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## I. Introduction

The present document, which is an addendum to the annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-third regular session of the General Assembly (A/73/100), is being issued in accordance with paragraph 17 (c) of annex II to Assembly resolution 2837 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971. The annotated draft agenda has been prepared on the basis of the provisional agenda of the seventy-third session (A/73/150, issued on 20 July 2018) and contains information relating to items 13, 31, 34 (a) and (b), 37, 41, 42, 44–50, 56, 68 (a) and (b), 88, 115, 118 (a), 121, 123–126 (a), 133, 135 (a) to (t) and 136 to 167.

## II. Annotated draft agenda

### A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

#### 13. 2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa

The item entitled “2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Africa” was included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly at the request of Togo (A/55/240 and A/55/240/Add.1). The Assembly had the item on its agenda at its fifty-fifth session and has had the item annually on its agenda since its fifty-seventh session (resolutions 55/284, 57/294, 58/237, 59/256, 60/221, 61/228, 62/180, 63/234, 64/79, 65/273, 66/289, 67/299, 68/308, 69/325, 70/300, 71/325 and 72/309).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the item in a joint debate, with the item entitled “New Partnership for Africa’s Development: progress in implementation and international support”, where statements were made by the President and 20 delegations (see A/72/PV.33). The Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director General of the World Health Organization and in consultation with Member States, to report to the Assembly at its seventy-third session on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 72/309).

*Document for the seventy-third session:* Note by the Secretary-General (resolution 72/309).

#### References for the seventy-second session (item 13)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director General of the World Health Organization (A/72/822)

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|------------------|---|
| Draft resolution | <a href="#">A/72/L.68</a> and <a href="#">A/72/L.68/Add.1</a> |
| Plenary meetings | <a href="#">A/72/PV.33</a> and 113                            |
| Resolution       | <a href="#">72/309</a>  |

## **B. Maintenance of international peace and security**

### **31. Report of the Security Council**

The Security Council submits an annual report to the General Assembly under Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter, and the Assembly considers the report in accordance with Article 15, paragraph 1. The Council's report is included in the provisional agenda of the Assembly pursuant to rule 13 (b) of the rules of procedure.

At its fifty-first session, the Assembly, under the item entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system", decided that the agenda item shall not be closed but shall remain open to enable further discussion as necessary during the year, bearing in mind, inter alia, the submission of additional reports as and when necessary (resolution [51/241](#)). The Assembly has had the item on its agenda since its first session (resolutions 37 (I), 115 (II), 269 (III), 298 (IV), 397 (V), 514 (VI), 695 (VII), 803 (VIII), 905 (IX), 993 (X), 1117 (XI), 1193 (XII), 1241 (XIII), 1377 (XIV), 1513 (XV), 1669 (XVI), 1800 (XVII), 1887 (XVIII), 2055 (XX), 2201 (XXI), 2283 (XXII), 2405 (XXIII), 2619 (XXIV), 2699 (XXV), 2864 (XXVI), 2991 (XXVII), 3186 (XXVIII), 3322 (XXIX), 3530 (XXX), [31/155](#), [32/149](#) and [51/193](#) and decisions 33/434, 34/442, 35/434, 36/438, 37/435, 38/424, 39/457, 40/418, 41/415, 42/414, 43/416, 44/424, 45/420, 46/424, 47/470, 48/407, 49/407, 50/409, 52/406, 53/409, 54/409, 55/406, 56/406, 57/507, 58/508, 59/506, 60/511, 61/519, 62/511, 63/515, 64/510, 65/510, 66/510, 67/512, 68/559, 69/512, 70/512, 71/555 and 72/563).

At the same session, the Assembly invited the Security Council, through an appropriate procedure or mechanism, to update the Assembly on a regular basis on the steps it had taken or was contemplating with respect to improving its reporting to the Assembly (resolution [51/193](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the item in a debate where statements were made by the President of the Security Council and two delegations (see [A/72/PV.114](#)). The Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council (decision 72/563).

*Document for the seventy-third session:* Report of the Security Council for 2018: Supplement No. 2 ([A/73/2](#)).

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 29)**

Report of the Security Council for 2017: Supplement No. 2 ([A/72/2](#))

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.114](#)

Decision 72/563

### **34. Prevention of armed conflict**

#### **(a) Prevention of armed conflict**

At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization", decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session a specific item entitled "Prevention of armed conflict" (resolution [57/337](#)). The Assembly has had the item on its agenda annually since its fifty-ninth session (resolutions [60/284](#), [61/293](#), [65/283](#), [66/253](#) A and B, [67/259](#), [67/262](#), [69/285](#), [69/293](#), [69/316](#), [71/130](#) and [71/248](#) and decisions 59/568, 62/554, 63/563, 64/563, 66/565, 70/561, 71/557 and 72/566).

At its seventy-first session, the Assembly decided to establish the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011 under the auspices of the United Nations to closely cooperate with the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic to collect, consolidate, preserve and analyse evidence of violations of international humanitarian law and human rights violations and abuses and to prepare files in order to facilitate and expedite fair and independent criminal proceedings, in accordance with international law standards, in national, regional or international courts or tribunals that have or may in the future have jurisdiction over these crimes, in accordance with international law; requested the Secretary-General, in that regard, to develop, within 20 working days of the adoption of the resolution, the terms of reference of the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism; requested the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the resolution within 45 days of its adoption, and decided to revisit the question of funding of the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism as soon as possible (resolution [71/248](#)). The Secretary-General developed the terms of reference as contained in his report ([A/71/755](#)), including that the Head of the Mechanism shall submit a report to the Assembly twice a year on the implementation of its mandate and set out its funding requirements, as appropriate, while preserving the confidential nature of its substantive work.

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly decided to include the item in the draft agenda of its seventy-third session (decision [72/566](#)).

*Document for the seventy-third session:* Note by the Secretary-General (resolution [71/248](#) and [A/71/755](#), annex).

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 34 (a))**

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011 ([A/72/764](#))

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.116](#)

Decision [72/566](#)

#### **(b) Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution**

At its sixty-fifth session, the General Assembly, under the item entitled “Prevention of armed conflict”, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session a sub-item entitled “Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution” (resolution [65/283](#)).

The Assembly has had the item on its agenda biennially since its sixty-sixth session (resolutions [66/291](#), [68/262](#), [68/303](#), [70/304](#) and [72/567](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly decided to include the item in the draft agenda of its seventy-third session (decision [72/567](#)).

No advance documentation is expected.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 34 (b))**

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations activities in support of mediation ([A/72/115](#))

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.116](#)

Decision 72/567

**37. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic**

The item entitled “Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic” was included in the agenda of the forty-first session of the General Assembly at the request of Brazil ([A/41/143](#) and [A/41/143/Corr.1](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda annually from its forty-first to fifty-sixth sessions and biennially from its fifty-eighth to sixty-ninth sessions and has had the item on its agenda annually since its seventieth session (resolutions [41/11](#), [42/16](#), [43/23](#), [44/20](#), [45/36](#), [46/19](#), [47/74](#), [48/23](#), [49/26](#), [50/18](#), [51/19](#), [52/14](#), [53/34](#), [54/35](#), [55/49](#), [56/7](#), [58/10](#), [61/294](#), [65/121](#), [67/266](#) and [69/322](#) and decisions [60/509](#), [70/562](#) and [71/558](#)).

At its fifty-fifth session, the Assembly, under the items entitled “Strengthening of the United Nations system” and “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, decided to consider the item at its fifty-sixth session and thereafter biennially (resolution [55/285](#)).

At its sixtieth session, the Assembly decided to: (a) defer consideration of the item to its sixty-first session; and (b) maintain biennial consideration of the item thereafter (decision [60/509](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly decided to include the item in the draft agenda of its seventy-third session (decision [72/568](#)).

No advance documentation is expected.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 36)**

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.116](#)

Decision 72/568

**41. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan**

The item entitled “The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan” was included in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly at the request of Azerbaijan and Turkey ([A/59/236](#) and [A/59/236/Add.1](#)). The Assembly has had the item on its agenda annually since its fifty-ninth session (resolutions [60/285](#) and [62/243](#) and decisions [59/571](#), [61/564](#), [63/569](#), [64/562](#), [65/552](#), [66/567](#), [67/565](#), [68/560](#), [69/561](#), [70/563](#) and [71/559](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the draft agenda of its seventy-third session (decision [72/569](#)).

No advance documentation is expected.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 40)**

|                 |                             |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Plenary meeting | <a href="#">A/72/PV.116</a> |
| Decision        | 72/569                      |

**42. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte**

The item entitled “Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte” was included in the agenda of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly at the request of Madagascar ([A/31/241](#)).

The Assembly had the item on its agenda at its thirty-first to fifty-ninth and sixty-third sessions (resolutions [31/4](#), [32/7](#), [34/69](#), [35/43](#), [36/105](#), [37/65](#), [38/13](#), [39/48](#), [40/62](#), [41/30](#), [42/17](#), [43/14](#), [44/9](#), [45/11](#), [46/9](#), [47/9](#), [48/56](#) and [49/18](#); and decisions [33/435](#), [50/493](#), [51/436](#), [52/435](#), [53/490](#), [54/439](#), [55/402](#), [56/454](#) and [63/559](#); see also decisions [58/503 A](#), [59/503 A](#) and [62/503 A](#)).

The Assembly has had the item on its agenda annually since its sixty-fourth session, on the understanding that there would be no consideration of the item by the Assembly until further notice (decisions [65/553](#), [66/568](#), [67/566](#), [68/561](#), [69/562](#), [70/564](#), [71/560](#) and [72/570](#); see also decisions [64/503 A](#), [65/503 A](#), [66/503 A](#), [67/503 A](#), [68/504 A](#), [69/504 A](#), [70/504 A](#), [71/504 A](#) and [72/504 A](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly decided to include the item in the draft agenda of its seventy-third session (decision [72/570](#)).

No advance documentation is expected.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 41)**

|                 |                             |
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| Plenary meeting | <a href="#">A/72/PV.116</a> |
| Decision        | 72/570                      |

**44. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development**

The item entitled “The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives” was included in the agenda of the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, at the request of Nicaragua ([A/38/242](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda from its thirty-eighth to forty-seventh sessions (resolutions [38/10](#), [39/4](#), [41/37](#), [42/1](#), [43/24](#), [44/10](#), [45/15](#) and [46/109 A](#) and [B](#) and [47/118](#) and decision [40/470](#)). At its forty-seventh session, the Assembly decided to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session an item entitled “The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development” (resolution [47/118](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda at its forty-eighth to fifty-eighth and sixtieth sessions (resolutions [48/161](#), [49/137](#), [50/132](#), [51/197](#), [52/176](#), [53/94](#), [54/118](#), [55/178](#), [56/224](#), [57/160](#), , [58/238](#) and [58/239](#) and decision [60/508](#)).

At its sixtieth session, the Assembly decided that the item should remain on the agenda of the Assembly, beginning with the sixty-first session, for consideration upon notification by a Member State (decision [60/508](#)).

The Assembly considered the item at its sixty-third to sixty-fifth and sixty-seventh sessions (resolutions [63/19](#), [64/7](#), [65/181](#) and [67/267](#)).

No advance documentation is expected.

#### **45. Question of Cyprus**

The item entitled “Question of Cyprus” was included in the agenda of the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session at the request of Cyprus ([A/9743](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda from its twenty-ninth to fifty-eighth sessions (resolutions 3212 (XXIX), 3395 (XXX), [31/12](#), [32/15](#), [33/15](#), [34/30](#) and [37/253](#), decisions adopted at the twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and decisions 31/403, 32/404, 33/402, 34/408, 35/428, 36/463, 37/455, 38/458, 39/464, 40/481, 41/472, 42/465, 43/464, 44/471, 45/458, 46/474, 47/467, 48/505, 49/502, 50/494, 51/479, 52/495, 53/493, 54/493, 55/491, 56/481 and 57/596).

At its fifty-eighth session, the Assembly, under the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, decided that, with effect from the fifty-ninth session, the item should remain on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State (resolution [58/316](#), annex, para. 4 (b)).

No advance documentation is expected.

#### **46. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

The item entitled “Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo” was included in the agenda of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session at the request of the Democratic Republic of the Congo ([A/53/232](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda from its fifty-third to fifty-seventh sessions (decisions 53/488, 55/502, 56/476 and 57/597; see also [A/54/969](#)).

At its fifty-eighth session, the Assembly, under the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, decided that, with effect from the fifty-ninth session, the item should remain on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State (resolution [58/316](#), annex, para. 4 (b)).

No advance documentation is expected.

#### **47. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)**

The item entitled “Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)” was included in the agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly at the request of 20 Member States ([A/37/193](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda from its thirty-seventh to fifty-eighth sessions (resolutions [37/9](#), [38/12](#), [39/6](#), [40/21](#), [41/40](#), [42/19](#) and [43/25](#) and decisions 37/404, 38/405, 39/404, 40/410, 41/414, 42/410, 43/409, 44/406, 45/424, 46/406, 47/408, 48/408, 49/408, 50/406, 51/407, 52/409, 53/414, 54/412, 55/411, 56/410, 57/511 and 58/511).

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No advance documentation is expected.

#### **48. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti**

The item entitled “The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti” was included in the agenda of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly at the request of Honduras ([A/46/231](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda from its forty-sixth to fifty-eighth sessions (resolutions [46/7](#), [47/20 A and B](#), [48/27 A and B](#), [49/27 A and B](#), [50/86 A and B](#), [51/196 A and B](#), [52/174](#), [53/95](#), [54/193](#) and [55/285](#)).

At its fifty-eighth session, the Assembly, under the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, decided that, with effect from the fifty-ninth session, this item should remain on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State (resolution [58/316](#), annex, para. 4 (b)).

No advance documentation is expected.

#### **49. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security**

The item entitled “Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security” was included in the agenda of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, at the request of 43 Member States ([A/36/194](#), [A/36/194/Add.1](#) and [A/36/194/Add.2](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda from its thirty-sixth to fifty-eighth sessions (resolutions [36/27](#), [37/18](#), [38/9](#), [39/14](#), [40/6](#) and [41/12](#) and decisions [42/463](#), [43/463](#), [44/470](#), [45/430](#), [46/442](#), [47/464](#), [48/436](#), [50/444](#), [51/433](#), [52/431](#), [53/426](#), [54/425](#), [55/431](#), [56/450](#), [57/519](#) and [58/527](#)).

At its fifty-eighth session, the Assembly, under the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, decided that, with effect from the fifty-ninth session, the item should remain on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State (resolution [58/316](#), annex, para. 4 (b)).

No advance documentation is expected.

#### **50. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait**

The item entitled “Iraqi aggression and the continued occupation of Kuwait in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations” was included in the agenda of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly at the request of Kuwait ([A/45/233](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda at its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions (decisions [45/459](#) and [46/475](#); see also decision [45/455](#)).

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly decided to retain the item on the agenda of that session under the new title “Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait” and to include it in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session (decision [46/475](#)).

The Assembly had the item on its agenda from its forty-seventh to fifty-eighth sessions (decisions [47/477](#), [48/506](#), [49/503](#), [50/445](#), [51/434](#), [52/432](#), [53/427](#), [54/426](#), [55/432](#), [56/451](#), [57/520](#) and [58/514](#)).

