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**Proposed programme budget for 2026**

**Draft resolution submitted by the Chair of the Committee following  
informal consultations**

## **Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for 2026**

The General Assembly,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 45/248 B, section VI, of 21 December 1990, 55/231 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 58/269 and 58/270 of 23 December 2003, 59/276, section XI, of 23 December 2004, 60/283 of 7 July 2006, 61/263 of 4 April 2007, 62/236 of 22 December 2007, 63/262 of 24 December 2008, 64/243 of 24 December 2009, 65/259 of 24 December 2010, 66/246 of 24 December 2011, 68/246 of 27 December 2013, 70/247 of 23 December 2015, 72/261 and 72/266 A of 24 December 2017, 72/266 B of 5 July 2018, 73/281 of 22 December 2018, 74/262 of 27 December 2019, 75/252 of 31 December 2020, 76/245 of 24 December 2021, 76/271 of 29 June 2022, 77/262 and 77/267 of 30 December 2022, 77/253 B of 30 June 2023, 78/242 A, 78/252, 78/253 and 78/257 of 22 December 2023, 79/245 A, 79/257 and 79/258 A of 24 December 2024 and 79/258 B of 11 April 2025,

*Reaffirming also* the respective mandates of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

*Reaffirming further* the role of the General Assembly, through the Fifth Committee, in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources, as well as of human resources policies,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for 2026,<sup>1</sup> on the revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for 2026 and the support account for peacekeeping operations for the 2025/26 period,<sup>2</sup> on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account: fourteenth progress report,<sup>3</sup> on strengthening the effectiveness and impact of

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<sup>1</sup> A/80/6 (Foreword and introduction), sects. 1–23, sect. 24 and corrigendum, sects 25–36 and income sects. 1–3.

<sup>2</sup> Relevant parts of A/80/400.

<sup>3</sup> A/80/92.



the Development Account<sup>4</sup> and on strengthening the effectiveness of the regular programme of technical cooperation,<sup>5</sup> the reports of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on internal oversight: proposed programme budget for 2026 and internal oversight: revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for 2026 and the support account for peacekeeping operations for the 2025/26 period<sup>6</sup> and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>7</sup>

*Having also considered* the notes by the Secretary-General drawing attention to the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit,<sup>8</sup> as well as the comments of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations System Chief Executive Board for Coordination thereon,<sup>9</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;
2. *Also reaffirms* the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;<sup>10</sup>
3. *Further reaffirms* the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;<sup>11</sup>
4. *Reaffirms* its resolution 80/\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025;
5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee of Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
6. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirms the role of the Fifth Committee in carrying out a thorough analysis and approving human and financial resources and policies, with a view to ensuring full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;
7. *Stresses* that finance serves as a foundation of and an important element underpinning United Nations governance;
8. *Recalls* its resolution 79/318 of 18 July 2025 on the UN80 Initiative, and welcomes the efforts of the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations through structural and programmatic realignment to address duplication, reduce overlap, enhance transparency, strengthen mandate delivery and make the Organization more efficient, effective, impactful and fit for purpose for the people it serves;
9. *Notes* the interconnected nature of the three workstreams of the UN80 Initiative, which seek operational efficiencies and improvements, review of mandate implementation and structural and programmatic realignment of the Organization, stresses in this regard the importance of ensuring close coordination and coherence among the three workstreams so that their outcomes continue to be ambitious and mutually reinforcing and contribute to a comprehensive, accountable, transparent and

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<sup>4</sup> A/80/112.

<sup>5</sup> A/80/153.

<sup>6</sup> A/80/90 and A/80/90/Add.1.

<sup>7</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/80/7) and A/80/7/Add.9, A/80/7/Add.2 and A/80/7/Add.3.

<sup>8</sup> A/80/264, on budgeting in organizations of the United Nations system, and A/80/263, on the review of the implementation of the principle of mutual recognition within the United Nations system.

<sup>9</sup> A/80/264/Add.1 and A/80/263/Add.1.

