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[on the report of the Fifth Committee ([A/75/682](#), para. 63)]

75/253. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for 2021

The General Assembly,

I

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 2021

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

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

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Approves* the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research of 276,200 United States dollars (before recosting) 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 2021;

II

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2020 session

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴

¹ [A/75/83](#).

² [A/75/7/Add.1](#).

³ [A/75/333](#).

⁴ [A/75/7/Add.9](#).



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

III**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2021 session**

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 78,000 dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for 2021, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;
4. *Also appropriates* an amount of 9,400 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 2021;

IV**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session**

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;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 1,590,700 dollars (non-recurrent), comprising 1,024,600 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and 566,100 dollars under section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed programme budget for 2021, representing a charge against the contingency fund;
4. *Also appropriates* an amount of 3,300 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 2021;

V**Enterprise resource planning project, Umoja**

Recalling section II of its resolution [60/283](#) of 7 July 2006, section II of its resolution [63/262](#) of 24 December 2008, its resolution [64/243](#) of 24 December 2009, section II.A of its resolution [65/259](#) of 24 December 2010, its resolution [66/246](#) of 24 December 2011, section III of its resolution [66/263](#) of 21 June 2012, section III of

⁵ [A/75/608](#).

⁶ [A/75/7/Add.24](#).

⁷ [A/75/556](#).

⁸ [A/75/7/Add.22](#).

its resolution [67/246](#) of 24 December 2012, its resolution [68/246](#) of 27 December 2013, sections IV and VI of its resolution [69/274 A](#) of 2 April 2015, section XVII of its resolution [70/248 A](#) of 23 December 2015, section XIV of its resolution [71/272 A](#) of 23 December 2016, section XXI of its resolution [72/262 A](#) of 24 December 2017, section XVII of its resolution [73/279 A](#) of 22 December 2018 and section XVII of its resolution [74/263](#) of 27 December 2019,

Having considered the twelfth and final progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project,⁹ the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the ninth annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system¹⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General and the note by the Secretary-General;
2. *Also takes note* of the findings of the report of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the recommendations contained therein;
3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
4. *Approves* the resource requirements of 25,483,100 dollars for 2021 for the Enterprise Resource Planning Solution Division;
5. *Also approves* an amount of 3,822,500 dollars under the proposed programme budget for 2021 under subprogramme 1, component 1, Enterprise resource planning solution, of section 29A, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, representing the regular budget share for the costs of the Division for 2021;
6. *Revises* the appropriation under the proposed programme budget for 2021 by reducing the provisions under section 29A, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, by an amount of 77,500 dollars;
7. *Notes* that resource requirements in the amount of 15,799,500 dollars will be included in the subsequent requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022;
8. *Also notes* that requirements in the amount of 5,861,100 dollars will be funded from extrabudgetary resources in the financial year 2021;
9. *Approves* the resource requirements of 3,695,400 dollars for 2021 for the business support activities, to be funded from the unused balance at the end of 2020, currently estimated at 12,082,200 dollars;

VI

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2020

Having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly¹² and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹³

1. *Recalls* its resolution [75/245](#) of 31 December 2020;

⁹ [A/75/386](#).

¹⁰ [A/75/159](#).

¹¹ [A/75/7/Add.14](#).

¹² [A/C.5/75/11](#).

¹³ [A/75/7/Add.21](#).

2. *Takes note* of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General;
3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;

VII

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its forty-third, forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions and revised estimates resulting from decision OS/14/101, adopted at the organizational session for the fifteenth cycle of the Council

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General¹⁴ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,¹⁵

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 25,046,200 dollars (of which 24,198,300 dollars is non-recurrent), comprising 2,456,900 dollars (of which 2,315,600 dollars is non-recurrent) under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 22,507,900 dollars (of which 21,812,700 dollars is non-recurrent) under section 24, Human rights, 9,300 dollars under section 28, Global communications, and 72,100 dollars (of which 70,000 dollars is non-recurrent) under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for 2021;
4. *Also appropriates* an amount of 2,291,900 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 2021;

VIII

Revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for 2021 under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, and section 36, Staff assessment, for the United Nations Monitoring Mechanism for the Syrian Arab Republic

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Approves* the continuation of 19 positions (1 D-1, 2 P-4, 3 P-3, 3 P-2, 1 National Professional Officer, 6 Local level and 3 United Nations Volunteers) under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed programme budget for 2021, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021;
4. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 1,922,600 dollars (net of staff assessment) for the United Nations Monitoring Mechanism for the Syrian Arab Republic for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021, under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed programme budget for 2021, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

¹⁴ A/75/588 and A/75/588/Add.1.