At its fifty-eighth session, the Assembly, under the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, decided that, with effect from the fifty-ninth session, the item should remain on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State (resolution [58/316](#), annex, para. 4 (b)).

No advance documentation is expected.

## 56. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

At its nineteenth session, in February 1965, the General Assembly established the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, which was to undertake a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, including ways of overcoming the financial difficulties of the United Nations (resolution 2006 (XIX)).

For the current composition of the Special Committee, see [A/72/19](#).

The Assembly has had the item on its agenda annually since its twentieth session (resolutions 2053 (XX), 2220 (XXI), 2308 (XXII), 2451 (XXIII), 2576 (XXIV), 2670 (XXV), 2835 (XXVI), 2965 (XXVII), 3091 (XXVIII), 3239 (XXIX), 3457 (XXX), [31/105](#), [32/106](#), [33/114](#), [34/53](#), [35/121](#), [36/37](#), [37/93](#), [38/31](#), [39/97](#), [40/163](#), [41/67](#), [42/161](#), [43/59](#) A and B, [44/49](#), [45/75](#), [46/48](#), [47/71](#), [47/72](#), [48/42](#), [48/43](#), [49/37](#), [50/30](#), [51/136](#), [52/69](#), [53/58](#), [54/81](#), [55/135](#), [56/225](#) A and B, [57/129](#), [57/336](#), [58/315](#), [59/281](#), [59/300](#), [60/263](#), [60/289](#), [61/267](#) A and B, [61/291](#), [62/273](#), [63/280](#), [64/266](#), [65/310](#), [66/297](#), [67/301](#), [68/277](#), [69/287](#), [70/268](#), [71/314](#) and [72/304](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly requested the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the Assembly at its seventy-third session (resolution [72/304](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations: Supplement No. 19 ([A/73/19](#));
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (resolution [72/304](#)).

### References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 55)

Report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations: Supplement No. 19 ([A/72/19](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations ([A/72/573](#) and [A/72/573/Add.1](#))

Summary records [A/C.4/72/SR.17–20](#) and 30

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A/72/449](#) and [A/72/449/Add.1](#)

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.106](#)

Resolution [72/304](#)

## C. Development of Africa

### 68. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support

#### (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support

At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s", endorsed the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the New Partnership for Africa's Development, as decided by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-seventh ordinary session, should be the framework within which the international community, including the United Nations system, should concentrate its efforts for Africa's development; decided to include a single, comprehensive item on the development of Africa, entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support", in the annual agenda of the Assembly, beginning at its fifty-eighth session; encouraged the efforts being made towards clustering the items related to Africa's development; and requested the Secretary-General to submit the first consolidated report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the basis of input from Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and the other stakeholders in the New Partnership, such as the private sector and civil society (resolution [57/7](#)).

The Assembly has had the item on its agenda annually since its fifty-eighth session (resolutions [58/233](#), [59/254](#), [60/222](#), [61/229](#), [62/179](#), [62/242](#), [63/1](#) (Political declaration on Africa's development needs), [63/267](#), [64/258](#), [65/284](#), [66/286](#), [66/293](#), [67/294](#), [68/301](#), [69/290](#), [70/295](#), [71/320](#) and [72/310](#)).

At its sixty-sixth session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its sixty-ninth session the first biennial report on the review of the implementation of commitments made towards Africa's development (resolution [66/293](#)). At its seventy-first session, the Assembly looked forward to the third biennial report of the Secretary-General on the review of the implementation of the commitments made towards Africa's development, to be submitted to the Assembly at its seventy-third session (resolution [71/320](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the item in a joint debate, with the sub-item entitled "Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" and the item entitled "2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa", where statements were made by the President and 20 delegations (see [A/72/PV.33](#)). The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the resolution to the Assembly on an annual basis on the provision of inputs from Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other stakeholders in the New Partnership (resolution [72/310](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

Reports of the Secretary-General:

- (a) Sixteenth consolidated progress report on implementation and international support (resolution [72/310](#));
- (b) Biennial report on the review of the implementation of the commitments made towards Africa's development ([A/73/270](#)).

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 66 (a))**

Fifteenth consolidated progress report of the Secretary-General on implementation and international support ([A/72/223](#))

|                  |  |
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| Draft resolution | <a href="#">A/72/L.57/Rev.1</a> and<br><a href="#">A/72/L.57/Rev.1/Add.1</a> |
| Draft amendment  | <a href="#">A/72/L.71</a>  |
| Plenary meetings | <a href="#">A/72/PV.33</a> and 113   |
| Resolution       | <a href="#">72/310</a>   |

**(b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa**

The item entitled “Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa” was included in the agenda of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session at the request of Namibia ([A/53/231](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda from its fifty-third to fifty-seventh sessions (resolutions [53/92](#), [54/234](#), [55/217](#), [56/37](#) and [57/296](#)). At its fifty-seventh session, the Assembly decided to include the item as a sub-item, under a single agenda item on the development of Africa, entitled “New Partnership for Africa’s Development: progress in implementation and international support”, beginning at its fifty-eighth session (resolution [57/296](#)).

The Assembly has had the item on its agenda annually since its fifty-eighth session (resolutions [58/234](#), [58/235](#), [59/255](#), [60/223](#), [61/230](#), [62/275](#), [63/304](#), [64/252](#), [65/278](#), [66/287](#), [67/293](#), [68/278](#), [69/291](#), [70/292](#), [71/315](#), [72/311](#) and decision [72/550](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the item in a joint debate, with the sub-item entitled “New Partnership for Africa’s Development: progress in implementation and international support” and the item entitled “2001–2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa”, where statements were made by the President and 20 delegations (see [A/72/PV.33](#)). The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to monitor and report to the Assembly on an annual basis on persistent and emerging challenges to the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, including the root causes of conflict and conditions to promote sustainable development, as well as on the approach and support of the United Nations system (resolution [72/311](#)).

*Document for the seventy-third session:* Report of the Secretary-General (resolution [72/311](#)).

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 66 (b))**

Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa ([A/72/269–S/2017/780](#))

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Draft resolution | <a href="#">A/72/L.59/Rev.1</a> and <a href="#">A/72/L.59/Add.1</a> |
| Draft decision   | <a href="#">A/72/L.31</a> and <a href="#">A/72/L.31/Add.1</a>       |
| Plenary meetings | <a href="#">A/72/PV.33</a> , 77 and 113                             |
| Resolution       | <a href="#">72/311</a>  |
| Decision         | <a href="#">72/550</a>  |

## **F. Promotion of justice and international law**

### **88. Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965**

By a letter dated 14 July 2016 (A/71/142), the Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations requested the inclusion of this item in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session.

At its seventy-first session, General the Assembly decided, in accordance with Article 96 of the Charter of the United Nations, to request the International Court of Justice, pursuant to Article 65 of the Statute of the Court, to render an advisory opinion on whether the process of decolonization of Mauritius was lawfully completed when Mauritius was granted independence in 1968, following the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius and having regard to international law, including obligations reflected in resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 2066 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 2232 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 and 2357 (XXII) of 19 December 1967; and specifying the consequences under international law, including obligations reflected in the above-mentioned resolutions, arising from the continued administration by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of the Chagos Archipelago, including with respect to the inability of Mauritius to implement a programme for the resettlement on the Chagos Archipelago of its nationals, in particular those of Chagossian origin (resolution 71/292).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly decided to include the item in the draft agenda of its seventy-third session (decision 72/571).

No advance documentation is expected.

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 88)**

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Plenary meeting | A/72/PV.116 |
| Decision        | 72/571      |

## **I. Organizational, administrative and other matters**

### **115. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations**

Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations stipulates that, while the Security Council is exercising in respect of any dispute or situation the functions assigned to it in the Charter, the General Assembly shall not make any recommendation with regard to that dispute or situation unless the Council so requests.

Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter and rule 49 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly provide that the Secretary-General, with the consent of the Security Council, shall notify the Assembly at each session of any matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security which are being dealt with by the Council and shall similarly notify the Assembly immediately if the Council ceases to deal with such matters.

The Assembly has had the item entitled “Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations” annually since its first session (decisions adopted at its first to thirtieth sessions and decisions 31/401, 32/401, 33/404, 34/406, 35/414, 36/436, 37/410, 38/404, 39/405, 40/416, 41/409, 42/411, 43/415, 44/409, 45/411, 46/408, 47/404, 48/409 A to C, 49/443, 50/458, 51/416, 52/404, 53/407, 54/410, 55/405, 56/405, 57/505, 58/507, 59/505, 60/512, 61/518, 62/510, 63/514, 64/509, 65/509, 66/509, 67/511, 68/513, 69/511, 70/511, 71/554 and 72/562).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly took note of the communication from the Secretary-General (decision 72/562).

*Document for the seventy-third session:* Note by the Secretary-General.

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 112)**

|                               |                             |
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| Note by the Secretary-General | <a href="#">A/72/300</a>    |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.114</a> |
| Decision                      | 72/562                      |

### **118. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments**

#### **(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, established by the General Assembly in 1946 (resolution 14 A (I)), acts in an advisory capacity to the Assembly and makes recommendations to it on the United Nations budget and related matters and on the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency. Details on the appointment, membership and functions of the Advisory Committee can be found in rules 155 to 157 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly appointed six members of the Advisory Committee (decisions 72/405 A and B). At present, the Advisory Committee is composed of the following 16 members:

Bachar Bong Abdallah (Chad),\*\*\* Pavel Chernikov (Russian Federation),\*\*\* Ihor Humennyi (Ukraine),\* Conrod Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda),\* Mutaz Hyassat (Jordan),\* Marcel Jullier (Switzerland),\*\* Mahesh Kumar (India),\*\* Julia A. Maciel (Paraguay),\*\*\* Takeshi Matsunaga (Japan),\*\* Olivier Myard (France),\*\* Carlos Ruiz Massieu (Mexico),\*\* Babou Sene (Senegal),\* Tesfa Alem Seyoum (Eritrea),\* Cihan Terzi (Turkey),\*\*\* David Traystman (United States of America)\*\*\* and Ye Xuenong (China).\*\*

\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 2020.

At its seventy-third session, the Assembly will need to fill the vacancies that will arise upon the expiry of the terms of office of Mr. Humennyi, Mr. Hunte, Mr. Hyassat, Mr. Sene and Mr. Seyoum.

*Document for the seventy-third session:* Note by the Secretary-General ([A/73/101/Rev.1](#)).

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 115 (a))**

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| Notes by the Secretary-General | <a href="#">A/72/101/Rev.1</a> , <a href="#">A/72/101/Rev.1/Add.1</a> ,<br><a href="#">A/C.5/72/4</a> and <a href="#">A/C.5/72/4/Add.1</a> |
| Summary record                 | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.11</a>   |
| Report of the Fifth Committee  | <a href="#">A/72/566</a>   |
| Plenary meetings               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.55</a> and <a href="#">A/72/PV.107</a>   |
| Decisions                      | 72/405 A and B   |

**121. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy**

At its sixtieth session, under the items entitled “Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields” and “Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit”, the Assembly adopted the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session an item entitled “The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy” (resolution [60/288](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda biennially at its sixty-second to seventieth sessions and has had it annually since its seventy-first session (resolutions [62/272](#), [64/235](#), [64/297](#), [66/10](#), [66/12](#), [66/282](#), [68/276](#), [70/291](#), [71/291](#) and [72/284](#) and decision 68/554).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the item in a debate where statements were made by the President and 52 delegations (see [A/72/PV.101–103](#)). The Assembly requested the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism to continue to provide quarterly briefings; requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its seventy-third session, no later than May 2019, a report containing concrete recommendations and options on ways to assess the impact and progress of implementation of the Strategy by the United Nations entities with a view to informing discussion among Member States in advance of the seventh review of the Strategy, at the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly; requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its seventy-fourth session, no later than February 2020, a report on progress made in the implementation of the Strategy, containing suggestions for its future implementation by the United Nations system, as well as on progress made in the implementation of the resolution; and decided to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy fourth session the item entitled “The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy” in order to undertake, by June 2020, an examination of the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 84 of the resolution, as well as of the implementation of the Strategy by Member States, and to consider updating the Strategy to respond to changes (resolution [72/284](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third and seventy-fourth sessions:* Reports of the Secretary-General (resolution [72/284](#)).

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 118)**

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Report of the Secretary-General | <a href="#">A/72/840</a>        |
| Draft resolution                | <a href="#">A/72/L.62</a>       |
| Plenary meetings                | <a href="#">A/72/PV.101–103</a> |
| Resolution                      | <a href="#">72/284</a>          |

### 123. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

The item entitled “Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations” was included in the agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly at the request of Cyprus ([A/37/245](#)). The Assembly has had the item on its agenda annually since its thirty-seventh session (resolutions [65/265](#) and [66/11](#) and decisions 37/457, 38/459, 39/465, 40/470, 41/470, 42/402, 43/421, 44/458, 45/454, 46/444, 47/466, 48/438, 49/474, 50/457, 51/435, 52/433, 53/428, 54/427, 55/433, 56/452, 57/521, 58/513, 59/509, 60/510, 61/508, 62/520, 63/507, 64/524, 70/565, 71/562 and 72/572).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the item in a joint debate, with the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, where statements were made by the President and 17 delegations (see [A/72/PV.48](#) and 54). The Assembly decided to include the item in the draft agenda of its seventy-third session (decision 72/572).

No advance documentation is expected.

#### References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 120)

|                  |   |
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| Plenary meetings | <a href="#">A/72/PV.48</a> , 54 and 116 |
| Decision         | 72/572                                  |

### 124. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly, under the item entitled “Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations”, decided to include in the draft agenda of the forty-sixth session the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly” (decision 45/461). The Assembly had the item on its agenda at its forty-sixth to forty-eighth and fifty-second sessions and has had the item on its agenda annually since its fifty-third session (resolutions [46/77](#), [47/233](#), [48/264](#), [55/285](#), [56/509](#), [57/301](#), [58/126](#), [58/316](#), [61/292](#), [62/276](#), [63/309](#), [64/301](#), [65/315](#), [66/294](#), [67/297](#), [68/307](#), [69/321](#), [70/305](#), [71/323](#) and 72/313 and decisions 52/479, 53/491 and 54/491).

At its fifty-eighth session, the Assembly decided that, in July of each year, the General Committee would conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session; and that the report would include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session (resolution [58/316](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the item in a joint debate, with the item entitled “Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations”, where statements were made by the President and 17 delegations (see [A/72/PV.48](#) and 54). The Assembly decided to establish, at its seventy-third session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States, to identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on the progress achieved in past sessions of the Assembly as well as on previous resolutions, including evaluating the status of their implementation, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session; requested the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that have not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration

by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session; requested each Main Committee to further discuss its working methods at the beginning of every session and invited the Chairs of the Main Committees to brief the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-third session on any best practices and lessons learned with a view to improving such working methods as appropriate; and requested the Secretary General to submit to the seventy-third session of the Assembly a report on the possible alternative dates for the beginning of the regular session of the Assembly and its financial and logistical implications, as well as on potential benefits and shortcomings of various options, based on the premise that any such change will not bear an effect on the beginning of the general debate in September (resolution [72/313](#)).