<sup>10</sup> ST/SGB/2018/3.

<sup>11</sup> ST/SGB/2013/4 and ST/SGB/2013/4/Amend.1.

integrated reform process, and looks forward to tangible outcomes and proposals presented to Member States in 2026 and 2027;

10. *Recalls* paragraphs 4, 6 and 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>12</sup> stresses that the UN80 Initiative requires going beyond a one-time reform exercise to also incorporate continuous efforts to ensure long-term effective and efficient mandate delivery across all three pillars of the work of the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to pursue synergies to achieve greater efficiency in the management of resources and to report on the outcome of such efforts in his next budget submission;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to follow the legislative framework, as agreed by Member States, and the established procedural steps applicable to proposals presented as part of the UN80 Initiative;

12. *Recognizes* the need for indicators for providing quantifiable information on entities' efforts to drive a culture of efficiency and cost-effectiveness, and requests the Secretary-General to include, in future proposed programme budgets, quantitative indicators on entities' cost efficiency measures and an analysis of their effectiveness;

13. *Also recognizes* the need to analyse the impact, costs and benefits of the Secretary-General's reform efforts, and requests the Secretary-General to include, in his future proposed programme budgets, the impact of changes on mandate implementation and performance;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of its resolution [79/257](#), and requests the Secretary-General to continue applying zero-based budgeting in order to end the high degree of automaticity in future budget preparation and match the proposed requirements with programmes whose mandates are still valid;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to maintain the momentum of the UN80 Initiative, continue to identify efficiencies in how each Secretariat entity can enhance the overall effectiveness of the Organization and strengthen budget discipline, by absorbing the resource implications of new mandates within existing resources, where appropriate;

16. *Recalls* paragraph 44 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>13</sup> emphasizes the importance of the rejuvenation of the Secretariat, requests the Secretary-General to include proposals for programmatic realignments and structural changes, including with the aim to reduce or reclassify the overall number of Under-Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary-General, D-2 and D-1 posts markedly in the context of the UN80 Initiative, in the proposed programme budget for 2028;

17. *Also recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>14</sup> reaffirms paragraphs 19 and 64 of its resolution [79/257](#), stresses that the implementation of the UN80 Initiative should be supported by a coordinated approach to organizational transformation across the various entities of the Organization, and underscores that internal control and accountability are central principles of management reform, and the importance of strengthening a culture of accountability through the relevant internal oversight and control mechanisms to ensure effective, accountable and transparent delivery of reforms;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure effective and efficient utilization of available existing resources and programme delivery by senior managers and programme managers, including through clearly defined results-based performance indicators and benchmarks that provide feedback to senior managers and programme managers and drive improvements on the delivery of mandates;

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<sup>12</sup> [A/80/7/Add.9](#).

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid.

19. *Recalls* paragraph 74 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>15</sup> encourages continued work on improving administrative and operational effectiveness of the Secretariat, including in coordination with other United Nations system entities, and looks forward to receiving proposals on restructuring Secretariat operations;

20. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's proposals on the consolidation and streamlining of support services and structures across the Secretariat, encourages the implementation of such measures to achieve both immediate and long-term financial savings and to foster a more integrated flexible and resilient approach to service delivery, and looks forward to additional proposals from the next phase of work on the proposed programme budget for 2027, while taking into account the different sizes, complexities and operational environments of Secretariat entities;

21. *Recalls* paragraph 71 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>16</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to operate under a common approach to scalability for transactional services, including those provided under common administrative platforms, that aligns service demand and related staffing requirements with workload indicators, including variables related to productivity and differences in funding sources;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to achieve transparency and improve the accuracy, comprehensiveness and analysability of the budgetary data, refine the presentation of the proposed programme budget, and to provide complete, clear, comparable and transparent financial data to the General Assembly, including both gross and net requirements, and preliminary cost estimates that are available for the respective year at the time of publication of the proposed programme budget, such as, *inter alia*, total construction and total recosting estimates, so as to give clarity on the real growth of the budget request to enable Member States to make well-informed decisions;

23. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of its resolution [79/257](#), and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to provide accurate, adequate and dynamic information related to administrative, budgetary and human resources matters to Member States through the Umoja portal and to continue to enhance Member States' access to the Umoja system;

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General to update the search and retrieval tools within the e-deleGATE platform to enable Member States to search using keywords across documents and enhance efforts to preserve institutional knowledge;

25. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to consider and implement options to improve the ease of access to e-deleGATE through multi-factor authentication for delegates;

26. *Recalls* paragraph 80 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>17</sup> notes that proposals for relocations should ensure better and more integrated mandate delivery across all aspects of the Organization's work and contribute to its strategic objectives, while eliminating duplication and saving costs, and emphasizes that all current and future relocation proposals shall be based on functional assessments, including proximity to operations and field presence, demonstrating where work can be delivered most cost-efficiently, and that these assessments shall be provided to Member States;

27. *Also recalls* paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>18</sup> further recalls that multilingualism is a core and fundamental value of the

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<sup>15</sup> Ibid.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid.

Organization, and emphasizes the critical importance of the UN80 Initiative being leveraged to guarantee its full, effective and efficient implementation;

28. *Further recalls* paragraph VII.22 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>19</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the equal and adequate treatment of all six official languages and to provide an update thereon in his next budget submission;

29. *Recalls* paragraph I.70 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>20</sup> notes current challenges in ensuring full and uninterrupted conference management because of the liquidity situation of the Organization, and encourages the Secretary-General to make additional efforts to provide conference management to meetings contained in the calendar of conferences of the United Nations for 2026 and approved by the General Assembly;

30. *Urges* all Member States to fulfil their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions;

31. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to facilitate Member States' payments of their contributions, including in cases when there are circumstances beyond their control in making payments;

32. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to meaningfully engage with Member States in the budget preparation process with respect to the implementation of the recent General Assembly resolutions on budgetary matters and the presentation format of the proposed programme budget;

33. *Stresses* that results-based budgeting and results-based management are mutually supportive management tools and that improved implementation of results-based budgeting enhances both management and accountability in the Secretariat, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to improve the presentation of the proposed programme budget and ensure that resources are clearly linked to a results-based budgeting framework and reflect existing mandates and the measures to achieve them;

34. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of its resolution [79/257](#), underscores that long-term reform can only be achieved through building a culture of efficiency, cost-effectiveness and transparency throughout the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to conduct and strengthen spending reviews;

35. *Also recalls* paragraph 10 of annex I to its resolution [41/213](#) and paragraph 29 of its resolution [79/257](#), reiterates the need for a comprehensive solution to the problem of additional expenditures derived from inflation and currency fluctuation, decides not to recast the proposed programme budget as from 2027, pending the comprehensive review of the annual programme budget cycle at the eighty-third session;

36. *Reaffirms* the terms of financial regulation 2.10 and rule 153 of its rules of procedure, urges the Secretary-General to ensure that information is provided in a timely manner and before the adoption of a resolution involving expenditure at the General Assembly and as required, with regard to potential programme budget implications arising from resolutions of the Main Committees or the plenary of the Assembly, including upon request by Member States before the issuance of oral statements on any negotiating text under consideration, as well as from initiatives discussed in subsidiary organs, in order to enable a fully informed decision-making process;

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<sup>19</sup> Ibid.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid.