¹⁵ A/75/7/Add.30 and A/75/7/Add.31.

¹⁶ A/75/372.

¹⁷ A/75/7/Add.17.

5. *Also appropriates* an amount of 194,900 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 2021;

IX

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](#) of 24 December 2011, section V of its resolution [68/247](#) A of 27 December 2013, sections III and VII of its resolution [69/262](#) of 29 December 2014, section X of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section XVIII of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XVI of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section XIII of its resolution [73/279](#) A and section VII of its resolution [74/263](#),

Having considered the seventh annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva,¹⁸ the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Auditors on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva¹⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Also takes note* of the findings of the report of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the recommendations contained therein;
3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
4. *Welcomes* the continued support of the Government of Switzerland for the construction project in Geneva;
5. *Stresses* the importance of close coordination between the strategic heritage plan project team and the Secretariat in New York, in particular the Global Asset Management Policy Service, to ensure success in all aspects of the project;
6. *Also 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;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the remaining recommendations of the Board of Auditors are implemented fully and expeditiously;
8. *Reiterates its request* to preserve the historical heritage of the Palais des Nations;
9. *Notes with concern* that it is very unlikely that the full baseline project scope will be achieved within the approved maximum overall cost, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to avoid budget increases through the application of sound project management practices and to ensure that the project is completed within the project scope and overall cost approved in its resolution [70/248](#) A;
10. *Also notes with concern* the increased risks to the project schedule and cost as well as the continuously decreasing level of confidence, currently at 2 per cent, and requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary mitigation measures in a timely manner, in order to alleviate potential risks of delays;

¹⁸ [A/75/355](#).

¹⁹ [A/75/135](#).

²⁰ [A/75/7/Add.12](#).

11. *Reaffirms* the proposed project scope, schedule and estimated cost of the strategic heritage plan in the maximum amount of 836,500,000 Swiss francs;
12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any change that affects the scope of the strategic heritage plan project is presented for the consideration and decision of the General Assembly;
13. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and regrets that the project started suffering delays and cost escalation before the onset of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic;
14. *Commends* the United Nations Office at Geneva for ensuring the business continuity of conferences throughout the duration of the renovation works by completing a modular temporary conference facility;
15. *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;
16. *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;
17. *Recalls* the project's objective to lower energy consumption at the Palais des Nations by at least 25 per cent compared with the 2010 baseline;
18. *Stresses* the need to gather sound and reliable baseline data on energy consumption and energy costs that can be used to measure actual improvements achieved after completion of the renovation of the Palais des Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to provide comprehensive information on energy usage and consumption and costs of utilities as early as available;
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 2021;
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-sixth 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-sixth session;
22. *Decides* that the annual repayments of the loans to the host country will be funded under the regular budget until decided otherwise by the General Assembly;
23. *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, and to provide detailed information on this matter in the context of his next progress report;

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General, in attracting voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, to give priority to those activities within the scope of the project;

25. *Appropriates* the amount of 53,121,200 dollars (equivalent to 47,596,600 Swiss francs) for 2021, under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2021;

X

Progress in the renovation of Africa Hall at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

Recalling section III of its resolution [65/259](#), section VII of its resolution [66/247](#), section III of its resolution [68/247](#) A, section V of its resolution [69/262](#), section IX of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section V of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XII of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section VIII of its resolution [73/279](#) A and section X of its resolution [74/263](#),

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;

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

3. *Expresses gratitude* to the Government of Ethiopia, as the host country, for its continued support for the project, notes with appreciation the signature of two agreements with the city of Addis Ababa and the Government of Ethiopia for the use of parcels of land adjoining the compound of the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa by the Commission at no cost, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to engage with the host country, *inter alia* in protecting the environment, including the greening of the compound and public spaces in its vicinity;

4. *Appreciates* the contributions by the Government of Mali and the Government of Ethiopia and the pledge by the Government of Switzerland, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to 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 to provide detailed information on the matter in the context of his next progress report;

5. *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 the approved budget and time schedule;

6. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to engage with the Stakeholders Committee, the Advisory Board and the host country to improve coordination efforts in the implementation of the project;

7. *Also emphasizes* the need for the Office of Internal Oversight Services to continue to provide oversight on the renovation of Africa Hall, as appropriate, and to continue to include information on key findings;

²¹ [A/75/319](#).