Since its sixtieth session, pursuant to resolution [58/316](#) and in order to facilitate the work of the Main Committees, the Assembly has decided annually, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to allocate the item to all the Main Committees for the purpose of discussing their working methods, as well as considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work. Accordingly, at its seventy-second session, the Assembly approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2018 (decision [72/516](#)); the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision [72/521](#)); the programmes of work of the Second Committee (decision [72/544](#)) and the Third Committee (decision [72/536](#)); and the provisional programme of work of the Sixth Committee (decision [72/528](#)) for the seventy-third session of the Assembly.

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General (resolutions [58/316](#) and [72/313](#));
- (b) Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (resolution [72/313](#)).

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 121)**

Reports of the Secretary-General on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly ([A/72/736](#), [A/72/886](#) and [A/72/886/Add.1](#))

Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly ([A/72/896](#))

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| Report of the First Committee   | <a href="#">A/72/478</a>   |
| Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) | <a href="#">A/72/481</a>   |
| Report of the Second Committee  | <a href="#">A/72/479</a>   |
| Report of the Third Committee   | <a href="#">A/72/480</a>   |
| Report of the Sixth Committee   | <a href="#">A/72/482</a>   |
| Plenary meetings  | <a href="#">A/72/PV.48</a> , 54, 62, 66, 67, 73, 74 and 116  |
| Resolution  | <a href="#">72/313</a>   |
| Decisions   | <a href="#">72/516</a> , <a href="#">72/521</a> , <a href="#">72/528</a> , <a href="#">72/536</a> and <a href="#">72/544</a> |

## 125. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council

The item entitled “Question of equitable representation on the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council” was included in the agenda of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly at the request of Afghanistan, Algeria, Burma, Cambodia, Cameroon, Ceylon, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Cyprus, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kuwait, Laos, Liberia, Libya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Republic, Upper Volta and Yemen ([A/5520](#) and [A/5520/Corr.1](#)). At its eighteenth session, the Assembly decided to adopt, in accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations, amendments to the Charter and to submit them for ratification by the States Members of the United Nations (resolution 1991 A (XVIII)).

The item entitled “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council” was included in the agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the Assembly at the request of Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Guyana, India, Maldives, Nepal, Nigeria and Sri Lanka ([A/34/246](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda at its thirty-fourth to forty-eighth sessions (resolutions [47/62](#) and [48/26](#) and decisions 34/431, 35/453, 36/460, 37/450, 38/454, 39/455, 40/460, 41/469, 42/459, 43/458, 44/460, 45/421 and 46/418).

At its forty-eighth session, the Assembly decided to establish an Open-ended Working Group to consider all aspects of the question of increase in the membership of the Security Council, and other matters related to the Security Council, and to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session an item entitled “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters” (resolution [48/26](#)). The Assembly has had the item (the title later changed to “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council”) annually since its forty-ninth session (resolution [53/30](#) and decisions 49/499, 50/489, 51/476, 52/490, 53/487, 54/488, 55/503, 56/477, 57/591, 58/572, 59/566, 60/568, 61/561, 62/557, 63/565 A and B, 64/568, 65/554, 66/566, 67/561, 68/557, 69/560, 70/559, 71/553 and 72/557).

At its fifty-third session, the Assembly determined not to adopt any resolution or decision on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters, without the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the Members of the General Assembly (resolution [53/30](#)).

At its sixty-second session, the Assembly decided to commence intergovernmental negotiations in informal plenary of the Assembly during its sixty-third session, based on proposals by Member States, in good faith, with mutual respect and in an open, inclusive and transparent manner, on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, seeking a solution that can garner the widest possible political acceptance by Member States (decision 62/557).

At its sixty-third session, the Assembly decided to convene the Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council during the sixty-fourth session of the Assembly if Member States so decide; to include in the agenda of the sixty-fourth session of the Assembly an item entitled “Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other

matters related to the Security Council” (decision 63/565 A); and to immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary of the Assembly at its sixty-fourth session as mandated by Assembly decision 62/557 (decision 63/565 B).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the item in a debate where statements were made by the President and 64 delegations (see [A/72/PV.41-43](#)). The Assembly decided to immediately continue intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform in informal plenary meetings of the Assembly at its seventy-third session, building on the informal meetings held at its seventy-second session and on the revised elements of commonality and issues for further consideration, circulated on 14 June 2018, as well as the positions of and proposals made by Member States, reflected in the text and its annex circulated on 31 July 2015, and using the elements of convergence circulated on 12 July 2016 and the elements of commonality and issues for further consideration circulated on 27 June 2017 to help to inform its future work; convene the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council during the seventy-second session of the Assembly, if Member States so decide; and include the item in the agenda of the seventy-third session of the Assembly (decision 72/557).

No advance documentation is expected.

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 122)**

|                  |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Plenary meetings | <a href="#">A/72/PV.41-43</a> and 104 |
| Decision         | 71/555                                |

## **126. Strengthening of the United Nations system**

### **(a) Strengthening of the United Nations system**

At its forty-ninth session, under the item entitled “Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization”, the Assembly decided to include an item entitled “Strengthening of the United Nations system” in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session (resolution [49/252](#)). The Assembly has had the item on its agenda annually since its fiftieth session (resolutions [51/241](#), [52/232](#), [53/224](#), [55/14](#), [55/285](#), [57/300](#), [58/269](#), [58/314](#), [58/317](#), [61/256](#), [61/257](#), [65/94](#), [65/276](#), [66/255](#), [68/306](#), [69/320](#), [70/3](#), [70/6](#), [71/278](#) and [72/199](#) and decisions 50/491, 52/453, 53/452, 54/490, 56/455, 56/479, 57/587, 60/565, 71/563 and 72/573; see also decision 64/503 B).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the item in a joint debate, with the items entitled “Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields” and “United Nations reform: measures and proposals”, where statements were made by two delegations (see [A/72/PV.30](#)). The Assembly decided to include the item in the draft agenda of its seventy-third session (decision 72/573).

No advance documentation is expected.

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 123)**

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Report of the Secretary-General | <a href="#">A/72/525</a>  |
| Draft resolution                | <a href="#">A/72/L.33</a> |

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| Plenary meetings | <a href="#">A/72/PV.30</a> , 74 and 116 |
| Resolution       | <a href="#">72/199</a>                  |
| Decision         | <a href="#">72/573</a>                  |

### **133. Sexual exploitation and abuse: implementing a zero-tolerance policy**

At its seventy-first session, the Assembly, under the item entitled “Strengthening of the United Nations system”, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session an item entitled “Sexual exploitation and abuse: implementing a zero-tolerance policy” (resolution [71/278](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the item in a debate where a statement was made by one delegation (see [A/72/PV.115](#)). The Assembly decided to include the item in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session and requested the Secretary-General to continue to report, pursuant to resolution [57/306](#), on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, including on progress made in implementing a zero-tolerance policy within the United Nations system, for consideration by the Assembly, in line with existing mandates and procedures (resolution [72/312](#)).

*Document for the seventy-third session:* Report of the Secretary-General (resolution [72/312](#)).

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 131)**

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Draft resolution                | <a href="#">A/72/L.69</a> and <a href="#">A/72/L.69/Add.1</a> |
| Report of the Secretary-General | <a href="#">A/72/751</a> and <a href="#">A/72/751/Corr.1</a>  |
| Plenary meeting                 | <a href="#">A/72/PV.115</a>                                   |
| Resolution                      | <a href="#">72/312</a>  |

### **135. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors**

- (a) United Nations**
- (b) United Nations peacekeeping operations**
- (c) International Trade Centre**
- (d) United Nations University**
- (e) Capital master plan**
- (f) United Nations Development Programme**
- (g) United Nations Capital Development Fund**
- (h) United Nations Children’s Fund**
- (i) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East**
- (j) United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

- (k) **Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**
- (l) **Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme**
- (m) **United Nations Population Fund**
- (n) **United Nations Human Settlements Programme**
- (o) **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**
- (p) **United Nations Office for Project Services**
- (q) **United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)**
- (r) **International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991**
- (s) **International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals**
- (t) **United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund**

The Board of Auditors transmits to the General Assembly the audited financial statements for the relevant financial periods of the various accounts of the United Nations and other funds and programmes for which the Board has audit responsibility. Under the provisions of article VII of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the annex thereto, the Board submits reports to the Assembly on the results of its audits and issues opinions as to whether the financial statements properly reflect the recorded transactions, whether those transactions were in accordance with the Financial Regulations and legislative authority, and whether the financial statements present fairly the financial position as at the end of the financial period of each of the activities reported on, in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards. The reports of the Board are commented upon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, which also submits its reports thereon to the Assembly.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly considered the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports of the Board of Auditors, as well as the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board contained in its reports, for the year ended 31 December 2016 and for the 12-month period ended 30 June 2017 concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations. The Assembly took note of the audit opinions and findings and endorsed the recommendations contained in the reports of the Board. The Assembly also endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Assembly reaffirmed that the Board shall remain completely independent and solely responsible for the conduct of its audits; commended the Board for the continued high quality of its reports and reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure full implementation of the Board's recommendations and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee in a prompt and timely manner and to continue to hold programme managers accountable for the non-implementation of the Board's recommendations. The Assembly also reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to provide in his reports a full explanation for the delays in the implementation of the recommendations of the Board, in particular those recommendations not yet fully implemented that were two or more years old (resolutions [72/8 A](#) and [72/8 B](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Financial reports and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 and reports of the Board of Auditors on:
- (i) United Nations: Supplement No. 5 ([A/73/5 \(Vol. I\)](#));
  - (ii) International Trade Centre: Supplement No. 5 ([A/73/5 \(Vol. III\)](#));
  - (iii) United Nations University: Supplement No. 5 ([A/73/5 \(Vol. IV\)](#));
  - (iv) Capital master plan: Supplement No. 5 ([A/73/5 \(Vol. V\)](#));
  - (v) United Nations Development Programme: Supplement No. 5A ([A/73/5/Add.1](#));
  - (vi) United Nations Capital Development Fund: Supplement No. 5B ([A/73/5/Add.2](#));
  - (vii) United Nations Children's Fund: Supplement No. 5C ([A/73/5/Add.3](#));
  - (viii) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: Supplement No. 5D ([A/73/5/Add.4](#));
  - (ix) United Nations Institute for Training and Research: Supplement No. 5E ([A/73/5/Add.5](#));
  - (x) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: Supplement No. 5F ([A/73/5/Add.6](#));
  - (xi) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme: Supplement No. 5G ([A/73/5/Add.7](#));
  - (xii) United Nations Population Fund: Supplement No. 5H ([A/73/5/Add.8](#));
  - (xiii) United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Supplement No. 5I ([A/73/5/Add.9](#));
  - (xiv) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: Supplement No. 5J ([A/73/5/Add.10](#));
  - (xv) United Nations Office for Project Services: Supplement No. 5K ([A/73/5/Add.11](#));
  - (xvi) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women: Supplement No. 5L ([A/73/5/Add.12](#));
  - (xvii) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: Supplement No. 5N ([A/73/5/Add.14](#));
  - (xviii) International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: Supplement No. 5O ([A/73/5/Add.15](#));
  - (xix) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: Supplement No. 5P ([A/73/5/Add.16](#));
- (b) Financial report and audited financial statements for the 12-month period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and report of the Board of Auditors on United Nations peacekeeping operations: Supplement No. 5 ([A/73/5 \(Vol. II\)](#));
- (c) Reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on (resolution [48/216 B](#)):

- (i) United Nations and capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2017;
  - (ii) Peacekeeping operations for the 12-month financial period ended 30 June 2018;
  - (iii) United Nations funds and programmes for the year ended 31 December 2017;
- (d) 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 2017;
- (e) Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting:
- (i) Seventh annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system;
  - (ii) Concise summary of the principal findings and conclusions contained in the reports of the Board of Auditors for the annual financial period 2017;
  - (iii) Second annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the information and communications technology strategy.

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 133)**

Financial reports and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and reports of the Board of Auditors on:

United Nations: Supplement No. 5 ([A/72/5 \(Vol. I\)](#))

International Trade Centre: Supplement No. 5 ([A/72/5 \(Vol. III\)](#))

United Nations University: Supplement No. 5 ([A/72/5 \(Vol. IV\)](#))

Capital master plan: Supplement No. 5 ([A/72/5 \(Vol. V\)](#))

United Nations Development Programme: Supplement No. 5A ([A/72/5/Add.1](#))

United Nations Capital Development Fund: Supplement No. 5B ([A/72/5/Add.2](#))

United Nations Children's Fund: Supplement No. 5C ([A/72/5/Add.3](#))

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: Supplement No. 5D ([A/72/5/Add.4](#))

United Nations Institute for Training and Research: Supplement No. 5E ([A/72/5/Add.5](#))

Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: Supplement No. 5F ([A/72/5/Add.6](#))

Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme: Supplement No. 5G ([A/72/5/Add.7](#))

United Nations Population Fund: Supplement No. 5H ([A/72/5/Add.8](#))

United Nations Human Settlements Programme: Supplement No. 5I ([A/72/5/Add.9](#))

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: Supplement No. 5J ([A/72/5/Add.10](#))

United Nations Office for Project Services: Supplement No. 5K ([A/72/5/Add.11](#))

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women: Supplement No. 5L ([A/72/5/Add.12](#))

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: Supplement No. 5M ([A/72/5/Add.13](#))

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: Supplement No. 5N ([A/72/5/Add.14](#))

International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: Supplement No. 5O ([A/72/5/Add.15](#))

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: Supplement No. 5P ([A/72/5/Add.16](#))

Financial report and audited financial statements for the 12-month period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and report of the Board of Auditors on United Nations peacekeeping operations: Supplement No. 5 ([A/72/5 \(Vol. II\)](#))

Reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on:

United Nations and capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2016 ([A/72/355](#))

United Nations funds and programmes for the year ended 31 December 2016 ([A/72/355/Add.1](#))

United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2017 ([A/72/756](#))

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 ([A/72/364](#))

Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting:

First annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the information and communications technology strategy ([A/72/151](#))

Sixth annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system ([A/72/157](#))

Concise summary of the principal findings and conclusions contained in the reports of the Board of Auditors for the annual financial period 2016 ([A/72/176](#) and [A/72/176/Corr.1](#))

Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on:

Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2016 ([A/72/537](#))

Report of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations peacekeeping operations and report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations for the financial period ended 30 June 2017 ([A/72/850](#))

Letter dated 27 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/72/511](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.8](#), 11, 39 and 48

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/72/572](#) and [A/72/572/Add.1](#)

Plenary meetings [A/72/PV.55](#) and 104

Resolutions [72/8 A](#) and B

### **136. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations**

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly welcomed the Secretary-General's commitment to improving the ability of the United Nations to deliver on its mandates through management reform and approved the proposed change from a biennial to an annual budget period on a trial basis, beginning with the programme budget for 2020. The Assembly decided that the proposed programme budget document shall consist of three parts: (a) part I: the plan outline, which endorses the long-term priorities and the objectives of the Organization; (b) part II: the programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information; and (c) part III: the post and non-post resource requirements for the programmes and subprogrammes. It reaffirmed that no changes to the budget methodology, established budgetary procedures and practices or the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the Assembly in accordance with established budgetary procedures. It requested the Secretary-General to undertake an assessment of the mechanisms and levels of discretionary managerial authorities that may be required in order to address unanticipated programmatic needs and to report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session (resolution [72/266 A](#)).

