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**Report of the Economic and Social Council****Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007****Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009**

## **Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007**

### **Seventeenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009**

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2007 (A/62/515). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarifications.

2. The Advisory Committee notes that the revised estimates relate to a series of Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions outlined in the report of the Secretary-General. As indicated therein, the expenditure requirements for the biennium 2006-2007 arising as a result of those resolutions and decisions are estimated at \$238,300, which could be absorbed within the resources provided under the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

3. With regard to the biennium 2008-2009, the Secretary-General indicates that additional requirements are estimated at \$14,205,700, of which an amount of \$84,400 would be absorbed within the provisions contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The balance of \$14,121,300 would therefore be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, including \$13,290,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$830,900 under section 23, Human rights. According to the Secretary-General, the total amount of \$14,121,300 would represent a charge against the contingency fund for



the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session. The Secretary-General further indicates that it is not possible at this stage to identify activities within sections 2 and 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 that could be deferred, curtailed or modified during that biennium to meet the additional requirements (A/62/515, para. 72). **The Advisory Committee has no objection to the approach proposed by the Secretary-General.**

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