²² [A/75/7/Add.15](#).

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to include an update on the management of the main risks and the related mitigation measures, with a view to keeping the approved time frame of the project, to avoiding cost overruns and to ensuring the delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline, as approved by the General Assembly, and requests an update in the context of his next progress report;

9. *Stresses* the importance of working with tenderers and contractors to ensure early and clear warning indicators of any financial distress affecting contractors and subcontractors, which may affect the project, and requests the Secretary-General to complete the hiring of a new contractor for the main renovation works in compliance with the United Nations legislative framework on procurement and availing of the lessons learned and good practices from other similar construction projects;

10. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to utilize local knowledge, material, technology and capacity throughout the implementation of construction and renovation projects at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, as appropriate;

11. *Expresses appreciation* for the continued commitment of the Secretary-General to ensure the preservation of the historical and architectural integrity of Africa Hall, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General enhance efforts to engage key stakeholders in implementing the heritage conservation objective, to raise global awareness of the historic Africa Hall and the African heritage that it represents, and to cultivate partnerships with regional and international academic and research institutions, including universities and museums, specializing in African history and culture;

12. *Recalls its request* in section X of resolution [74/263](#) on admission options, including fee exemptions and an outreach strategy, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon in his next progress report;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the updated information requested in section VIII of resolution [73/279](#) A and section X of resolution [74/263](#) on the envisaged energy efficiency gains and resulting cost savings, and encourages the application of best practices and lessons from other similar United Nations construction projects, as appropriate;

14. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Secretary-General to ensure conformity of Africa Hall and its visitors' centre with relevant building codes and standards, as well as best practices for persons with disabilities;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, at the main part of the seventy-sixth session, a progress report on the renovation of Africa Hall and the construction of conference facilities, the visitors' centre and the parking lot outlining, *inter alia*, project expenditures and total costs;

16. *Approves* the establishment of one new temporary project position (Contracts Manager, P-3), beginning in 2021;

XI

Progress on 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, section VI of its resolution [70/248](#) B of 1 April 2016, section V of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section X of its resolution [73/279](#) A and section XI of its resolution [74/263](#),

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;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, 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 its continued efforts in supporting and facilitating the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant regulations and rules of the Organization, and to provide detailed information on the matter in the context of his next progress report;
6. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that its objectives are achieved within the scope, budget and timeline approved by the General Assembly;
7. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;
8. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee, requests the Secretary-General to closely monitor and mitigate all project risks and take all measures necessary to ensure the delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline, as approved by the General Assembly, and also requests the Secretary-General to include information on risk management and mitigation measures taken in his next progress report;
9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that the project delivers renovation works that conform to relevant building codes and standards, including provisions for persons with disabilities concerning accessibility, technology and workplace safety;
10. *Takes note* of paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
11. *Recalls* paragraph 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide more detailed information regarding the seismic mitigation measures in his future reports on the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;
12. *Also recalls* paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee, welcomes the planned renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as a sustainable and energy-efficient building where the total amount of energy used by the building on an annual basis is equal to or less than the amount of renewable energy generated on site;
13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the annual review of the role and funding ratio of the position of Project Coordinator (P-3) jointly funded by the

²³ A/75/347.

²⁴ A/75/7/Add.11.

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and to provide detailed information in his next report;

14. *Appropriates* an amount of 1,583,000 dollars for the project in 2021, comprising 158,500 dollars under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 1,424,500 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2021, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

XII

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, section IV of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XIII of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section VII of its resolution [73/279](#) A and section XII of its resolution [74/263](#),

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;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Thailand, as the host country, for its continued efforts in supporting and facilitating the work of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;
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 to engage with the host country in this regard;
5. *Reiterates its request* to 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 his next progress report;
6. *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;
7. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;
8. *Recalls* paragraph 7 of section XII of its resolution [74/263](#), and requests the Secretary-General to incorporate, in the next progress report, best practices, strategies and lessons learned, and to continue to draw from experience and knowledge acquired from other capital projects to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within budget and in a timely manner;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take into account lessons learned and best practices from past construction and renovation projects and, in particular, to draw from experience and knowledge acquired from other capital projects;

²⁵ [A/75/235](#).