At the same session, the Assembly reaffirmed the terms of reference of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, as contained in the annex to resolution [61/275](#) (resolution [72/18](#)).

At its resumed seventy-second session, the Assembly called for strict adherence to the framework contained in its resolution [72/266 A](#). It requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly for its consideration and approval any proposed amendments to the financial and staff regulations, along with the rationale for the proposed amendments. The Assembly decided to approve the reorganization of the current Department of Management and Department of Field Support into the proposed new Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance and Department of Operational Support. It requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session, for its consideration and decision, a comparative assessment of placing human resources functions in a single consolidated department or two distinct departments, with a view to ensuring a unified approach, optimizing the distribution of functions and avoiding duplication (resolution [72/266 B](#)).

At the same session, the Assembly emphasized that accountability was a central pillar of effective and efficient management that required attention and strong commitment

at all levels of the Secretariat, especially at the highest level. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to make efforts aimed at improving the culture of accountability in the Secretariat, including by continuing to encourage, inter alia, a conducive environment for the reporting of fraud, waste and misconduct, and to continue to take appropriate measures for the protection of whistle-blowers and the prevention of retaliation. It also requested the Secretary-General to include in his eighth progress report on the accountability system in the Secretariat comprehensive information on the outcome of his efforts related to streamlining and simplifying the internal policy framework on accountability, measures taken to strengthen programme monitoring and reporting, and progress towards the implementation of the action plan for the implementation of results-based management (resolution [72/303](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Eighth progress report on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat (resolution [72/303](#));
  - (ii) Assessment of the mechanisms and levels of discretionary authorities that may be required in order to address unanticipated programmatic needs (resolution [72/266 A](#));
  - (iii) Comparative assessment of placing human resources functions in a single consolidated department or two distinct departments (resolution [72/266 B](#));
- (b) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
- (c) Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on its activities for the period from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018 (resolutions [61/275](#), annex, and [72/18](#)).

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 134)**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: ensuring a better future for all ([A/72/492](#))

Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: improving and streamlining the programme planning and budgeting process ([A/72/492/Add.1](#))

Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: implementing a new management architecture for improved effectiveness and strengthened accountability ([A/72/492/Add.2](#))

Seventh progress report on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat: strengthening the accountability system of the Secretariat under the new management paradigm ([A/72/773](#))

Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: ensuring a better future for all and improving and streamlining the programme planning and budgeting process ([A/72/7/Add.24](#))

Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: implementing a new management architecture for improved effectiveness and strengthened accountability ([A/72/7/Add.49](#))

Seventh progress report on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat ([A/72/885](#))

Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on its activities for the period from 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 ([A/72/295](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.2](#), 16, 19, 29, 43, 45 and 48

Reports of the Fifth Committee [A/72/610](#), [A/72/682](#) and [A/72/682/Add.2](#)

Plenary meetings [A/72/PV.61](#), 76 and 104

Resolutions [72/18](#), [72/266 A](#) and B and [72/303](#)

Decisions [72/547 A to C](#)

## 137. Programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

### Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly welcomed the intention of the Department of Public Information to collaborate with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to further coordinate efforts to seek efficiencies in the translation of documents and web content, recognized efforts by the Department of Public Information to improve compliance with accessibility standards as well as maintaining and improving the quality and accuracy of official meeting coverage and press releases, and requested the Secretary-General to report on the qualitative and quantitative benefits of those efforts in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (resolution [72/261](#), part VII, Public information).

At the same session, the Assembly requested 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. The Assembly recalled paragraph 6 of section V of its resolution [68/247 B](#) and reaffirmed 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 (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. III).

Also at the same session, the General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposal for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, took note of the overall scope and maximum estimated cost of the project and requested the Secretary-General to refine the proposal and present it during the main part of the seventy-third session of the Assembly. The Assembly further requested the Secretary-General to 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. The Assembly also deferred 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 (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. V).

Also at its seventy-second session, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000 to

supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 as a bridging financial mechanism and requested the Secretary-General to report, at the main part of the seventy-third session of the Assembly, on the use of the commitment authority. The Assembly also requested 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. The Assembly further requested 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 Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. VIII).

At the same session, the Assembly authorized the Secretary-General, as an exceptional measure, to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$8 million to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018, so as to enable the Extraordinary Chambers to carry out its judicial mandate, and requested the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of the next report (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. IX).

Also at the same session, the Assembly, in the context of its review of the 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, approved 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 (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. X).

Also at its seventy-second session, the Assembly, in the context of its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters, requested 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 Assembly. The Assembly recalled paragraph 5 of section XVI of its resolution [71/272 A](#) and reiterated 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. The Assembly also recalled paragraph 4 of the related report of the Advisory Committee and reiterated 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. The Assembly further recalled paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee and requested the Secretary-General to include relevant data in his next report. The Assembly noted the decrease in the current revised project costs and requested 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. The Assembly reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to seek complementarities between flexible workplace strategies and flexible working arrangements, and in this regard requested 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. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to update his bulletin on flexible working arrangements, and to explore options for the self-financing of the project and to report thereon in the context of his next report to the Assembly (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XI).

At the same session, the General Assembly, in the context of its consideration of the progress in the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, requested the Secretary-General to continue to update Member States, through the Office of Central Support Services, on the progress of the construction projects. The Assembly stressed the importance of including energy efficiencies in project planning and implementation, and in this regard requested 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. The Assembly encouraged the Secretary-General to refine the underlying assumptions and the calculation for the projected number of visitors to Africa Hall, and to continue in his efforts to conduct wide-ranging outreach activities and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General 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, and encouraged 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. The Assembly requested 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, and to submit to the 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 (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XII).

Also at the same session, the Assembly, in the context of its consideration of the seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok, recalled paragraph 6 of section XII of its resolution [70/248 A](#) and requested 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. The Assembly also requested 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. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to it, at the main part of its seventy-third session, a progress report on the implementation of the project (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XIII).

Also at its seventy-second session, the Assembly, in the context of its consideration of the proposal for the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, approved the scope of activities for 2018 as it relates to the refinement of the project proposal, preparatory work and integrated risk management, took note of the proposed maximum estimated cost of the project for the replacement of office blocks A to J and requested the Secretary-General to present a 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 and to present the refined proposal during the main part of the seventy-third session (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XIV).

At the same session, the Assembly, having considered the report on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, requested 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 requested the Office to submit a report with key findings to the Assembly at its seventy-third session, to be considered in the context of the Pension Fund. The Assembly noted with concern the issues identified in the report of the Board of Auditors regarding the implementation of the Integrated Pension Administration System and requested the Pension Board to address these issues, and looked forward to receiving an update on progress thereon in the context of the next report of the Pension Board. The Assembly further requested an update on the steps taken by the Fund to ensure that it addresses the causes of delays in the receipt of payments by some new beneficiaries and retirees of the Fund. The Assembly welcomed the establishment of the pilot service centre in Nairobi, as well as the proposed establishment of a regional service centre in Asia, and requested the secretariat of the Fund to present to the Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session a comprehensive strategy to bring the service centres to full functionality. The Assembly also requested 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. The Assembly decided to postpone consideration of the proposed reclassification of three posts, and requested the secretariat of the Fund to provide further information in the context of the next report of the Pension Board (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XV).

Also at the same session, the Assembly, in the context of its consideration of the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva, reaffirmed the importance of transparency in the procurement process and requested 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. The Assembly also requested 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 Assembly, while ensuring compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and to report on this subject in future annual progress reports. The Assembly further requested 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. The Assembly decided 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 requested the Secretary-General to provide updated detailed information on these issues. The Assembly also decided 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 (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XVI).

Also at its seventy-second session, the Assembly, in the context of its consideration of the enterprise resource planning project, Umoja, requested 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 Assembly. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General 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 to report on the findings of this assessment to the Assembly at its seventy-third session. The Assembly reiterated 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 Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session. The Assembly requested 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. The Assembly reiterated 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 (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XXI).

At its resumed seventy-second session, the General Assembly, having considered the standards of accommodation for air travel, recalled its resolution [71/272 B](#), and requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on standards of accommodation for air travel to the Assembly at the first part of its resumed seventy-third session. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to include, in his report, an analysis and recommendations concerning a single threshold for the use of business class by staff below the level of Assistant Secretary-General (and eligible family members) that should, in most years, be expected to maximize the use of limited travel budgets, and to continue to limit the use of exceptions, to strengthen internal controls in this regard and to report thereon in his next report on standards of accommodation for air travel (resolution [72/262 B](#), sect. I).

At the same session, the Assembly, having considered the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 under section 3, Political affairs, and section 5, Peacekeeping operations, and the proposed budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 related to the peace and security reform, noted the intention of the Secretary-General to establish and chair a Standing Principals' Group to provide unified leadership for strategic, political and operational responsibilities to facilitate coherence at Headquarters and in the field, and requested the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the decision taken in the resolution, to present information on, inter alia, its functioning and composition, to the Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session. The Assembly decided to establish four stand-alone divisions for Africa, effective from 1 January 2019, within approved resources, and requested the Secretary-General to present to the Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session information on the organizational structure, taking into account views expressed by Member States. The Assembly recognized the important contribution and increasing role of the police component in peacekeeping operations, including their peacebuilding efforts, and requested the Secretary-General to conduct an assessment on the functions, structure, capacity and level of the Police Division in the new structure and to report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to address the issue of equitable geographical representation of Member States, in conformity with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, at all levels of the two Departments and to intensify

his efforts to ensure proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the relevant new departments, taking into account their contributions to United Nations peacekeeping, and to report thereon in the context of future overview reports (resolution [72/262 C](#), sect. III).

Also at the same session, the General Assembly, having considered the global service delivery model for the United Nations Secretariat, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly, no later than at the first resumed part of its seventy-third session, a new proposal for the global service delivery model which fully takes into account paragraph 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee and the comments, observations and recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit and to consult with Member States and relevant stakeholders and consider the views expressed by them (resolution [72/262 C](#), sect. IV).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General:

- (i) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (resolutions [68/249](#), [69/262](#), [72/8 A](#) and [72/261](#));
- (ii) Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates (resolution [42/211](#), annex);
- (iii) Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions and any special sessions held in 2018 (resolution [60/251](#));
- (iv) Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2018 session;
- (v) Administration of justice at the United Nations ([A/73/217](#));
- (vi) Tenth progress report on the enterprise resource planning project (resolution [63/262](#));
- (vii) Sixteenth annual progress report on the implementation of the capital master plan (resolution [70/239](#) and decision [71/546 A](#));
- (viii) 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 (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XII);
- (ix) Status of implementation of the information and communications technology strategy for the United Nations (resolution [72/262 C](#), sect. I);
- (x) Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XIII);
- (xi) Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XVI);
- (xii) Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. IX);
- (xiii) Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. VIII);
- (xiv) Managing after-service health insurance (resolution [71/272 B](#), sect. IV);
- (xv) Proposal for the replacement of blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XIV);

- (xvi) Proposal for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean premises in Santiago (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. V);
  - (xvii) 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 (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. X);
  - (xviii) Progress on the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XI);
  - (xix) Strategic capital review (resolutions [70/248 B](#), sect. VI, and [71/272 A](#), sect. XVI);
  - (xx) Global service delivery model for the United Nations Secretariat (resolution [72/262 C](#), sect. IV);
- (b) Statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure.

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

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly approved the budgets in the amount of \$508,490,000 for the 34 special political missions authorized by the Assembly and/or the Security Council, including the commitment authorities for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, and an amount of \$686,900 for the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the biennium 2018–2019. The Assembly also approved a charge of \$510,030,700 net against the provision for special political missions for the biennium 2018–2019 (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XXII).

At the same session, the Assembly decided to defer until the main part of its seventy-third session consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of arrangements for funding and backstopping special political missions (decision [72/547 C](#)).

At its resumed seventy-second session, the Assembly approved a total amount of \$255,924,400 net of staff assessment for 2018 for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (\$147,807,400) and for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (\$108,117,000). The Assembly also approved a charge of \$123,490,900 against the provision for special political missions appropriated under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (resolution [72/262 C](#), sect. II).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (resolutions [72/262 A](#) and C);
  - (ii) Review of arrangements for funding and backstopping special political missions (decision [72/547 C](#));
- (b) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

### Capital master plan

At its fifty-seventh session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it on an annual basis on the awarding of contracts for procurement for the capital master plan and to submit to the Assembly annual progress reports on the implementation of the capital master plan (resolution [57/292](#), sect. II).

At its seventieth session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to expedite the remaining activities and the final financial close-out of the project and to ensure that the costs of the remaining activities would be met from the existing resources of the capital master plan project, that any cost changes were kept to a minimum and that detailed and comprehensive information was provided in the next progress report. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to provide updated information with respect to the latest expenditure, obligations and disbursement of the project, the breakdown of the requirements for the remaining activities until project completion and the anticipated potential savings from the closure of contracts, including data on the quantifiable benefits reportedly derived from the capital master plan. In addition, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure the commemorative value of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and to submit to the Assembly, for its consideration and approval, future proposals relating to the renovation of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and South Annex Buildings as separate projects outside the scope of the capital master plan through established procedures; and reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to continue to engage in high-level conversations with the host city with a view to addressing the pending security concerns in relation to the two buildings and to report on the matter in the context of the fourteenth annual progress report. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to ensure the timely conclusion of the procurement process and the completion of the security-related work at 42nd and 48th Streets before the end of 2016 (resolution [70/239](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly decided to defer until the main part of its seventy-third session consideration of the fourteenth and fifteenth annual progress reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan and the related reports of the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (decision [72/547 C](#)).