37. *Recalls* paragraph 49 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>21</sup> notes that a significant number of P-2 posts have been subject to reductions under the reform, and requests the Secretary-General to safeguard opportunities for early-career recruitment so as to ensure an open and accessible pathway for highly qualified young and junior professionals;

38. *Decides* that staff members downsized as a result of the UN80 Initiative shall be screened for suitability for vacant posts and positions equally with other internal and external applicants;

39. *Recalls* paragraph 56 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>22</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the downsizing policy under the agenda item on human resources management, including its impact on staff composition;

40. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to propose cost-saving proposals for post resources involving the abolition and establishment of posts as a package within a budget section, where appropriate and if applicable;

41. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to review how to effectively utilize remaining vacant posts and to report the results of the review by proposing either their retention with clear justification of need, the changing of posts or their abolition, as appropriate, in his next proposed programme budget;

42. *Stresses* the importance of using realistic and consistent vacancy rate assumptions when formulating post resources budget requests;

43. *Decides* that the staffing table for 2026 shall be as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

44. *Also decides* that a vacancy rate of 10.3 per cent for Professional staff and 4.9 per cent for General Service staff shall be used as a basis for the calculation of the budget for 2026;

45. *Further decides* to further reduce non-post resources under travel of staff by \$3,800,000 United States dollars;

46. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of its resolution [79/257](#) and decides to further reduce the recosting amount by \$8,400,000;

## **Part I**

### **Overall policymaking, direction and coordination**

#### **Section 1**

##### **Overall policymaking, direction and coordination**

47. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore synergies among entities under section 1 to enhance efficiencies in the effective implementation of their specific mandates, and provide an update in the next proposed programme budget;

48. *Recalls* paragraph I.5 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>23</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to avoid the proliferation of high-level posts in the Organization by integrating functions arising from new and expanded mandates into existing positions, including through double-hatting arrangements, in close consultation with Member States;

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<sup>21</sup> Ibid.

<sup>22</sup> Ibid.

<sup>23</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/80/7).*

49. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to include in its reports a concise summary of the budgetary impact and the financial implications of its recommendations;

50. *Recalls* paragraphs 3 and 4 of section XVIII of its resolution [79/258 A](#) on the decision to provide sufficient funding for the resident coordinator system, looks forward to receiving the refined comprehensive report at the eighty-first session, notes the need to align this process with the UN80 Initiative, and decides to authorize the Secretary-General, exceptionally and without creating a precedent, to enter into commitments with assessment not exceeding 53 million dollars for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2026, in accordance with United Nations financial rules and regulations, to support the funding of the resident coordinator system and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of the performance and budget reports;

51. *Decides* against the establishment of the P-2 Associate Programme Management Officer in the Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies;

52. *Takes note* of paragraph I.42 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>24</sup> and decides against the abolishment of the Chief Data Protection and Privacy Officer (D-1);

## **Section 2**

### **General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management**

53. *Recognizes* the budgetary and operational factors influencing the provision of the interpretation and translation services provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to address these challenges and engage with Member States and receive feedback on opportunities to enhance the quality and effectiveness of these services;

54. *Recalls* paragraphs I.56, I.60 and I.61 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>25</sup> decides to increase the workload standards by 20 per cent for all language staff, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly in the context of future budget proposals;

55. *Decides* not to abolish one post of Editorial and Desktop Publishing Assistant, Russian (G-5) (General Service (Other level)), in the Russian Text-Processing Unit of the Russian Translation Service, Documentation Division, of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, New York (vacant);

## **Part II**

### **Political affairs**

#### **Section 3**

##### **Political affairs**

56. *Recalls* its resolution [78/257](#), and reaffirms that the Peacebuilding Fund should be managed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

57. *Decides* against the abolishment of one encumbered P-3 post (Political affairs) (subprogramme 1, Prevention, management and resolution of conflicts); and one encumbered General Service post (subprogramme 3, Security Council affairs) (Social affairs);

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<sup>24</sup> [A/80/7/Add.9](#).

<sup>25</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 7* ([A/80/7](#)).

