow progress of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and urges the Secretary-General and the Pension Board to take appropriate measures expeditiously to address this issue;

7. *Notes* the overexpenditure under other staff costs for the biennium 2016–2017, and stresses the importance of effective and efficient management of human and financial resources by the Fund;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with the conduct of a comprehensive audit of the governance structure of the Pension Board, including a review of the checks and balances between the Board and the leadership of the Fund, and requests the Office to submit a report with key findings to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session, to be considered in the context of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

9. *Notes with concern* the issues identified in the report of the Board of Auditors regarding the implementation of the Integrated Pension Administration System, requests the Pension Board to address these issues, and looks forward to receiving an update on progress thereon in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;

10. *Requests* the Pension Board to ensure that the cost and scope of the Integrated Pension Administration System project are kept within approved budgetary limits;

11. *Notes* the progress made with regard to the processing time of benefits payments in 2016, expresses concern at the continued delays in the receipt of payments by some new beneficiaries and retirees of the Fund, once again stresses the need for the Pension Board to take appropriate steps to ensure that the Fund addresses the causes of such delays, and in this regard requests an update in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;

³⁰ A/72/364.

³¹ A/72/7/Add.23.

12. *Notes with concern* the high number of vacant posts, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General and the Pension Board to take appropriate measures to fill all of the vacant posts in the Fund, in full compliance with relevant provisions governing recruitment;

13. *Welcomes* the establishment of the pilot service centre in Nairobi, as well as the proposed establishment of a regional service centre in Asia, and requests the secretariat of the Fund to present to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session a comprehensive strategy to bring the service centres to full functionality;

14. *Emphasizes* the importance of the Fund meeting its target annual real rate of return of 3.5 per cent, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to improve the investment performance of the Fund and to report thereon in the context of future reports on the investments of the Fund;

15. *Welcomes* the review conducted by the Secretary-General of the governance and compliance procedures of the Investment Management Division with regard to its trading activities, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the research and trading activities of the Division, in particular its selection of brokers and dealers, and to report thereon in the context of the report of the Pension Board no later than at the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly;

16. *Expresses concern* that for the calendar year 2016, the Fund suffered currency losses of 679,900,000 dollars, and that the Fund has incurred cumulative losses of 4,680,000,000 dollars since 2013, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to employ suitable procedures and tools to mitigate risks related to foreign exchange losses;

17. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with article 19 of the regulations of the Fund, the Secretary-General serves as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund and has fiduciary responsibility for deciding upon the investment of the assets of the Fund;

18. *Stresses* the need to avoid any action that would compromise the fiduciary responsibilities and long-term sustainability of the Fund;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund, to continue to diversify its investments between developed, developing and emerging markets, wherever this serves the interests of the participants and the beneficiaries of the Fund, and also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that decisions concerning the investments of the Fund in any market are implemented prudently, taking fully into account the four main criteria for investment, namely safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility;

20. *Requests* the Fund to incorporate provisions on the duration of contracts and formalize the method of evaluation before awarding contracts to or renewing the contracts of the Fund managers;

21. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of its resolution [69/113](#) of 10 December 2014, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to explore cost-saving measures additional to the reduction in the use of non-discretionary advisory fees, as appropriate;

22. *Also recalls* paragraph 21 (c) of the terms of reference of the Investments Committee of the Fund, and requests the Secretary-General to increase efforts to identify potential candidates for the Investments Committee from all regional groups;

23. *Decides to reduce non-post resources for the administration of the Fund by 5 per cent;*

24. *Takes note of paragraph 31 of the report of the Advisory Committee;*

25. *Decides to establish the four additional posts set out in the table below:*

<i>Organizational unit</i>	<i>Title of post</i>	<i>Number of posts</i>	<i>Category/level</i>
Administration			
Programme of work			
Operations (New York)	Deputy Chief of Section, Pension Entitlements	1	P-4
Client services and outreach	Programme Officer	1	P-4
Financial services	Chief of Section, Accounts	1	P-5
	Chief of Unit, Payroll	1	P-4
Total		4	