#### *Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2016: Supplement No. 5 ([A/71/5 \(Vol. V\)](#) and [A/72/5 \(Vol. V\)](#));
- (b) Fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth annual progress reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan (resolutions [57/292](#), sect. II, [61/251](#) and [70/239](#));
- (c) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

### Financing of the administration of justice

[*See item 148*]

#### References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 136)

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019: Supplement No. 6 ([A/72/6 \(Introduction\)](#), [A/72/6 \(Introduction\)/Corr.1](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 1\)](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 3\)](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 4\)](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 4\)/Corr.1](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 5\)](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 5\)/Corr.1](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 6\)](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 7\)](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 7\)/Corr.1](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 8\)](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 8\)/Corr.1](#), [A/72/6 \(Sect. 9\)](#), [A/72/6](#)

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#### Reports of the Secretary-General:

Tenth progress report on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account ([A/72/92](#) and [A/72/92/Corr.1](#))

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 ([A/72/117](#))

Administration of justice at the United Nations ([A/72/204](#))

Proposed United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system ([A/72/337](#) and [A/72/337/Corr.1](#))

Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok ([A/72/338](#) and [A/72/338/Corr.1](#))

Request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia ([A/72/341](#))

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 ([A/72/366](#))

Proposal for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago ([A/72/367](#))

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

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 ([A/72/373](#))

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 ([A/72/374](#))

Proposal for the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi ([A/72/375](#))

Progress report on the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters ([A/72/379](#))

Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone ([A/72/384](#))

Strategic capital review ([A/72/393](#))

Ninth progress report on the enterprise resource planning project, Umoja ([A/72/397](#))

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2017 session ([A/72/398](#))

Limited budgetary discretion ([A/72/497](#))

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva ([A/72/521](#))

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 ([A/72/602](#) and [A/72/602/Add.1](#))

Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation ([A/72/646](#))

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund ([A/C.5/72/2](#))

Contingency fund ([A/C.5/72/20](#))

Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on internal oversight: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 ([A/72/85](#))

Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund ([A/72/383](#))

Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting:

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Safety and security in the United Nations system” ([A/72/118](#)) and his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon ([A/72/118/Add.1](#))

Sixth annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system ([A/72/157](#))

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 ([A/72/369](#))

Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 ([A/72/7](#) and [A/72/7/Corr.1](#))

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 ([A/72/7/Add.1](#))

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 ([A/72/7/Add.2](#))

International Trade Centre ([A/72/7/Add.3/Rev.1](#))

Tenth and final progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations ([A/72/7/Add.4](#))

Proposed United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system ([A/72/7/Add.5](#))

Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok ([A/72/7/Add.6](#))

Subvention to the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia ([A/72/7/Add.7](#))

Proposal for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago ([A/72/7/Add.8](#))

Strategic capital review ([A/72/7/Add.9](#))

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

Financial implications relating to the administration of justice at the United Nations ([A/72/7/Add.19](#))

Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone ([A/72/7/Add.20](#))

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission ([A/72/7/Add.21](#))

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2017 session ([A/72/7/Add.22](#))

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund ([A/72/7/Add.23](#))

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva ([A/72/7/Add.25](#))

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 ([A/72/7/Add.26](#))

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 ([A/72/7/Add.27](#))

Proposal for the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi ([A/72/7/Add.28](#))

Progress report on the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters ([A/72/7/Add.29](#))

Limited budgetary discretion ([A/72/7/Add.30](#))

Enterprise resource planning project, Umoja: Ninth progress report ([A/72/7/Add.31](#))

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 ([A/72/7/Add.35](#))

Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation ([A/72/7/Add.36](#))

Contingency fund ([A/72/7/Add.43](#))

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| Summary records                | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.3–6</a> , 10–11, 13–18, 20–23 and 25–29  |
| Reports of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/681</a> , <a href="#">A/72/681/Corr.1</a> ,<br><a href="#">A/72/681/Corr.2</a> , <a href="#">A/72/681/Add.1</a> and<br><a href="#">A/72/681/Add.2</a> |
| Plenary meetings               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.76</a> , 81 and 104  |
| Resolutions                    | <a href="#">72/261</a> to <a href="#">72/265</a>   |

### 138. Programme planning

At its fifty-eighth session, in 2003, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare, on a trial basis, for submission to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, a strategic framework to replace the four-year medium-term plan (resolution [58/269](#)).

At its sixty-second session, the Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination that it maintain the strategic framework as the principal policy directive of the United Nations, which serves as the basis for programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation, with effect from the biennium 2010–2011 (resolution [62/224](#)).

At its seventy-second session, under the item entitled “Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations”, the Assembly approved the proposed change from a biennial to an annual budget period on a trial basis, beginning with the programme budget for 2020. Assembly also decided that the proposed programme budget document shall consist of three parts: (a) part I: the plan outline, which endorses the long-term priorities and the objectives of the Organization; (b) part II: the programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information; and (c) part III: the post and non-post resource requirements for the programmes and subprogrammes. The Assembly further decided that parts I and II shall be submitted through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and part III through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the consideration of the Assembly. The Assembly reiterated that the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee should examine the proposed programme budget in accordance with their respective mandates and, preserving the sequential nature of the review

processes, submit their conclusions and recommendations to the Assembly for the final approval of the programme budget, and requested the Secretary-General to assess the impact of the changes to the budgetary cycle on the work of the relevant subsidiary bodies of the Assembly (resolution [72/266 A](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-eighth session: Supplement No. 16 ([A/73/16](#));
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2016–2017 ([A/73/77](#)).

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Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-seventh session: Supplement No. 16 ([A/72/16](#))

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (article VII and annex) ([A/72/73/Rev.1](#))

Consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 ([A/72/84](#), [A/72/84/Corr.1](#), [A/72/84/Corr.2](#) and [A/72/84/Add.1](#))

Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: improving and streamlining the programme planning and budgeting process ([A/72/492/Add.1](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/7/Add.24](#))

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| Summary records                | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.2</a> , 5, 19 and 29          |
| Reports of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/524</a> and <a href="#">A/72/682</a> |
| Plenary meetings               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.55</a> and 76                     |
| Resolutions                    | <a href="#">72/9</a> and <a href="#">72/266 A</a>     |

## **139. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations**

At its thirtieth session, in 1975, the General Assembly decided to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled “Financial emergency of the United Nations” (resolution 3538 (XXX)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda at its thirty-first to thirty-ninth sessions (resolutions [31/191](#), [32/104](#), [35/113](#), [36/116 A and B](#), [37/13](#), [38/228 A and B](#) and [39/239 A and B](#) and decisions 33/430 and 34/435).

An item entitled “Current financial crisis of the United Nations” was included in the agenda of the fortieth session at the request of the Secretary-General ([A/40/247](#)). The Assembly had the item on its agenda at its fortieth and forty-second to forty-fifth sessions (resolutions [42/212](#), [43/215](#), [44/195 A and B](#) and [45/236 A and B](#) and decisions 40/471, 40/472 A and B and 42/460).

At its forty-seventh session, the Assembly decided to consider in future the items entitled “Current financial crisis of the United Nations” and “Financial emergency of

the United Nations” under one item entitled “Improving the financial situation of the United Nations”; and also decided to consider the financial situation of the Organization as and when required (resolution [47/215](#)).

The Assembly has included the item in the agenda since its forty-eighth session (resolution [48/220](#) and decisions 49/474, 50/496, 51/462, 52/496, 53/494, 54/495, 55/493, 56/482, 57/598, 58/575, 59/569, 60/566, 61/566 and 68/504).

*Document for the seventy-third session:* Periodic report of the Secretary-General (resolution [47/215](#)).

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 138)**

Report of the Secretary-General [A/72/522](#) and [A/72/522/Add.1](#)

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.3](#), 5, 37 and 41

### **140. Pattern of conferences**

A resolution entitled “Pattern of conferences” was adopted by the General Assembly at its twelfth session, in 1957, under the agenda item entitled “Budget estimates for the financial year 1958” (resolution 1202 (XII)). The item was considered by the Assembly at its seventeenth, eighteenth and twentieth to seventy-second sessions (resolutions 1851 (XVII), 1987 (XVIII), 2116 (XX), 2239 (XXI), 2361 (XXII), 2478 (XXIII), 2609 (XXIV), 2693 (XXV), 2834 (XXVI) and 2960 (XXVII) and decision of 11 December 1973; and resolutions 3351 (XXIX), 3491 (XXX), [31/140](#), [32/71](#), [33/55](#), [34/50](#), [35/10](#) A to C, [36/117](#) A to D, [37/14](#) A to E, [38/32](#), [39/68](#) A to D, [40/243](#), [41/177](#) A to D, [42/207](#) A to C, [43/222](#) A to E, [44/196](#) A to C, [45/238](#) A and B, [46/190](#), [47/202](#) A to D, [48/222](#) A and B, [49/221](#) A to D, [50/206](#) A to F, [51/211](#) A to F, [52/214](#) A to E, [53/208](#) A to E, [54/248](#) A to F, [54/259](#), [55/222](#), [56/242](#), [57/283](#) A and B, [58/250](#) A and B, [59/265](#), [60/236](#) A and B, [61/236](#), [62/225](#), [63/248](#), [63/284](#), [64/230](#), [65/245](#), [66/233](#), [67/237](#), [68/251](#), [69/250](#), [70/9](#), [71/262](#) and [72/19](#)).

At its twenty-ninth session, in 1974, the Assembly established the Committee on Conferences, composed of 22 Member States (resolution 3351 (XXIX)).

At its forty-third session, the Assembly decided to retain the Committee on Conferences as a permanent subsidiary organ composed of 21 members to be appointed by the President of the Assembly, after consultations with the Chairs of the regional groups, for a period of three years (resolution [43/222](#) B) (see also item 115 (e)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly noted with satisfaction that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in relevant resolutions of the Assembly concerning Orthodox Good Friday, Yom Kippur, the Day of Vesak, Diwali, GURPURAB, Orthodox Christmas, Nowruz and the official holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, and requested all relevant intergovernmental bodies to continue to observe the applicable decisions when planning their meetings (resolution [72/19](#), sect. I).

At the same session, the Assembly requested the Committee on Conferences to consult those bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark of their allocated resources for the past six years, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources. The Assembly urged the secretariats and bureaux of bodies that underutilize their conference-servicing resources to work more closely with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of the Secretariat and to consider changes to their programmes of work, as appropriate, including

adjustments based on previous patterns of recurring agenda items, with a view to making improvements in their utilization factors (resolution [72/19](#), sect. II).

Also at the same session, the Assembly reiterated its request to intergovernmental bodies to review their meeting entitlements and to plan and adjust their programmes of work on the basis of their actual utilization of conference-servicing resources in order to improve their efficient use of conference services. The Assembly welcomed the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General to increase the utilization rates of conference-servicing resources, and in that regard encouraged the Secretary-General to enhance the efficiency of conference servicing. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to impress upon bodies entitled to meet “as required” the need to further improve the utilization of conference services, and to employ innovative means to address the difficulties arising from the lack of interpretation services for meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to continue his efforts aimed at improving conference servicing at the four main duty stations, including through addressing or eliminating possible duplication, overlap and redundancy, and identifying innovative ideas, potential synergies and other cost-saving measures, without compromising quality or affecting the provision of services, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session (resolution [72/19](#), sect. II).

Also at its seventy-second session, the Assembly re-emphasized the need to continue to improve all conference facilities, including the videoconferencing infrastructure, at all four main duty stations. The Assembly welcomed the measures taken to ensure access to and use of conference services and conference facilities for persons with disabilities, including the establishment of the Accessibility Centre, and requested the Secretary-General to continue to address issues related to the accessibility of conference facilities as a matter of priority and to report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session (resolution [72/19](#), sect. II).

At the same session, the Assembly welcomed the integrated global management rule as an efficient approach, where feasible, to servicing meetings away from duty stations, and in that regard requested the Secretary-General to strengthen his efforts to realize further savings by rigorously applying the integrated global management rule to applicable meetings, without jeopardizing the quality of services, and to report thereon to the Committee on Conferences at its substantive session in 2018. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to continue to report on the financial savings achieved through the implementation of the integrated global management projects (resolution [72/19](#), sect. II).

Also at the same session, the Assembly noted with appreciation the progress made in the development and implementation of conference management software such as gData, gDoc, gMeets and gText, and requested the Secretary-General to ensure that they are implemented as enterprise systems in the context of the Secretariat-wide information and communications technology strategy and to report on progress made regarding operations, maintenance and harmonization with existing systems, as appropriate (resolution [72/19](#), sect. III).

Also at its seventy-second session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to complete internal reviews concerning accountability mechanisms and the clear delineation of responsibility between the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management and the Directors-General of the United Nations Offices at Geneva, Nairobi and Vienna for conference management policies, operations and resource utilization, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session (resolution [72/19](#), sect. III).

At the same session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that measures taken by the Department for General Assembly and Conference

Management to seek the evaluation by Member States of the quality of the conference services provided to them, as a key performance indicator of the Department, provide equal opportunities to Member States to present their evaluations in the six official languages of the United Nations and are in full compliance with relevant resolutions of the Assembly, and also requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly, through the Committee on Conferences, on progress made in that regard (resolution [72/19](#), sect. III).

Also at the same session, the Assembly emphasized the paramount importance of the equality of the six official languages of the United Nations and the importance of multilingualism in the activities of the United Nations, and requested the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts to ensure full parity among the six official languages and to report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session (resolution [72/19](#), sect. IV).

Also at its seventy-second session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to include in the senior managers' compacts the new standard managerial indicator related to the timely issuance of official documentation to intergovernmental bodies and General Assembly committees and to report thereon in future progress reports on accountability. The Assembly noted with appreciation the work of the interdepartmental task force on documentation, chaired by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to facilitate the submission of documents by author departments of the Secretariat and requested the Secretary-General to continue to report to the Assembly on concrete measures taken by author departments and the Department to improve the predictability of document delivery and ensure accountability for the meeting of deadlines in compliance with set guidelines. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to continue to seek ways to promote workload-sharing among the four main duty stations and to report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session (resolution [72/19](#), sect. IV).

At the same session, the Assembly reiterated the need for the Secretary-General to ensure the compatibility of technologies used in all duty stations and to ensure that they are user-friendly in all official languages. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to continue to maintain and update the global terminology portal in order to ensure its availability to United Nations staff, Member States and the general public with a view to achieving harmonization of the terminology used at all United Nations duty stations (resolution [72/19](#), sect. V).

Also at the same session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to refrain from making any change of a substantive nature to agreed texts of both draft and adopted resolutions and to report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session (resolution [72/19](#), sect. V).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Report of the Committee on Conferences for 2018: Supplement No. 32 ([A/73/32](#));
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences ([A/73/93](#));
- (c) Draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2019 ([A/AC.172/2018/L.2](#));
- (d) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences ([A/73/107](#));
- (e) Agenda and programme of work for 2018 ([A/AC.172/2018/1](#));
- (f) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
- (g) Letter from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly.

### References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 139)

Report of the Committee on Conferences for 2017: Supplement No. 32 ([A/72/32](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences ([A/72/116](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/561](#))

Adoption of the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2018 and 2019 ([A/AC.172/2017/L.2](#) and [A/AC.172/2018/2](#))

Letter dated 5 September 2017 from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly ([A/72/376](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.12](#) and 16

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/72/611](#)

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.61](#)

Resolution [72/19](#)

## 141. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The regular budget of the United Nations is apportioned among its Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments approved by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Committee on Contributions (see item 118 (b)). The scale of assessments has also been used to apportion the costs of the capital master plan. The scale, as modified by the provisions of resolutions [55/235](#) and [55/236](#) and other resolutions concerning the financing of peacekeeping operations, has also been used to apportion the cost of peacekeeping operations among Member States. The assessment rates used for the regular budget and peacekeeping operations have also been used for apportioning the costs of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.

At its fifty-fourth session, in 1999, the Assembly decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter must be submitted by Member States to the President of the Assembly at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a complete review of the requests (resolution [54/237 C](#)).

At its fifty-seventh session, the Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Contributions concerning multi-year payment plans, as contained in paragraphs 17 to 23 of its report ([A/57/11](#)). Among those recommendations were that the Secretary-General should be requested to provide information on the submission of multi-year payment plans to the Assembly through the Committee and to submit an annual report to the Assembly through the Committee on the status of Member States' payment plans as at 31 December each year (resolution [57/4 B](#)).