58. *Also decides* against the abolition of the Senior Political Affairs Officer, P-5 (subprogramme 2), in the Electoral Assistance Division;

59. *Further decides* not to abolish one D-1 post of Chief, Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch;

60. *Decides* not to abolish one P-3 Political Affairs Officer, Liaison Team, in Nairobi, under subprogramme 1;

#### **Section 4 Disarmament**

61. *Takes note* of paragraph II.107 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>26</sup> and approves the proposed redeployment of posts to Vienna;

#### **Section 5 Peacekeeping operations**

62. *Decides* to maintain and redeploy the post of Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions as the Assistant Secretary-General post in the Office for Mine Action and Police reporting directly to the Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations and responsible for overseeing the operations of the Police Division and the Mine Action Service and undertaking other functions for the Under-Secretary-General;

#### **Section 6 Peaceful uses of outer space**

63. *Takes note* of paragraph II.172 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>27</sup> decides to abolish the P-2 Associate Scientific Affairs Officer, and further decides against the abolishment of the P-3 Political Affairs Officer;

### **Part IV International cooperation for development**

#### **Section 9 Economic and social affairs**

64. *Decides* against the abolishment of one D-1 post in subprogramme 4, Statistics;

65. *Recalls* paragraph IV.15 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>28</sup> and further decides not to approve the proposed abolishment of three P-2/1 posts (vacant);

66. *Decides* not to abolish one Economic Affairs Officer (P-5) in subprogramme 9;

67. *Also decides* not to abolish the vacant P-4 Geospatial Information Officer in subprogramme 4 that supports the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management as the secretariat;

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<sup>26</sup> A/80/7/Add.9.

<sup>27</sup> Ibid.

<sup>28</sup> Ibid.

**Section 11****United Nations system support for the African Union's Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want**

68. *Recalls* that the development of Africa is an established priority of the United Nations, and reaffirms its commitment to addressing the unique needs of Africa;

**Section 14****Environment**

69. *Takes note* of paragraph IV.93 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>29</sup> and decides to relocate the P-5 Senior Programme Management Officer from Washington, D.C., to Paris;

**Section 16****International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice**

70. *Recalls* paragraph IV.135 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>30</sup> and decides to abolish the Associate Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer (P-2) post under subprogramme 3, and the Associate Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer (P-2) post under subprogramme 9;

**Section 17****UN-Women**

71. *Decides* against the abolishment of one D-1 Chief of Economic Empowerment, subprogramme 2;

**Part V****Regional cooperation for development****Section 18****Economic and social development in Africa**

72. *Decides* against the abolishment of two Local level/Security Service encumbered posts in programme support;

**Section 19****Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific**

73. *Recalls* paragraphs V.39 (j) and V.45 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>31</sup> and decides not to abolish one P-5 post of Senior Economic Affairs Officer, in the Subregional Office for North and Central Asia in Almaty, Kazakhstan;

74. *Decides* not to approve the proposed abolishment of one P-3 post of Translator, Chinese (encumbered);

**Section 21****Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean**

75. *Decides* not to abolish one Economic Affairs Officer (P-3) in subprogramme 11, Subregional activities in Central America, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Mexico;

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<sup>29</sup> Ibid.

<sup>30</sup> Ibid.

<sup>31</sup> Ibid.

76. *Also decides* not to abolish one Economic Affairs Officer (P-4) in subprogramme 12, Subregional activities in the Caribbean;

### **Section 23 Regular programme of technical cooperation**

77. *Takes note* of paragraphs 11 and 27 of the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>32</sup>

### **Part VII Global communications**

#### **Section 28 Global communications**

78. *Recalls* paragraph 62 of its resolution [79/257](#) and paragraph VII.4 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>33</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to complete the independent and impartial review of the Department of Global Communications by the end of 2026 without any further delay, reiterates that the review itself should be within existing resources and be aimed at achieving greater efficiency gains, and also requests the Secretary-General to provide the outcome of the review for the consideration of the General Assembly at the main part of its eighty-first session in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2027;

79. *Also recalls* paragraph VII.10 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>34</sup> and looks forward to proposals on the restructuring of the Department of Global Communications, at both the Headquarters and regional levels, including United Nations information centres, in the next proposed programme budget;

80. *Takes note* of paragraph VII.23 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>35</sup> and approves the proposed redeployment of posts to Vienna and Nairobi;

81. *Decides* not to abolish one G-6, General Service (Other level) post of Communications Assistant, Russian Unit, Web Services Section, News and Media Division (subprogramme 2) (encumbered);

82. *Also decides* not to abolish the following posts under subprogramme 2:
- One P-3 Public Information Officer (Arabic);
  - One P-3 Public Information Officer (Chinese);
  - One P-3 Public Information Officer (Russian);

### **Part VIII Common support services**

#### **Section 29A Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance**

83. *Recalls* paragraph VIII.8 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>36</sup> and further requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to provide adequate, accurate and timely supplementary information to the General Assembly in order to

<sup>32</sup> [A/80/7/Add.3](#).

