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Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/247 A, appropriated an amount of \$3,798,912,500 for the programme budget for 2006-2007 and authorized the Secretary-General, under paragraph 3, to enter into expenditure of a first tranche, limited to \$950 million, as an exceptional measure. Further, the Assembly decided that "in order to ensure the availability of resources for programme delivery, [it] will act in response to a request from the Secretary-General, at an appropriate time, for expenditure of the remaining funds".

2. In view of the level of authorized expenditure and related charges against the provisions, it is the view of the Secretary-General that the time has now come to request that authorization be granted for entry into expenditure above \$950 million and up to the level of \$3,798,912,500 as appropriated by the Assembly in it resolution 60/247 A.

3. Accordingly, it is recommended that the General Assembly adopt a decision along the following lines:

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General issued pursuant to paragraph 3 of its resolution 60/247 A, decides to authorize expenditure of the remaining funds appropriated in that resolution.