At its seventieth session, the Assembly adopted a scale of assessments for the period from 2016 to 2018, based on the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions and using the same methodology applied to the preparation of the scale of assessments for the five previous scale periods. The Assembly requested the Committee, in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, to consider all relevant data in appeals submitted by Member States that might affect their capacity

to pay, and encouraged Member States to submit national accounts data under the 1993 and the 2008 System of National Accounts on a timely basis. The Assembly also requested the Committee, in accordance with its mandate and the rules of procedure of the Assembly, to review and make recommendations on the elements of the methodology of the scale of assessments in order to reflect the capacity of Member States to pay, and to report thereon to the Assembly by the main part of its seventy-third session (resolution [70/245](#)).

The Assembly had the item on its agenda at its seventy-first and seventy-second sessions (resolutions [71/2](#) and [72/2](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Report of the Committee on Contributions on its seventy-eighth session: Supplement No. 11 ([A/73/11](#));
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans ([A/73/76](#)).

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 140)**

Report of the Committee on Contributions on its seventy-seventh session: Supplement No. 11 ([A/72/11](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans ([A/72/71](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.1](#) and 3

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/72/519](#)

Plenary meetings [A/72/PV.1](#), 29, 77, 78, 87 and 88

Resolution [72/2](#)

## **142. Human resources management**

The General Assembly first considered this item at its forty-ninth session (resolutions [49/222](#) A and B and decision 49/491).

The Assembly then considered the item at its fifty-first to seventy-second sessions (resolutions [51/226](#), [52/219](#), [52/252](#), [53/11](#), [53/218](#), [53/221](#), [53/225](#), [54/264](#), [55/221](#), [55/258](#), [57/281](#) A and B, [57/305](#), [58/285](#), [58/296](#), [59/266](#), [60/238](#), [60/260](#), [60/283](#), [61/244](#) to [61/246](#), [62/248](#), [63/250](#), [63/271](#), [65/247](#), [66/234](#), [67/255](#), [68/252](#), [68/265](#), [70/256](#), [71/263](#) and [72/254](#) and decisions 50/454, 50/469, 54/460, 56/458 C, 60/551, 62/545, 64/548, 69/553 B and 70/553 B).

At its seventy-first session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to modernize, streamline and integrate the Organization's human resources management structures and functions, considering expected benefits, efficiencies and lessons learned from the implementation of previous reforms, and to present detailed proposals for the consideration of the Assembly at its seventy-third session (resolution [71/263](#), sect. I).

At the same session, the Assembly underlined the need for a comprehensive and robust workforce-planning system as a key component of human resources management, acknowledged the progress made, and requested the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to develop a comprehensive and effective workforce- and succession-planning proposal and to report thereon to the Assembly at its seventy-third session (resolution [71/263](#), sect. I).

Also at the same session, the Assembly noted with serious concern that the 120-day target for filling a post had not been reached. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to investigate the reasons for delays at each stage of the staff selection and recruitment processes and to include in his next overview report a comprehensive strategy aimed at achieving the 120-day target for recruitment set by the Assembly (resolution [71/263](#), sect. I).

Also at its seventy-first session, the Assembly expressed its serious concern about the slow pace of progress towards the goal of 50/50 gender balance in the United Nations system, especially in senior, policymaking and field positions, in conformity with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter. The Assembly welcomed the intention of the Secretary-General to implement a comprehensive strategy to intensify efforts to ensure greater representation of women in the Secretariat, particularly in senior leadership positions, and requested him to provide an update in his next overview report on progress towards the goal of gender balance, including on the adequate representation of women from developing countries, as a matter of priority, and on how managers have been held to account for contributing to gender targets (resolution [71/263](#), sect. I).

At the same session, the Assembly reiterated that the overarching objectives of a performance management system are to measure performance, reward good performance and address underperformance in a credible and effective manner. The Assembly noted that the current ratings distribution is not an accurate reflection of performance in the Organization, and requested the Secretary-General to analyse and report on the effectiveness of system enhancements, patterns and trends in completion rates, ratings distribution and participation in performance management training in his next overview report (resolution [71/263](#), sect. I).

Also at the same session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to provide detailed information on his proposal to include vacant positions at B, C, D and E duty stations in the managed mobility system in his next progress report (resolution [71/263](#), sect. II).

Also at its seventy-first session, the Assembly noted with concern that the Secretary-General had failed to present a proposal for a comprehensive review of the system of desirable ranges, and in that regard requested him to present to the Assembly, no later than at its seventy-third session, proposals for a comprehensive review of the system of desirable ranges, including by retaining or widening the current base number of Professional posts, with a view to establishing a more effective tool for ensuring equitable geographical distribution within the Secretariat in relation to all posts financed through the regular budget (resolution [71/263](#), sect. III).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Overview of human resources management reform (resolution [71/263](#));
  - (ii) Global human resources strategy 2019–2021: building a more effective, transparent and accountable United Nations (resolution [71/263](#));
  - (iii) Overview of human resources management reform: mobility (resolution [68/265](#));
  - (iv) Practice of the Secretary-General in disciplinary matters and cases of possible criminal behaviour, 1 July to 31 December 2017 (resolution [59/287](#));
  - (v) Composition of the Secretariat: staff demographics (resolution [72/254](#));

- (vi) Composition of the Secretariat: gratis personnel, retired staff and consultants and individual contractors (resolution [71/263](#));
  - (vii) Overview of human resources management reform: desirable ranges (resolution [71/263](#));
  - (viii) Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules (resolution [70/244](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-first session (agenda item 139)**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Overview of human resources management reform: towards a global, dynamic, adaptable and engaged workforce for the United Nations ([A/71/323](#))

Mobility ([A/71/323/Add.1](#))

Overview of human resources management reforms: assessment of the system of desirable ranges ([A/71/323/Add.2](#))

Composition of the Secretariat: staff demographics ([A/71/360](#))

Composition of the Secretariat: gratis personnel, retired staff and consultants and individual contractors ([A/71/360/Add.1](#))

Practice of the Secretary-General in disciplinary matters and cases of possible criminal behaviour, 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 ([A/71/186](#))

Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules ([A/71/258](#))

Activities of the Ethics Office ([A/71/334](#))

Seconded active-duty military and police personnel ([A/71/257](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/71/557](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/71/SR.4](#), 9, 10, 14 and 23

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/71/638](#) and [A/71/638/Add.1](#)

Plenary meetings [A/71/PV.51](#) and 68

Resolution [71/263](#)

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 141)**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Composition of the Secretariat: staff demographics ([A/72/123](#))

Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules ([A/72/129/Rev.1](#))

Practice of the Secretary-General in disciplinary matters and cases of possible criminal behaviour, 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/209](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/558](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.9</a> and 29 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/667</a>             |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.76</a>           |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">72/254</a>               |

### 143. Joint Inspection Unit

At its twenty-first session, in 1966, the General Assembly established the Joint Inspection Unit for an initial period of four years (resolution 2150 (XXI)), and subsequently decided to continue the Unit until 31 December 1973 (resolution 2735 A (XXV)) and then for a further period of four years beyond that date (resolution 2924 B (XXVII)). At its thirty-first session, the Assembly approved the statute of the Unit as a subsidiary organ of the Assembly and of the legislative bodies of the specialized agencies that accepted the new statute (resolution [31/192](#)). The membership of the Unit was increased from 8 to not more than 11 Inspectors, with effect from 1 January 1978.

The Assembly continued to reaffirm the statute of the Unit and its unique and independent system-wide role in the areas of inspection, evaluation and investigation at various sessions from its forty-eighth to seventy-second sessions (resolutions [48/221](#), [50/233](#), [54/16](#), [60/258](#), [61/238](#), [61/260](#), [62/226](#), [62/246](#), [63/272](#), [64/262](#), [65/270](#), [66/259](#), [67/256](#), [68/266](#), [69/275](#), [70/257](#), [71/281](#) and [72/269](#)).

At its fiftieth session, in June 1996, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, and invited the executive heads of organizations participating in the Unit, to take the necessary measures to ensure that the thematic reports of the Unit were listed under the appropriate substantive agenda items of the work programmes of the Assembly, other pertinent organs and bodies of the United Nations and the appropriate legislative organs of the other participating organizations (resolution [50/233](#)).

At its fifty-fourth session, the Assembly endorsed the follow-up system annexed to the Unit's report ([A/52/34](#)) and invited the Unit to include in its annual reports approved recommendations that had not been implemented (resolution [54/16](#)).

At its fifty-fifth session, the Assembly decided to consider the annual reports of the Unit on an annual basis (resolution [55/230](#)).

At its fifty-ninth session, the Assembly decided that the Unit should include in its annual reports information on implementation and the results achieved by organizations in respect of their follow-up to the recommendations of the Unit, as endorsed by their legislative bodies, and the arrangements put in place by participating organizations for reporting thereon (resolution [59/267](#)).

At its sixty-first session, the Assembly requested that reports of the Unit include information on savings, acceptance rate of recommendations and implementation status by impact category (resolution [61/238](#), sect. I).

At the same session, the Assembly decided to consider jointly the annual report and programme of work of the Unit, starting from the sixty-second session (resolution [61/260](#)).

At its sixty-second session, the Assembly invited the Unit to report in the context of its annual reports on experience in the implementation of the follow-up system by the participating organizations (resolution [62/246](#)).

At its sixty-ninth session, the Assembly reiterated its requests that the Unit issue its reports in all the official languages of the United Nations, well in advance of meetings of the legislative organs of participating organizations. The Assembly also reiterated its request to the executive heads of the participating organizations to fully comply with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit, to make full use of the web-based system of the Unit and to provide an in-depth analysis of how the recommendations of the Unit are being implemented (resolution [69/275](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the report of the Unit for the year 2017 and programme of work for 2018. The Assembly welcomed the coordination of the Unit with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services and encouraged those bodies to continue to share experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned with each other, as well as with the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, with a view to avoiding overlap or duplication and achieving further synergy, cooperation, effectiveness and efficiency, without prejudice to the respective mandates of the audit and oversight bodies (resolution [72/269](#)).

At the same session, the Assembly recognized that the effectiveness of the Unit system-wide is a shared responsibility of the Unit, the Member States and the secretariats of the participating organizations, and also recognized the need to continue to enhance the impact of the Unit on the management efficiency and transparency of the participating organizations within the United Nations system (resolution [72/269](#)).

Also at the same session, the Assembly reiterated its requests to the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of the participating organizations to fully assist the Unit with the timely provision of all information requested by it. The Assembly also reiterated its request to the executive heads of the participating organizations to comply fully with the statutory procedures for consideration of the reports of the Unit, to submit their comments on implementation efforts and to distribute reports in time for their consideration by legislative organs. In addition, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, and invited the executive heads of participating organizations, to ensure that the thematic reports of the Unit are listed under the appropriate substantive agenda items of the work programmes of the appropriate legislative organs, and requested the executive heads of the participating organizations who had not yet done so to establish a direct reporting line from the Joint Inspection Unit focal points to top management (resolution [72/269](#)).

Also at its seventy-second session, the Assembly stressed the importance of the oversight functions of the Unit in identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions and providing legislative organs with practical and action-oriented recommendations. The Assembly reiterated its request to the Unit to consider optimizing the number of projects in its programme of work through prioritization and to focus its reports on priority items of the participating organizations and the States Members of the United Nations with the aim of providing legislative organs with thematic reports of the Unit that can be used to maximum effect. The Assembly also invited the Unit to continue to provide an in-depth analysis of how the recommendations of the Unit are being implemented and encouraged the heads of participating organizations to examine possible options for improving coordinated action in response to relevant recommendations of the Unit (resolution [72/269](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2018 and programme of work for 2019: Supplement No. 34 ([A/73/34](#));

- (b) Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit as well as his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on:
- (i) Review of management and administration in the Universal Postal Union ([JIU/REP/2017/4](#));
  - (ii) Review of donor reporting requirements across the United Nations system ([A/73/320](#));
  - (iii) The United Nations system — private sector partnerships arrangements in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([JIU/REP/2017/8](#));
  - (iv) Review of mechanisms and policies addressing conflict of interest in the United Nations system ([A/73/187](#) and [A/73/187/Add.1](#));
  - (v) Review of internship programmes in the United Nations system ([JIU/REP/2018/1](#));
  - (vi) Progress report on the recommendations contained in the review of South-South and triangular cooperation in the United Nations system ([JIU/REP/2011/3](#)) ([A/73/311](#) and [A/73/311/Add.1](#));
  - (vii) Review of management and administration in the United Nations Office for Project Services ([JIU/REP/2018/3](#));
  - (viii) Review of whistle-blower policies and practices in United Nations system organizations ([JIU/REP/2018/4](#));
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2018 (resolution [65/270](#)).

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 142)**

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2017 and programme of work for 2018: Supplement No. 34 ([A/72/34](#))

Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2017 ([A/72/733](#))

Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit as well as his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on:

Safety and security in the United Nations system ([A/72/118](#) and [A/72/118/Add.1](#))

Comprehensive review of United Nations system support for small island developing States: final findings ([A/72/119](#) and [A/72/119/Add.1](#))

State of the internal audit function in the United Nations system ([A/72/120](#) and [A/72/120/Add.1](#))

Donor-led assessments of the United Nations system organizations ([A/72/298](#) and [A/72/298/Add.1](#))

Administrative support services: the role of service centres in redesigning administrative service delivery ([A/72/299](#) and [A/72/299/Add.1](#))

Knowledge management in the United Nations system ([A/72/325](#) and [A/72/325/Add.1](#))

Review of air travel policies in the United Nations system: achieving efficiency gains and cost savings and enhancing harmonization ([A/72/629](#) and [A/72/629/Add.1](#))

Outcome of the review of the follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit reports and recommendations by the United Nations system organizations ([A/72/704](#) and [A/72/704/Add.1](#))

Results-based management in the United Nations development system: analysis of progress and policy effectiveness ([A/72/809](#) and [A/72/809/Add.1](#))

Letter dated 27 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/72/511](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.30</a> , 31 and 34 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/810</a>                   |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.81</a>                 |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">72/269</a>                     |

#### **144. United Nations common system**

The General Assembly, by its resolution 3042 (XXVII), decided in principle to establish an international civil service commission for the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system. By its resolution 3357 (XXIX), the Assembly approved the statute of the International Civil Service Commission. The United Nations common system comprises 17 organizations that have accepted the Commission's statute and, together with the United Nations itself and its funds and programmes, participate in the United Nations common system of salaries and allowances. Other organizations have not formally accepted the statute but fully participate in the Commission's work or apply the common system of salaries, allowances and benefits. Under its statute, the Commission is required to submit an annual report to the Assembly, which is also to be transmitted to the governing organs of the other organizations of the common system, through their executive heads.