26. *Also decides to postpone consideration of the proposed reclassification of three posts, and requests the secretariat of the Fund to provide further information in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;*

27. *Approves the revised estimates of 174,964,300 dollars for the biennium 2016–2017 for the administration of the Fund;*

28. *Also approves expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 169,467,900 dollars net for the biennium 2018–2019;*

29. *Further approves the amount of 22,191,900 dollars as the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the Fund for the biennium 2018–2019, of which 14,114,000 dollars would represent the share of the regular budget and the balance of 8,077,900 dollars would represent the share of the funds and programmes;*

30. *Approves the reduction of 390,400 dollars in the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;*

31. *Authorizes the Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 2018–2019 by an amount not to exceed 225,000 dollars;*

XVI

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Recalling part XI of its resolution 64/243, section VII of its resolution 66/247, section V of its resolution 68/247 A, sections III and VII of its resolution 69/262, section X of its resolution 70/248 A and section XVIII of its resolution 71/272 A,

Having considered the fourth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva³² and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³³

³² A/72/521.

³³ A/72/7/Add.25.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;³²
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,³³ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Welcomes* the continued support of the Government of Switzerland for the construction project in Geneva;
4. *Reaffirms* the proposed project scope, schedule and estimated cost of the strategic heritage plan in the maximum amount of 836,500,000 Swiss francs for the period from 2014 to 2023;
5. *Stresses* the importance of effective governance, oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the project objectives are achieved on time and within budget;
6. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes with concern the potential adverse impact of slippages on the project, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the strategic heritage plan is fully completed within the project scope, schedule and overall cost approved in its resolution [70/248 A](#);
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the procurement of goods and services for the construction project is carried out in strict compliance with the existing regulations, rules and relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions governing procurement in the United Nations;
8. *Recalls* paragraph 16 of its resolution [69/273](#) of 2 April 2015, reaffirms the importance of transparency in the procurement process, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the project team takes vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition fully into account when contracting and subcontracting and to report on the specific steps taken and progress achieved in the context of increasing procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the implementation of the strategic heritage plan;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the application of flexible workplace strategies at the Palais des Nations takes into account staff welfare and productivity, the physical characteristics and the specific heritage preservation needs, as well as ongoing business transformation initiatives, in a cost-effective manner;
10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the implementation of the strategic heritage plan takes into account measures to eliminate physical, communications and technical barriers to persons with disabilities, taking into account relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, while ensuring compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,³⁴ and to report on this subject in future annual progress reports;
11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to avoid budget increases through sound project management practices and to ensure that the strategic heritage plan is completed within the approved budget and the envisaged schedule;
12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take appropriate measures to mitigate risks, including those associated with currency exchange rates, and to include relevant information in this regard in the context of future progress reports;
13. *Recalls* paragraph 23, of section XVIII of its resolution [71/272 A](#), and reiterates that the valorization of real estate owned by the Organization in Geneva

³⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

should preserve the long-term interests of the United Nations in Geneva through long-term community-oriented leasing arrangements;

14. *Also recalls* paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides that all income from the rental or valorization of land owned by the Organization in Geneva will be reflected under income section 2, General income, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

15. *Appreciates* the existing voluntary contributions received from Member States to finance the strategic heritage plan, and requests the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, as well as donations by private entities, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization and agreements related to donations for the strategic heritage plan, in order to reduce the overall assessments on Member States;

16. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to continue to explore the possibility of attracting additional United Nations entities to be accommodated at the renovated Palais des Nations;

17. *Also reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that works of art, masterpieces and other gifts are handled appropriately during the design and renovation stages of the strategic heritage plan at the Palais des Nations, and also requests him to cooperate with those Member States that wish to take care of their gifts of works of art, masterpieces and other items;

18. *Approves* the establishment of one new temporary position of Senior Procurement Officer (P-5), to be based in the Office of Central Support Services at Headquarters, effective 1 January 2018, for an initial period of one year, to be funded within existing project resources;

19. *Decides* to continue to use the multi-year construction-in-progress account established within the regular budget for expenditures related to the strategic heritage plan in 2018;

20. *Also decides* to revert to the establishment of an assessment scheme and currency of appropriation and assessment for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of its seventy-third session, and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated detailed information on these issues;

21. *Further decides* to revert to the establishment of the multi-year special account for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of its seventy-third session;

22. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 25,400,000 dollars (equivalent to 24,600,000 Swiss francs) for 2018, under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

XVII

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2017 session

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;³⁵

³⁵ A/72/398.