<sup>33</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 7* ([A/80/7](#)).

<sup>34</sup> [A/80/7/Add.9](#).

<sup>35</sup> Ibid.

<sup>36</sup> Ibid.

enhance transparency and efficiency of deliberations regarding the information available prior to the formal meeting of each agenda item;

84. *Welcomes with appreciation* the existing practice of informal sharing of consultants' reports on management-related issues by the Secretary-General with Member States, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue this practice;

85. *Takes note* of paragraphs VIII.20 and VIII.21 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>37</sup> and decides to approve the proposed redeployments to Bonn;

### **Section 29B Department of Operational Support**

86. *Recalls* paragraph VIII.35 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>38</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to propose further options to consolidate the Organization's support functions, including through enhanced use of common administrative platforms, in his next budget report;

87. *Also recalls* paragraph VIII.63 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>39</sup> and requests the Secretary-General to incorporate the views of client entities at the design stage of common administrative platforms and to conduct client-based performance assessments once implemented to ensure that common administrative platforms remain responsive, add value and are fit for purpose, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

88. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.60 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>40</sup> decides against the abolishment of two D-1 posts at this time, and requests the Secretary General to review the necessity of these posts in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2028;

### **Section 29C Office of Information and Communications Technology**

89. *Recalls* paragraphs VIII.74<sup>41</sup> and VIII.96<sup>42</sup> of the reports of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to enhance functional reporting between the information and communications technology Chiefs of United Nations entities and the Office of Information and Communications Technology, in a manner that complements and fully respects existing reporting mechanisms, and avoiding the creation of parallel or isolated structures, and update the General Assembly in the context of its next report on the information and communications technology strategy;

90. *Also recalls* paragraph VIII.82 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>43</sup> reaffirms the importance of increasing transparency and clarity of information and communications technology expenditure, and therefore requests the Secretary-General to provide consolidated information on information and communications technology budgets and expenditures, including the intention to utilize information and communications technology resources more efficiently, to the General Assembly during its next session;

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<sup>37</sup> Ibid.

<sup>38</sup> Ibid.

<sup>39</sup> Ibid.

<sup>40</sup> Ibid.

<sup>41</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/80/7).*

<sup>42</sup> *A/80/7/Add.9.*

<sup>43</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/80/7).*

91. *Further recalls* paragraph VIII.61 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>44</sup> reiterates the need for a holistic vision for the future use of data centres and cloud services across the Organization, and invites the Secretary-General to provide information on possible consolidation measures for existing data centres and the potential cost-efficiencies available in the proposed programme budget for 2027;

**Section 29D**  
**Administration, Nairobi**

92. *Decides* to retain two General Service positions under subprogramme 3, Support services;

**Part X**  
**Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses**

**Section 32**  
**Special expenses**

93. *Decides* to authorize a commitment authority without assessment on Member States in an amount not exceeding 52,611,600 dollars under section 32, Special expenses, to support one-time costs in 2026, which enables the implementation of post abolitions and post relocations, including for special political missions, and all the temporary posts proposed by the Secretary-General for transitional capacities;

94. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep to an absolute minimum the amount required from the one-time commitment authority, and emphasizes that the commitment authority shall not require any additional assessments from Member States;

**Part XI**  
**Capital expenditures**

**Section 33**  
**Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance**

95. *Decides* to reduce resources for the United Nations Office at Geneva by 1,247,400 dollars;