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly called upon the United Nations common system organizations and staff to fully cooperate with the Commission in the application of the post adjustment system and implement its decisions regarding the results of the cost-of-living surveys and the mandatory age of separation without undue delay. The Assembly invited the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to ensure that decisions of the Assembly are implemented in full and without undue delay across the common system. The Assembly approved the guidelines for the use of the National Professional Officer category, the principles and guidelines for performance appraisal and management for the recognition of different levels of performance and the revised unified base/floor salary scale for staff in the Professional and higher categories. It requested the Commission to continue its efforts to improve the post adjustment system in order to minimize any gap between the pay indices and the post adjustment indices. The Assembly also requested the Commission to continue to provide information on the progress made by common system organizations in the implementation of existing gender policies and measures towards achieving the goal

of 50/50 gender balance and strengthening geographical diversity in the common system, including at senior levels, and to continue to monitor the age distribution of the workforce and to report thereon to the Assembly (resolution [72/255](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2018: Supplement No. 30 ([A/73/30](#));
- (b) Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2018;
- (c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 143)**

Report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2017: Supplement No. 30 ([A/72/30](#) and [A/72/30/Corr.1](#))

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2017 ([A/C.5/72/3](#) and [A/C.5/72/3/Corr.1](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/7/Add.21](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.15</a> and 29 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/666</a>              |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.76</a>            |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">72/255</a>                |

## **145. United Nations pension system**

The United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Regulations for which were adopted initially by the General Assembly at its third session, in 1948 (resolution 248 (III)), is administered by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, currently consisting of 33 members, one third of whom are elected by the Assembly and the corresponding legislative bodies of the other member organizations, one third by the executive heads of those organizations and one third by the participants.

The Fund comprises the United Nations and 22 other member organizations. As at 31 December 2017, the total number of active participants was 126,736 and there were 78,247 periodic benefits in award.

At its forty-sixth session, in 1991, the Assembly decided to consider this item on a biennial basis, in even-numbered years (resolution [46/220](#)).

At its seventy-first session, the Assembly took note of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for 2016, in particular the actions taken by the Board as set out in chapter II.B of the report (resolution [71/265](#)).

At its seventy-second session, under the item entitled “Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019”, the Assembly requested 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 requested the Office to submit a report with key findings to the Assembly at its seventy-third session, to be considered in the context of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XV).

The Pension Board held its sixty-fifth session at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in Rome, from 26 July to 3 August 2018. It recommended to the Assembly the approval of: (a) the admission of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization to membership in the Fund, with effect from 1 January 2019; (b) amendments to articles 4, 6, 30, 32, 46 and 48 of the Fund's Regulations, as provided in annex XI to the report of the Board, to clarify or correct the language of those provisions in accordance with the current practice of the Fund; and (c) an exception to article 15 (b) of the Fund's Regulations, to effect a change from a biennial to an annual budget for the Fund on a trial basis, subject to the follow-up review by the Secretary-General in 2022 and to the review by the Assembly at its seventy-seventh session. The Board approved: (a) subject to the concurrence of the Assembly, the transfer agreement of the Fund with the African Development Bank; and (b) an amendment to section A.5 of the Fund's Rules of Procedure, as set out in annex XII to the report of the Board.

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on its sixty-fifth session: Supplement No. 9 ([A/73/9](#));
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and measures undertaken to increase diversification of the Fund;
- (c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
- (d) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the comprehensive audit of the governance structure of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (resolution [72/262 A](#), sect. XV).

**References for the seventy-first session (agenda item 142)**

Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on its sixty-third session: Supplement No. 9 ([A/71/9](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and measures undertaken to increase the diversification of the Fund ([A/C.5/71/2](#))

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/71/621](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/71/SR.14</a> and 23 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/71/701</a>              |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/71/PV.68</a>            |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">71/265</a>                |

## 146. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Article 17, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations provides that the General Assembly shall examine the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies referred to in Article 57 with a view to making recommendations to the agencies concerned. General Assembly resolution 14 (I) provides that one of the functions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is to examine on behalf of the Assembly the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies and proposals for financial arrangements with such agencies. This provision is repeated in rule 157 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly. At its forty-seventh session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit the next statistical report by the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session and thereafter every second year, and to add to the material covered therein information on assessed and voluntary contributions paid by Member States and non-Member States in each of the two prior calendar years (decision 47/449).

The Assembly had this item on its agenda biennially from its forty-ninth to seventy-first sessions and at its seventy-second session (decisions 49/465, 51/453, 53/459, 55/472, 57/557, 57/558, 59/548, 61/548, 63/547, 65/541, 67/553 B, 69/551 and 71/546 C).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statistical report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system (decision 47/449);
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

## 147. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) was established in 1994 by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/218 B. The Assembly decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session an item entitled “Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services”.

The Assembly had the item on its agenda at its fiftieth and fifty-fourth to fifty-seventh sessions (resolutions 50/239, 54/244, 55/259, 56/246 and 57/287 A to C).

At its fifty-ninth session, the Assembly, under the item entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244”, requested the Secretary-General to ensure that annual and semi-annual reports submitted by OIOS to the Assembly contained the titles and brief summaries of all other reports of the Office issued during the year and that original versions of the reports of the Office not submitted to the Assembly were, upon request, made available to any Member State, and decided that reports of the Office should be submitted directly to the Assembly as submitted by the Office and that the comments of the Secretary-General might be submitted in a separate report (resolution 59/272).

The Assembly had the item on its agenda at its sixtieth session (resolutions 60/255, sect. I, 60/257 and 60/259 and decision 60/551 A).

At its sixtieth session, the Assembly, under the agenda item entitled “Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services”, modified the title of the agenda item to read “Report on the activities of the Office of

Internal Oversight Services” in accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution [59/272](#) (resolution [60/259](#)).

The Assembly has had the item on its agenda annually since its sixty-first session (resolutions [61/275](#), [61/279](#), [62/87](#), [62/225](#), [62/232](#), [62/236](#), [62/247](#), [63/248](#), [63/265](#), [64/232](#), [65/250](#), [66/236](#), [67/258](#), [68/21](#), [69/252](#), [70/111](#), [71/7](#) and [72/18](#)).

At its sixty-fourth session, under the item entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [48/218 B](#), [54/244](#) and [59/272](#)”, the Assembly endorsed the observations, comments and recommendations on the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of OIOS contained in the annex to the annual report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee ([A/64/288](#)) (resolution [64/263](#)).

At its sixty-seventh session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to entrust the Office with publishing audit reports on the website of the Office, on an experimental basis, and decided that a final decision on the continuation of the experiment should be made in the context of the review of the mandate of the Office to be conducted during the sixty-ninth session of the Assembly (resolution [67/258](#)).

At its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [48/218 B](#), [54/244](#), [59/272](#) and [64/263](#)”, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to entrust the Office with publishing audit and evaluation reports on the website of the Office as from 1 January 2015, and also requested the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary to ensure that the credibility of the Organization and its staff was protected (resolution [69/253](#)).

At its seventieth session, the Assembly encouraged the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to update the administrative instructions related to the work of the Office, in particular [ST/AI/371](#) and [ST/AI/371/Amend.1](#), so as to ensure that they reflected the mandate of the Office as well as of other investigation functions. In addition, the Assembly noted the lengthy delays in the average time to complete investigations and emphasized the need for the Office to take appropriate steps to address those delays as a matter of priority and to report thereon in the context of future annual reports. The Assembly noted the ongoing professional initiatives aimed at strengthening the functioning of the Office, encouraged continued efforts in that regard, including an assessment of working relationships across the divisions, and looked forward to updates in the context of future annual reports (resolution [70/111](#)).

At its seventy-first session, the Assembly recognized the efforts undertaken by the Organization to develop an anti-fraud and anti-corruption framework aimed at preventing, detecting, deterring and addressing fraud and corruption and encouraged the Office to continue its role in strengthening the internal control system to effectively mitigate relevant risks. It stressed the need for the Office to increase emphasis on investigations involving cases of fraud, recognized the Office’s role in supporting the Organization to assess, analyse and act upon all fraud risks and requested the Secretary-General to continue to make every effort to fill the remaining vacant posts, particularly in the Investigations Division and in the field, in accordance with the relevant provisions governing recruitment in the United Nations (resolution [71/7](#)).

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to promote effective coordination and collaboration with regard to the audit, evaluation and investigation functions of the Office in order to ensure an integrated approach to its oversight function, bearing in mind the operational independence of the Office, and to ensure that all relevant resolutions pertaining to the work of the Office are brought to the attention of the relevant managers and that all relevant resolutions, including those of a cross-cutting nature, are taken into account by the Office in the conduct of its activities. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-

General to ensure that the annual reports of the Office continue to include a brief description of any impairment of its independence. The Assembly further requested the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the full implementation of the accepted recommendations of the Office, including those relating to cost avoidance, recovery of overpayments, efficiency gains and other improvements, in a prompt and timely manner, and to provide detailed justifications in cases in which recommendations of the Office are not accepted. The Assembly welcomed the efforts of the Office to promote the Organization's zero-tolerance approach to fraud and corruption, encouraged the Office to continue to investigate and audit cases of fraud and corruption, welcomed the progress made in reducing the average time taken to complete investigations and associated reports and encouraged the Office to continue to reduce the average length of time to six months (resolution [72/18](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services:
  - (i) Activities of the Office for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Activities of the Office on peace operations for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 (to be issued in the second part of the resumed seventy-third session) (resolution [59/272](#));
- (b) Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on its activities for the period from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018.

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 145)**

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services:

Activities of the Office for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017  
([A/72/330 \(Part I\)](#) and [A/72/330 \(Part I\)/Add.1](#))

Activities of the Office on peace operations for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017 ([A/72/330 \(Part II\)](#))

Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on its activities for the period from 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 ([A/72/295](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.2](#) and 16

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/72/610](#)

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.61](#)

Resolution [72/18](#)

### **148. Administration of justice at the United Nations**

The General Assembly had this item on its agenda at its fifty-fifth to fifty-ninth and sixty-first to seventy-second sessions (resolutions [55/258](#), [57/307](#), [59/283](#), [61/261](#), [62/228](#), [63/253](#), [64/119](#), [64/233](#), [65/251](#), [66/237](#), [67/241](#), [68/254](#), [69/203](#), [70/112](#), [71/266](#) and [72/256](#) and decisions [56/458 C](#), [58/576](#), [61/503 A](#), [63/531](#), [64/527](#), [64/553](#) and [65/213](#)).

At its sixty-second session, the Assembly established: (a) a two-tier formal system of administration of justice, comprising a first instance United Nations Dispute Tribunal and an appellate instance United Nations Appeals Tribunal; (b) the Office of Administration of Justice, comprising the Office of the Executive Director and the Office of Staff Legal Assistance, as well as the Registries for the United Nations

Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, the Registries to be overseen by the Principal Registrar; (c) a single integrated and decentralized Office of the Ombudsman for the United Nations Secretariat, funds and programmes with branches in several duty stations and a new mediation division; (d) the Internal Justice Council; and (e) the Management Evaluation Unit in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management (resolution [62/228](#)).

At its sixty-third session, the Assembly adopted the statutes of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal and decided that the Tribunals would be operational as of 1 July 2009 and that all persons who had access to the Office of the Ombudsman under the previous system would also have access to the new informal system (resolution [63/253](#)). The statutes have been amended at subsequent sessions (resolutions [66/237](#), [69/203](#), [70/112](#) and [71/266](#)).

#### **Consideration of the item in the Fifth Committee**

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly noted with appreciation the achievements of the system of administration of justice, while recognizing that there is still room for further improvement. The Assembly noted that staff still appeared to have limited awareness of the system, encouraged continued outreach and other awareness-raising campaign efforts to provide information on the role and functioning of the various parts of the system and stressed the importance of establishing and implementing an outreach strategy for all staff covered under the formal and informal components of the system. It also encouraged the Secretary-General and the Office of Human Resources Management to ensure that staff have a more comprehensive understanding of the rules, regulations and administrative issuances dealing with human resources, including information on benefits and entitlements. With regard to protection against retaliation for reporting misconduct and for cooperating with duly authorized audits or investigations, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to present a comprehensive analysis of all existing policies and provide recommendations on ways to improve protections for staff members at its seventy-third session (resolution [72/256](#), sect. I).

At the same session, with regard to the informal system, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to provide detailed information on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, including statistical overviews of mediated cases, and to include information and recommendations on the overall results of the staff survey as they relate to staff perceptions of workplace conflict in the next report on the activities of the Office. It encouraged the Office to intensify its outreach activities to encourage informal dispute resolution. The Assembly recognized the efforts of the Office concerning the informal resolution of conflict and requested the Secretary-General to provide more detailed information on the impact of conflict prevention training and on efforts to enhance cooperation between the formal and informal parts of the system in his next report. The Assembly welcomed the analysis of the root causes of conflict included in the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office ([A/72/138](#)) and urged the Secretary-General to continue to address the systemic issues identified in the report in order to improve upon the policies and procedures of the Organization. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to provide information on policy changes resulting from the effort of the Office to help to resolve systemic issues in his future reports (resolution [72/256](#), sect. II).

Also at the same session, with regard to the formal system, the Assembly recognized the ongoing positive contribution of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance to the system of administration of justice. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to track the data on the number of cases received by the Management Evaluation Unit and the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in order to identify any

emerging trends and to include his observations on those statistics in future reports. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the accountability of managers whose grossly negligent decisions had led to litigation and subsequent financial loss, and to report thereon at its seventy-third session. With regard to the voluntary supplemental funding mechanism for the Office of Staff Legal Assistance (by way of a payroll deduction not exceeding 0.05 per cent of a staff member's monthly net base salary, in accordance with paragraph 33 of resolution [68/254](#)), the Assembly decided to extend the experimental period until 31 December 2018 and requested the Secretary-General to provide further information, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, regarding the implications of the regularization of the mechanism in order to take a decision on the issue at its seventy-third session. It underscored that regularizing the mechanism, if approved, would not affect the nature of the funding of the Office, encouraged the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen incentives for staff not to opt out, particularly in locations where the participation rate is low, and requested the Secretary-General to continue to collect and examine data relating to staff contributions to the Office, including location data of opt-out rates, and to report thereon to the Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session. The Assembly extended the mandates of three ad litem judge positions and the incumbent judges in the Dispute Tribunal until 31 December 2018 and requested the Secretary-General to provide further information, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, regarding the implication of the establishment of three new permanent judges in the Dispute Tribunal, in order for a decision to be taken on the issue, at the seventy-third session. The Assembly approved the payment of \$600 per interlocutory motion adjudicated by a United Nations Appeals Tribunal judge as well as the payment of a stipend to the President of the Tribunal in the amount of \$1,500 per month, starting on 1 January 2018. The Assembly welcomed further views of the Internal Justice Council in its next report on possible ways to continue to ensure the independence of the Tribunals. The Assembly noted the continuing high degree of self-representation before the Dispute Tribunal and requested the Secretary-General to undertake an analysis within existing resources on the issue and to report thereon at its seventy-third session (resolution [72/256](#), sect. III).

Also at its seventy-second session, the Assembly stressed that the Internal Justice Council could help to ensure independence, professionalism and accountability in the system of administration of justice and requested the Secretary-General to entrust the Council with including the views of both the Dispute Tribunal and the Appeals Tribunal in its reports. The Assembly invited the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare, from within existing resources, a comprehensive analysis of the information provided in annex II to his report on administration of justice at the United Nations ([A/72/204](#)) on the remedies available to non-staff personnel (resolution [72/256](#), sect. IV).