²⁶ [A/75/7/Add.10](#).

10. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to proactively monitor and mitigate all project risks, to take all measures necessary to ensure the delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline approved by the General Assembly and to include in his next progress report an update on risk management and related mitigation measures;

11. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Secretary-General to ensure that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific building is compliant with relevant building standards and best practices for persons with disabilities, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an update on relevant progress made in his next report;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

13. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include the use of local materials, labour and expertise throughout the implementation of the construction project, as appropriate;

14. *Appropriates* an amount of 6,321,600 dollars for project activities in 2021, comprising 1,083,800 dollars under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, and 5,237,800 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2021, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

XIII

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 of 9 April 2014, section VII of its resolution [69/274](#) A, section XVI of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XI of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section VI of its resolution [73/279](#) A and section IX of its resolution [74/263](#),

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁸

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

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

3. *Approves* the continuation of two temporary positions (1 P-5 and 1 General Service (Other level)) for the project team in 2021 for six months;

4. *Appropriates* an amount of 145,700 dollars for the project costs under section 29B, Department of Operational Support, of the proposed programme budget for 2021, for project supervision and management for a period of up to six months, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

XIV

Progress on the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Recalling section XIV of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section IX of its resolution [73/279](#) A and section XIII of its resolution [74/263](#),

²⁷ [A/75/342](#).

²⁸ [A/75/7/Add.13](#).

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, 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 for 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 Office;
5. *Reiterates its request* to 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 his next progress report;
6. *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 the approved budget and time schedule;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Global Asset Management Policy Service, to take into account lessons learned and best practices from similar past United Nations construction and renovation projects in the planning, design and implementation of the proposed replacement of office blocks A to J;
8. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;
9. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to make every effort in implementing measures against slippages in the timeline of the project, and to mitigate their potential impact on project costs and completion time;
10. *Takes note* of paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
11. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of section XIII of its resolution [74/263](#), and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General for an updated proposal, including refined information on the full scope, maximum overall cost and implementation strategy;
12. *Also recalls* paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to also provide complete details of potential cost-sharing arrangements regarding design, construction, project management and operational costs with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organization for Migration in the context of the next progress report;
13. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge, technology, material and capacity, in particular the use of materials available and/or manufactured locally throughout the implementation of the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, as appropriate;
14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to incorporate the envisaged renewable energy efficiency measures, wastewater treatment, solid waste management and water

²⁹ [A/75/331](#).

³⁰ [A/75/7/Add.16](#).

management into the design and construction of the United Nations Office at Nairobi project on office blocks A to J, including lessons learned from other construction projects;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure conformity with relevant building codes and standards, as well as best practices for persons with disabilities, in the design, construction and renovation of United Nations Office at Nairobi facilities;

16. *Appropriates* an amount of 7,974,500 dollars, comprising 765,600 dollars under section 29G, Administration, Nairobi, 7,157,300 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and 51,600 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for 2021, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

XV

Global service delivery model for the United Nations Secretariat

Recalling section III of its resolution [67/246](#), paragraph 13 of section VII of its resolution [69/262](#), paragraph 19 of its resolution [69/273](#), section XIX of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section XVII of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section IV of its resolution [72/262](#) C of 5 July 2018 and its resolution [74/296](#) of 13 July 2020,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³²

Decides to keep the question of the global service delivery model under review and to revert on the status of the above-mentioned reports at the main part of its seventy-sixth session;³³

XVI

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](#), section I of its resolution [67/246](#), section VII of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section III of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section VIII of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section III of its resolution [73/279](#) A and section VI of its resolution [74/263](#),

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 Leone³⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone;
4. *Welcomes* the in-kind multiform support provided by the Government of Sierra Leone to the Residual Special Court, including the provision of rent-free office space;

³¹ [A/73/706](#).

³² [A/73/791](#).

³³ Postponement of the decision on whether the reports should continue to be considered, whether the General Assembly should request the Secretary-General to submit a new, updated or revised report or whether no action should be taken on the reports.

³⁴ [A/75/343](#).

³⁵ [A/75/7/Add.20](#).