³⁶ A/72/7/Add.22.

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;³⁶
3. *Approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 247,200 dollars under section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;
4. *Also approves* the amount of 32,800 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

XVIII

International Trade Centre

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the International Trade Centre for the biennium 2018–2019³⁷ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,³⁸

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee;³⁸
2. *Decides* to approve resources in the amount of 37,354,000 dollars (the United Nations share equivalent to 50 per cent of 72,392,100 Swiss francs at the exchange rate of 0.969 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for the biennium 2018–2019 under section 13, International Trade Centre, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

XIX

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions and twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh special sessions

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;³⁹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;⁴⁰
3. *Approves* the establishment of three posts (P-3) under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, with effect from 1 January 2018;
4. *Also approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 19,946,000 dollars, comprising 1,700,600 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 18,233,900 dollars under section 24, Human rights, 10,100 dollars under section 28, Public information, and 17,000 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, and offset in part by a reduction in the amount of 15,600 dollars under section 29F, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

³⁷ A/72/6 (Sect. 13), A/72/6 (Sect. 13)/Corr.1 and A/72/646.

³⁸ A/72/7/Add.3/Rev.1 and A/72/7/Add.36.

³⁹ A/72/602 and A/72/602/Add.1.

⁴⁰ A/72/7/Add.35.

5. *Further approves* the amount of 52,800 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

XX

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2018–2019

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General⁴¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴²

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;⁴¹

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,⁴² subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Approves* the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research of 750,000 dollars (before recasting) from the regular budget of the United Nations, for which the provision has already been included under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

XXI

Enterprise resource planning project, Umoja

Recalling section II of its resolution 60/283, section II of its resolution 63/262, its resolution 64/243, section II.A of its resolution 65/259, its resolution 66/246, section III of its resolution 66/263 of 21 June 2012, section III of its resolution 67/246, its resolution 68/246, sections IV and VI of its resolution 69/274 A, section XVII of its resolution 70/248 A and section XIV of its resolution 71/272 A,

Having considered the ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project,⁴³ the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system⁴⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General⁴³ and the note by the Secretary-General;⁴⁴

2. *Also takes note* of the findings of the report of the Board of Auditors,⁴⁴ and endorses the recommendations contained therein;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁵ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Welcomes* the implementation of Umoja globally across more than 40,000 staff in 400 locations, and notes that this is a significant achievement;

5. *Notes* the conclusion of the Board of Auditors in paragraph 17 of the summary of its report that Umoja remains central to the successful reform and modernization of the administration of the United Nations;

⁴¹ A/72/369.

⁴² A/72/7/Add.2.

⁴³ A/72/397.

⁴⁴ A/72/157.

⁴⁵ A/72/7/Add.31.

6. *Recognizes* the progress made in the implementation of Umoja since the previous progress report, and the effort of staff and managers in the implementation of Umoja Foundation and Extension 1 to date;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to closely monitor key milestones and the overall timeline for the complete implementation of Umoja by identifying and proactively managing current as well as any emerging key risks to the achievement of the project's objectives and full implementation, as approved by the General Assembly;

8. *Regrets* the delay in the full implementation of Umoja Extension 2, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement the project within the approved timeline and budget and to provide detailed information on the full implementation of the Umoja solution no later than at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard reiterates the need for strict project planning and management in order to ensure that the Umoja project remains on track without further disruption and delay;