96. *Also decides* to reduce resources for Headquarters by 4,102,100 dollars;

**Part XII**  
**Safety and security**

**Section 34**  
**Safety and security**

97. *Approves* the Secretariat's share in the jointly financed security budget, and encourages the Secretary-General to ensure that the Department of Safety and Security is implementing structural, operational and functional efficiencies within its budget while safeguarding its mandated functions;

98. *Emphasizes* the strategic and cross-departmental nature of the Emergency Response Team and Operational Resilience Section established in 2024, and decides not to approve the redeployment of the Team and Section, with all 17 posts, from executive direction and management to subprogramme 2, Field operations;

99. *Recalls* paragraph XII.12 of the report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>45</sup> and stresses the importance of operational fitness of uniformed personnel;

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<sup>44</sup> Ibid.

<sup>45</sup> A/80/7/Add.9.

**Part XIII**  
**Development Account**

**Section 35**  
**Development account**

100. *Takes note* of paragraphs 17 and 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee;<sup>46</sup>

**Part XIV**  
**Staff assessment**

**Income section 2**  
**General income**

101. *Notes with concern* the significant variance between the general income and the approved estimates in 2024, and requests the Secretary-General to take measures to present more accurate income estimates in his reports;

102. *Decides* to increase the interest income under income section 2 by 3,000,000 dollars.

**Annex**  
**Staffing table for 2026**

Category	Number of posts (excluding special political missions)	Number of posts (special political missions) <sup>a</sup>	Total
<i>Expenditure sections</i>			
<b>Professional and higher</b>			
Deputy Secretary-General	1	–	1
Under-Secretary-General	39	17	56
Assistant Secretary-General	34	14	48
D-2	115	5	120
D-1	302	45	347
P-5	861	132	993
P-4	1 573	298	1 871
P-3	1 448	238	1 686
P-2/1	529	17	546
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4 902</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>5 668</b>
<b>General Service</b>			
Principal level	244	1	245
Other level	1 842	33	1 875
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2 086</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2 120</b>
<b>Other</b>			
Security Service	247	–	247
Local level	1 644	1 015	2 659
Field Service	93	461	554

<sup>46</sup> A/80/7/Add.2.

Category	Number of posts (excluding special political missions)	Number of posts (special political missions) <sup>a</sup>	Total
National Professional Officer	120 <sup>a</sup>	364	484
Trades and Crafts	79	—	79
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2 183</b>	<b>1 840</b>	<b>4 023</b>
<b>Expenditure sections total</b>	<b>9 171</b>	<b>2 640</b>	<b>11 811</b>
<i>Income section 3</i>			
<b>Professional and higher</b>			
P-5	2	—	2
P-4	4	—	4
P-3	4	—	4
P-2/1	3	—	3
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>General Service</b>			
Principal level	7	—	7
Other level	42	—	42
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Other</b>			
Security Service	2	—	2
Local level	1	—	1
National Professional Officer	1	—	1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Income section 3 total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 237<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>2 640<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>11 877</b>

<sup>a</sup> Includes one National Professional Officer post in the Department of Global Communications established as of 1 February 2026.

<sup>b</sup> Includes 162 posts to be abolished in 2026 but later than 1 January (1 Under-Secretary-General, 6 D-1, 21 P-5, 22 P-4, 10 P-3, 4 P-2/1, 8 General Service (Principal level), 63 General Service (Other level), 1 Trades and Crafts, 21 Local level, 4 Field Service, 1 National Professional Officer). Excludes 33 temporary posts for transitional capacities which will be covered under a commitment authority pursuant to paragraph 93 of resolution 80/\_\_\_ and for which the details are reflected in A/80/400, table 8.

<sup>c</sup> Includes 396 posts to be abolished in 2026 but later than 1 January (1 Under-Secretary-General, 3 Assistant Secretary-General, 7 D-1, 23 P-5, 48 P-4, 29 P-3, 1 P-2/1, 108 Local level, 89 Field Service, 87 National Professional Officer).