5. *Also welcomes* the support provided by several countries, including voluntary contributions, pro bono annual audit of the Residual Special Court and in-kind support in enforcing sentences, relocating witnesses, housing the archives of the Residual Special Court and hosting fundraising activities;

6. *Encourages* all Member States to provide voluntary support for the Residual Special Court;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 2,537,000 dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Residual Special Court for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of his next report;

XVII International Trade Centre

Recalling its resolution [75/252](#) of 31 December 2020 on questions relating to the proposed programme budget for 2021;

Approves resources in the amount of 20,641,500 dollars (the United Nations share equivalent to 50 per cent of 36,996,100 Swiss francs at the exchange rate of 0.896 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for 2021 under section 13, International Trade Centre, of the proposed programme budget for 2021;

XVIII

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

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General³⁶ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,³⁷

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;

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

3. *Approves* the budgets in the amount of 728,212,200 dollars for the 40 continuing special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, and an amount of 1,412,400 dollars for the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for 2021;

4. *Appropriates*, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution [41/213](#) of 19 December 1986, an additional amount of 34,070,400 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2021, for the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan;

5. *Also appropriates* the related staff assessment portion in the amount of 1,944,200 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2021;

³⁶ [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.2](#), [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.3](#), [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#), [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.5](#), [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#), [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6/Corr.1](#) and [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.7](#).

³⁷ [A/75/7/Add.2](#), [A/75/7/Add.3](#), [A/75/7/Add.4](#), [A/75/7/Add.5](#), [A/75/7/Add.6](#), [A/75/7/Add.7](#) and [A/75/7/Add.8](#).

XIX

Revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for 2021 under section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and section 36, Staff assessment, for the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³⁹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Reaffirms* that the development of Africa is an established priority of the United Nations, and recalls its commitment to address the unique needs of Africa;
4. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and stresses that while it is the prerogative of the General Assembly to consider and approve proposals, reaffirms that the Committee for Programme and Coordination is mandated to review the plan outline and programme plan of the proposed programme budget and to make recommendations thereon to the Assembly;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee, for its consideration, a revised proposal with programmatic narratives and structure of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, during its seventy-sixth session;

XX

Request for a subvention to 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, section II of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section IX of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section IV of its resolution [73/279](#) A and section V of its resolution [74/263](#),

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions for the present resolution;
3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia;
4. *Notes with appreciation* the sustained contributions of the Government of Cambodia, as the host country, for the Extraordinary Chambers;
5. *Encourages* the Extraordinary Chambers to continue adopting appropriate measures for achieving operational savings and efficiencies, and to properly complete the judicial mandate in a transparent, accountable and cost-effective manner;
6. *Notes* the steps taken by the Secretary-General to develop a framework for the completion of the work of the Extraordinary Chambers and the identification of

³⁸ [A/75/541](#).

³⁹ [A/75/7/Add.23](#).

⁴⁰ [A/75/242](#).

⁴¹ [A/75/7/Add.19](#).

possible residual functions, and requests the Secretary-General to expedite the finalization of the framework;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his intensive efforts to obtain additional voluntary contributions, including by broadening the donor base;

8. *Encourages* all Member States to provide continuing and additional voluntary support for both the international and national components of the Extraordinary Chambers in support of the expeditious completion of the mandate of the Chambers;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide additional and detailed information on the final expenditures and unencumbered balance, as well as its return to Member States, in the context of the financial performance report on the programme budget for 2020 during the main part of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to conduct a review of the proposed change in the terms and conditions of international judges of the Extraordinary Chambers and to report thereon in his next report;

11. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, as an exceptional measure, to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 7 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 2021, so as to enable the 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;

XXI

Gross jointly financed budget of the Joint Inspection Unit

Approves the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2021 in the amount of 7,512,000 dollars;

XXII

Gross jointly financed budget of the International Civil Service Commission

Approves the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for 2021 in the amount of 10,311,800 dollars;

XXIII

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 2021 in the amount of 3,572,400 dollars;

XXIV

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 2021 in the amount of 153,908,400 dollars, broken down as follows:

(a) Field Security Operations: 138,264,000 dollars;

(b) Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 15,644,400 dollars;

XXV**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 inflation⁴² and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴³

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

XXVI**Contingency fund**

1. *Decides* that the contingency fund for the year 2021 shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2020, namely at 23,053,700 dollars;

2. *Notes* that, after a charge of 22,400,500 dollars, a balance of 653,200 dollars remains in the contingency fund for 2021;

3. *Decides* that the contingency fund for the year 2022 shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2021.

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31 December 2020*

⁴² A/75/638.

⁴³ A/75/7/Add.33.