10. *Reiterates* the importance of ensuring that lessons learned from previous deployments continue to be fully taken into account in preparing future roll-outs in order to ensure smoother deployments and avoid extensive stabilization efforts that would result in further delays, cost escalation and other risks, and encourages the Secretary-General to incorporate such lessons learned in his planning and preparations for future phases of the project;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General in his roll-out plan for the implementation of Umoja to conduct a thorough and objective assessment of the Organization's readiness for business change in order to avoid unforeseen impacts and unnecessary additional post-implementation reviews that could lead to deviations from the project's plans, cost projections and expected benefits, and in this regard to report on the findings of this assessment to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session;

12. *Reiterates* that the successful implementation of Umoja requires the full support and commitment of senior management, as well as close and continuous engagement with key stakeholders, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure this through performance management and accountability mechanisms, especially at senior levels;

13. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General, in developing realistic benefit realization plans for implementing entities, to use a common methodology and provide details on both qualitative and quantitative benefits, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes the insufficient progress made in the development of a benefit realization plan, stresses the need to establish a clear and transparent record of the realization of qualitative and quantitative Umoja benefits, taking fully into account the relevant recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon in the next progress report, without prejudice to established budgetary procedures and the prerogative of the Fifth Committee, which is entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

15. *Regrets* the inability of the Secretariat to provide sufficient information quantifying Umoja-related efficiencies and benefits, and requests the Advisory Committee to request the Board of Auditors to undertake a detailed verification exercise, with a view to validating a statement of quantifiable Umoja-related benefits, and to report thereon in the seventh annual progress report of the Board of Auditors;

16. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to strengthen in-house capacity and expertise on the enterprise resource planning system and to develop, as a matter of priority, a detailed action plan to ensure the transfer of knowledge from consultants to programme and project staff, ensuring that knowledge acquired is maintained within the Organization and reducing dependency on and resource requirements for contractual services, which represent a large proportion of project costs, and to provide detailed information thereon in the context of his next report;

17. *Notes* the steps taken thus far to address gaps in training, stresses the importance of effective and high-quality training for the successful implementation of Umoja, requests the Secretary-General to ensure that senior managers adopt a comprehensive and sustained approach to training and capacity development in their work units and make certain that all users are properly trained before the deployment of any functionality of the project, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to adopt appropriate qualitative and quantitative indicators of achievement to assess the effectiveness of the training received;

18. *Also notes* the effort made to estimate, for the first time, the indirect costs and total cost of ownership of the project, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at the main part of its seventy-third session, an updated business case for the Umoja project, and also requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to refine the estimates of the total cost of ownership of the project;

19. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make every effort to eliminate cost overruns through efficiency measures and sound project management and to avoid any further upward revision of the budget during the remaining project schedule, up to the time at which Umoja is fully deployed;

20. *Recalls* paragraph 43 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and welcomes the proposals of the Secretary-General for the restructuring and gradual downsizing of the Umoja project team;

21. *Decides* to approve the establishment of seven posts (3 P-3, 3 P-2 and 1 General Service (Principal level));

22. *Also decides* that the total project expenditure by 31 December 2018 should not exceed 516,738,500 dollars;

23. *Approves* the resource requirements of the project until 31 December 2019 in the amount of 62,062,600 dollars;

24. *Also approves* the amount of 9,309,400 dollars under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, representing the regular budget share for the Umoja project costs, and requests the Secretary-General to absorb 4,654,700 dollars of the regular budget share within the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

25. *Notes* that resource requirements in the amount of 28,859,100 dollars will be included in the subsequent requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, and requirements in the amount of 9,619,700 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020;

26. *Also notes* that requirements in the amount of 14,274,400 dollars will be funded from extrabudgetary resources in the financial period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019;

XXII

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 XX of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section V of its resolution [70/248](#) B, section XIX of its resolution [71/272](#) A and section VII of its resolution [71/272](#) B of 6 April 2017,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General⁴⁶ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁷

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;⁴⁶
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁷ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Reaffirms its commitment* to consider the review of the arrangements on the funding and backstopping of the special political missions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and expresses its commitment to consider this matter, with a view to making a decision, without prejudging the outcome, at the main part of its seventy-third session;
4. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to present future budget proposals for the special political missions no later than the last week of October;
5. *Reiterates* that the Secretary-General has to ensure that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity serve as the paramount consideration in the employment of staff, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in accordance with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations;
6. *Notes* that the continuing requirement for posts that have been vacant for two years or longer should be reviewed and justifications provided for their retention, or those posts should be proposed for abolishment;
7. *Recalls* its stipulation that the use of external consultants should be kept to an absolute minimum and that the Organization should use its in-house capacity to perform core activities or to fulfil functions that are recurrent over the long term;
8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take measures to improve transparency in the use of extrabudgetary funding in special political missions;
9. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;
10. *Decides* to reduce the resources for operational requirements for special political missions by 1 per cent;

⁴⁶ [A/72/371](#), [A/72/371/Add.1](#), [A/72/371/Add.2](#), [A/72/371/Add.3](#), [A/72/371/Add.4](#), [A/72/371/Add.5](#), [A/72/371/Add.6](#), [A/72/371/Add.7](#) and [A/72/371/Add.8](#).

⁴⁷ [A/72/7/Add.10](#), [A/72/7/Add.11](#), [A/72/7/Add.12](#), [A/72/7/Add.13](#), [A/72/7/Add.14](#), [A/72/7/Add.15](#), [A/72/7/Add.16](#), [A/72/7/Add.17](#) and [A/72/7/Add.18](#).

Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General

Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Yemen

11. *Decides* not to establish one position of Principal Security Sector Reform Officer (D-1) and one position of Political Affairs Officer (P-4);

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria

12. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁸ and decides to abolish one position (P-4);

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General (Burundi)

13. *Commends* the work of the East African Community in facilitating mediation under the Inter-Burundi Dialogue to address the political challenges, supports the need for continued ownership by the East African Community of this process, and encourages the international community to continue to provide support, as appropriate;

14. *Decides* to approve the redeployment of one position of Special Assistant (P-3) to Ouagadougou;

15. *Also decides* to abolish one position of Senior Information Analyst (P-5);

Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms

Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

16. *Takes note* of paragraph 31 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁹ and decides to reduce resources for the additional subscriptions to global databases by 20 per cent;

Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities; and the Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)

17. *Expresses concern* about the combined presentation of the budgets of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team and the Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1904 (2009) of 17 December 2009, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the budgets separately in the context of the next budget submission;

18. *Decides* to apply a 50 per cent vacancy rate for the Office of the Ombudsperson;

Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)

19. *Takes note* of paragraph 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁹ and decides to approve an additional 25 per cent reduction for official travel for the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) of 20 July 2015;

20. *Decides* to reclassify two P-4 positions as P-3 positions;

⁴⁸ A/72/7/Add.11.

⁴⁹ A/72/7/Add.12.

Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism

21. *Notes* that the proposed budget for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism is no longer mandated, and decides not to approve the funding requested;

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate

22. *Takes note* of paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁹ and decides to establish four positions of Legal Officer (P-4), one position of Communications Officer (P-4) and one position of Political Affairs Officer (P-3);

Panel of Experts on Mali

23. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁵⁰ and decides to only establish one position (P-3) for the Panel of Experts on Mali;

Thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions

United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau

24. *Decides* not to approve the proposed establishment of one position of Senior Political/Electoral Officer (P-5) in the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau;

25. *Also decides* not to abolish one position of Rule of Law Officer (P-4);

United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia

26. *Takes note* of paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁵¹ and decides not to establish four positions of Human Rights Officer (National Professional Officer);

27. *Also takes note* of paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁵¹ and decides to retain the positions of Special Assistant (P-5), Child Protection Officer (P-4) and Administrative Assistant (Local level);

28. *Approves* the redeployment of the following six positions: Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5), Political Affairs Officer (P-3), Political Affairs Officer (P-4), Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5), Senior Coordination Officer (P-5) and Administrative Officer (Field Service);

United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia

29. *Decides* not to approve the proposal that the position of Human Rights Officer (P-4) report directly to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the day-to-day supervision of the Public Information Unit be placed under the responsibilities of the Human Rights Officer;

United Nations Support Mission in Libya

30. *Takes note* of paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁵² and decides to establish one position of Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) in the

⁵⁰ A/72/7/Add.16.

⁵¹ A/72/7/Add.13.

⁵² A/72/7/Add.18.

Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat to strengthen the team working on Libya;

31. *Decides* to establish one position of Assistant Political Officer (Field Service);

United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

32. *Notes with appreciation* the successful conclusion of the United Nations Mission in Colombia, and recognizes the contribution made to it by unarmed observers, primarily from member countries of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States;

33. *Decides* not to allocate any resources for programmatic activities;

34. *Also decides* to reduce the allocation for operational costs by an additional 1,712,000 dollars;

United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan

35. *Takes note* of paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁵³ and decides not to approve the budget proposal for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan;

36. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Mission in the amount of up to 82,900,000 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2018, and requests the Secretary-General to present an updated budget proposal for the Mission for 2018 at the second resumed part of its seventy-second session;

37. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 82,900,000 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2018, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution [70/245](#) of 23 December 2015;

United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq

38. *Decides* not to establish one position of Women's Protection Adviser (National Professional Officer);

39. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁵⁴ recognizes the importance of technical expertise and capacity to strengthen efforts to address conflict-related sexual violence and gender-based violence, welcomes efforts by the Mission's Gender Unit in this regard, and decides to establish one position of Senior Women's Protection Adviser (P-5);

40. *Decides* to abolish one position of Human Rights Officer (P-4), which has been vacant since 10 May 2017;

41. *Takes note* of paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁵⁴ and decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments, with corresponding appropriation, in an amount not exceeding 50,000,000 dollars for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2018;

42. *Approves* the budgets in the amount of 508,490,000 dollars for the 34 special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, including the commitment authorities for the United Nations Assistance

⁵³ [A/72/7/Add.14](#).

⁵⁴ [A/72/7/Add.15](#).

Mission in Afghanistan and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, and an amount of 686,900 dollars for the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the biennium 2018–2019;

43. *Also approves* a charge of 510,030,700 dollars, including an amount of 853,800 dollars for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar, against the provision for special political missions proposed under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

XXIII

Limited budgetary discretion

Recalling its resolution [60/246](#) of 23 December 2005, section III of its resolution [60/283](#), its resolution [64/243](#), section III of its resolution [64/260](#) of 29 March 2010, paragraph 115 of its resolution [66/246](#), section I of its resolution [66/258](#) of 9 April 2012, its resolution [68/246](#) and section II of its resolution [70/248](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁵⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁵⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁵⁵
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;⁵⁶

XXIV

Gross jointly financed budget of the International Civil Service Commission

Approves the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2018–2019 in the amount of 18,764,300 dollars;

XXV

Gross jointly financed budget of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

Notes the gross budget for the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for the biennium 2018–2019 in the amount of 6,276,800 dollars;

XXVI

Gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security

Approves the gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security of the Secretariat for the biennium 2018–2019 in the amount of 271,090,400 dollars, broken down as follows:

- (a) Field Security Operations: 240,446,800 dollars;
- (b) Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 30,643,600 dollars;

⁵⁵ [A/72/497](#).

⁵⁶ [A/72/7/Add.30](#).

XXVII**Effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation**

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from changes in rates of exchange and inflation⁵⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁵⁸

Takes note of the revised estimates arising from recosting owing to changes in the rates of exchange and inflation;

XXVIII**Contingency fund**

Notes that a balance of 1,100,000 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

XXIX**Gross jointly financed budget of the Joint Inspection Unit**

Approves the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 2018–2019 in the amount of 13,090,100 dollars.

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⁵⁷ A/72/646.

⁵⁸ A/72/7/Add.36.