### **Consideration of the item in the Sixth Committee**

At the seventy-second session, as set out in a letter from the Chair of the Sixth Committee (see [A/C.5/72/10](#), annex), the Sixth Committee considered the legal aspects of the reports of the Secretary-General and of the Internal Justice Council on administration of justice at the United Nations and the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services. The Sixth Committee drew the attention of the Fifth Committee to a number of specific issues relating to the legal aspects of those reports.

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services ([A/73/167](#));
  - (ii) Administration of justice at the United Nations ([A/73/217](#));
- (b) Report of the Internal Justice Council on administration of justice at the United Nations ([A/73/218](#));
- (c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 146)**

## Reports of the Secretary-General:

Activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services ([A/72/138](#))

Administration of justice at the United Nations ([A/72/204](#))

Report of the Internal Justice Council on administration of justice at the United Nations ([A/72/210](#))

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administration of justice at the United Nations and activities of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services ([A/72/7/Add.19](#))

Letter dated 26 October 2017 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chair of the Fifth Committee ([A/C.5/72/10](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.14](#) and 29

[A/C.6/72/SR.11](#) and 21

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/72/665](#)

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.76](#)

Resolution [72/256](#)

**149. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals**

This item was included in the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly on the proposal of the Secretary-General ([A/66/143](#)).

The Assembly has had the item on its agenda annually since its sixty-sixth session (resolutions [66/240 A and B](#), [67/244 A and B](#), [68/257](#), [68/267](#), [69/256](#), [69/276](#), [70/243](#), [70/258](#), [71/269](#), [71/282](#), [72/258 A and B](#) and [72/270](#)).

At the main part of its seventy-second session, the Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed \$87,796,600 gross (\$79,993,400 net) for the maintenance of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the one-year period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 (resolution [72/258 A](#)).

At its resumed seventy-second session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare an annual budget for the Mechanism on a trial basis, beginning with the budget for 2020, and also requested the Secretary-General to conduct a review of the

budgetary cycle for the Mechanism in 2022, following the completion of the first full budgetary cycle; decided to review at its seventy-seventh session, with a view to taking a final decision, the implementation of the annual budget; and approved the proposed revised budget amounting to \$196,024,100 for the Mechanism for the biennium 2018–2019 (resolution [72/258 B](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) First performance report of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018–2019;
  - (ii) Progress on the construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch (resolution [66/240 B](#));
- (b) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 148)**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018–2019 ([A/72/396](#) and [A/72/396/Corr.1](#))

Second performance report of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2016–2017 ([A/72/604](#))

Revised estimates for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation ([A/72/641](#))

Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch ([A/72/734](#))

Revised budget for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018–2019 ([A/72/813](#) and [A/72/813/Corr.1](#))

Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/7/Add.36](#), [A/72/654](#), [A/72/785](#) and [A/72/875](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.27-29, 32, 34, 42 and 48](#)

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/72/669](#), [A/72/669/Add.1](#) and [A/72/669/Add.2](#)

Plenary meetings [A/72/PV.76](#), 81 and 104

Resolutions [72/258 A and B](#) and [72/270](#)

### **150. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations**

This item was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly at the request of a number of Member States ([A/55/141](#), [A/55/141/Add.1](#), [A/55/141/Add.2](#) and [A/55/141/Add.3](#)); subsequently, nine other Member States joined in requesting the inclusion of the item in the agenda ([A/55/193](#), [A/55/195](#) to [A/55/199](#), [A/55/224](#), [A/55/225](#) and [A/55/230](#)).

At its fifty-fifth session, the Assembly established a new system of adjustments of rates in the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United

Nations under the regular budget, assigning each Member State to 1 of 10 levels in order to establish their rates of assessment for peacekeeping operations; decided on ad hoc arrangements for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations to several Member States; requested the Secretary-General to update the composition of the levels on a triennial basis, in conjunction with the regular budget scale of assessment reviews, in accordance with the criteria established in the resolution, and to report thereon to the Assembly; and decided that the structure of levels to be implemented from 1 July 2001 should be reviewed after nine years (resolution [55/235](#)).

The Assembly has had the item on its agenda triennially since its fifty-eighth session (resolutions [58/256](#), [61/243](#), [64/249](#), [67/239](#) and [70/246](#)).

At its seventieth session, the Assembly reaffirmed the principles set out in its resolution [55/235](#) and requested the Secretary-General to continue to update the composition of the levels on a triennial basis, in conjunction with the regular budget scale of assessment reviews, and to report thereon to the Assembly. The Assembly recognized the need to reform the current methodology for apportioning the expenses of peacekeeping operations and decided to review the structure of the levels of the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations during its seventy-third session (resolution [70/246](#)).

*Document for the seventy-third session:* Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [55/235](#) and [55/236](#) (resolution [70/246](#)).

#### **References for the seventieth session (agenda item 147)**

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions [55/235](#) and [55/236](#) ([A/70/331](#) and [A/70/331/Add.1](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/70/SR.1</a> , 2 and 23 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/70/636</a>                 |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/70/PV.82</a>               |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">70/246</a>                   |

## **151. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations**

### **Effective date of resolutions relating to the peacekeeping budget and special political missions**

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly decided that all resolutions relating to the peacekeeping budget and special political missions adopted at its 104th meeting, on 5 July 2018, under agenda items 136, 149 to 154 and 156 to 165, would be effective as from 1 July 2018 (decision [72/558](#)).

### **Rates of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries**

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly recalled its resolution [68/281](#), took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the survey to support the review of the standard rate of reimbursement to troop- and police-contributing countries and endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Assembly decided to establish a single rate of reimbursement to countries

contributing contingent personnel to United Nations field operations in the amount of \$1,428 per person per month as from 1 July 2018, and also decided to increase the death and disability compensation rates by 10 per cent as from 1 July 2018 (resolution [72/285](#) and decision 72/558).

### **Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy**

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy. The Assembly approved the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base, amounting to \$82,448,900 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, and decided on the financing of the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the same period (resolution [72/287](#) and decision 72/558).

### **Closed peacekeeping missions**

At its seventy-second session, under the item entitled “Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations”, the Assembly decided to defer until the second part of its resumed seventy-third session the consideration of the reports of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2011 ([A/66/665](#)), 30 June 2012 ([A/67/739](#)), 30 June 2013 ([A/68/666](#)), 30 June 2014 ([A/69/659](#)), 30 June 2015 ([A/70/552](#)), 30 June 2016 ([A/71/652](#)) and 30 June 2017 ([A/72/649](#)) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/66/713](#) and [A/66/713/Corr.1](#), [A/67/837](#), [A/68/837](#), [A/69/827](#), [A/70/829](#), [A/71/856](#) and [A/72/838](#), respectively) (decision 72/547 C).

### **Support account for peacekeeping operations**

At its forty-fifth session, in 1991, the Assembly established the support account for peacekeeping operations, effective 1 January 1990 (resolution [45/258](#)); it became operational on 1 May 1990.

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly reaffirmed its role in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of human and financial resources and policies with a view to ensuring the full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in that regard; also reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters; further reaffirmed that the support account funds should be used for the sole purpose of financing human resources and non-human resources requirements for backstopping and supporting peacekeeping operations at Headquarters, and that any changes in that limitation required the prior approval of the Assembly; reaffirmed the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, as well as the need for full justification for that funding in support account budget submissions; also reaffirmed the need for effective and efficient administration and financial management of peacekeeping operations; and urged the Secretary-General to continue to identify measures to increase the productivity and efficiency of the support account. The Assembly approved the support account requirements in the amount of \$324,703,500 for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of the amount of \$28,859,100 for the enterprise resource planning project and \$821,500 for information and systems security, including 1,345 continuing posts and 20 new temporary posts, as well as the abolishment, redeployment, reassignment and reclassification of posts, as set out in annex I to the resolution, and 57 continuing and 11 new general temporary assistance positions and 52 person-months, as set out in annex II to the resolution, as well as related post and non-post requirements, and

decided on the financing of the requirements for the support account for the same period (resolution [72/288](#) and decision 72/558).

### **Financing of the United Nations Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda**

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly approved the cost estimates for the maintenance of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, amounting to \$31,438,900 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. The Assembly decided that the requirements for the Regional Service Centre for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 should be financed by applying the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$2,983,200 in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 against the resources required, by prorating the amount of \$27,860,200 among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and by charging the amount of \$595,500 against the provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, as approved by the Assembly in its resolutions [72/263](#) A to C (resolution [72/286](#) and decision 72/558).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and budget for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [59/296](#));
  - (ii) Budget performance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (resolution [72/287](#));
  - (iii) Budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/287](#));
  - (iv) Updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2018;
  - (v) Budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (resolution [72/288](#));
  - (vi) Budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/288](#));
  - (vii) Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (resolutions [66/264](#), [69/307](#), [70/286](#) and [71/297](#));
  - (viii) Budget performance of the United Nations Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (resolution [72/286](#));
  - (ix) Budget for the United Nations Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/286](#));
- (b) Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting:
  - (i) Proposed budgetary levels for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [49/233](#) A);
  - (ii) Six-month update of information on the proposed budgetary levels for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (resolution [49/233](#) A);

- (iii) Financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations, the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [50/221 B](#));
  - (iv) Approved resources for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [49/233 A](#));
- (c) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

### References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 149)

#### Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/639](#))

Budget performance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/648](#))

Budget performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/701](#) and [A/72/701/Add.1](#))

Results of the survey to support the review of the standard rate of reimbursement to troop- and police-contributing countries ([A/72/728](#))

Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse ([A/72/751](#) and [A/72/751/Corr.1](#))

Overview of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: budget performance for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and budget for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/770](#))

Budget for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/777](#))

Budget for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/783](#))

Budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/790/Rev.1](#))

Comprehensive review of the support account for peacekeeping operations ([A/72/814](#))

#### Notes by the Secretary-General:

Proposed budgetary levels for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/C.5/72/23](#))

Financing of the support account for peacekeeping operations, the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda ([A/C.5/72/24](#))

Approved resources for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/C.5/72/25](#))

#### Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

Results of the survey to support the review of the standard rate of reimbursement to troop- and police-contributing countries ([A/72/771](#))

Observations and recommendations on cross-cutting issues related to peacekeeping operations ([A/72/789](#))

Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda ([A/72/789/Add.9](#))

Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy ([A/72/789/Add.10](#))

Budget performance for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, financing for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 of the support account for peacekeeping operations ([A/72/857](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.33</a> , 35, 38–40 and 48 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/917</a>                          |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.104</a>                       |
| Resolutions                   | <a href="#">72/285</a> to <a href="#">72/288</a>  |

## 152. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

The Security Council, by its resolution [1990 \(2011\)](#) of 27 June 2011, established the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA), for a period of six months, taking into account the Agreement between the Government of the Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement on Temporary Arrangements for the Administration and Security of the Abyei Area. The Council extended the mandate of UNISFA in subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution [2416 \(2018\)](#) of 15 May 2018, by which the Council extended the mandate of UNISFA until 15 November 2018.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly appropriated to the Special Account for UNISFA an additional amount of \$11,242,700 for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$2,737,400, representing the amount of \$11,242,700 less the amount of \$8,505,300, representing other revenue in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$92,400, representing the difference between the estimated staff assessment income of \$2,295,000 approved for the Force under the terms of Assembly resolution [70/269](#) and the actual staff assessment income of \$2,387,400 for the financial period ended 30 June 2017; appropriated to the Special Account the amount of \$282,238,900 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$263,858,100 for the maintenance of the Force, \$13,619,000 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, \$3,426,300 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and \$1,335,500 for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$105,839,588 for the period from 1 July to 15 November 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$1,637,063; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$35,279,863 for the period from 16 November 2018 to 31 December 2018, at a monthly rate of \$23,519,908, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among

Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$545,688; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$141,119,450 for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of \$23,519,908, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force; and decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$2,182,750 (resolution [72/289](#) and decision 72/558).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Budget for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/289](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 150)**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/644](#))

Budget for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/730](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/789/Add.13](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.35](#) and 48

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/72/913](#)

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.104](#)

Resolution [72/289](#)

## **153. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic**

By its resolution [2149 \(2014\)](#) of 10 April 2014, the Security Council established the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) for an initial period until 30 April 2015. The mandate of MINUSCA was extended by the Council in subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution [2387 \(2017\)](#) of 15 November 2017, whereby it was extended until 15 November 2018.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly appropriated to the Special Account for MINUSCA the amount of \$995,011,800 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$930,211,900 for the maintenance of the Mission, \$48,012,800 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, \$12,079,000 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and \$4,708,100 for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$373,129,425 for the period from 1 July to 15 November 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$7,542,675; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$124,376,475 for the period from 16 November to 31 December 2018,

subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$2,514,225; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$497,505,900 for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of \$82,917,650, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$10,056,900; and also decided that the increase of \$777,100 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be added to the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$82,788,300 (resolution [72/290](#) and decision 72/558).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Budget for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/290](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 151)**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/637](#))

Budget for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/779](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/789/Add.8](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.40</a> and 48 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/916</a>              |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.104</a>           |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">72/290</a>                |

**154. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire**

The Security Council, by its resolution [1528 \(2004\)](#), established the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) for an initial period of 12 months as from 4 April 2004. By the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to transfer authority from the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire and the Economic Community of West African States forces to UNOCI on that date. The Council has since extended the mandate of UNOCI in subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution [2284 \(2016\)](#) of 28 April 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate for a final period until 30 June 2017.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly decided that Member States should be credited with, or that there should be set off against their outstanding obligations, their respective share of \$21,920,000, comprising the unencumbered balance of \$5,351,200 and \$16,568,800 of other revenue in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017. It also decided that the increase of \$1,147,600 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be added to the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$21,920,000 (resolution [72/291](#) and decision 72/558).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of assets of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (resolution [72/291](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

#### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 152)**

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/655](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/852](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.40](#) and 48

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/72/915](#)

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.104](#)

Resolution [72/291](#)

### **155. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus**

By its resolution 186 (1964), the Security Council recommended the creation of a United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) and that the Force be stationed for three months, with a mandate to use its best efforts to prevent a recurrence of fighting and, as necessary, to contribute to the maintenance and restoration of law and order and a return to normal conditions. Since then, the Council has periodically extended the mandate of UNFICYP, usually for periods of six months at a time, the latest extension of which was by its resolution [2430 \(2018\)](#) of 26 July 2018, for a further period ending on 31 January 2019.

Prior to 16 June 1993, the Secretary-General was not authorized to utilize any funds other than voluntary contributions pledged by Member States for the financing of UNFICYP. Pursuant to Security Council resolution 831 (1993), the General Assembly, in its resolution [47/236](#), decided that, beginning 16 June 1993, the costs of UNFICYP that were not covered by voluntary contributions should be treated as expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States, in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

At its seventy-second session, the Assembly appropriated to the Special Account for UNFICYP the amount of \$56,358,700 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$52,938,900 for the maintenance of the Force, \$2,732,400 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and \$687,400 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; noted with appreciation that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to \$17,850,500, would be funded through voluntary

contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of \$6,500,000 from the Government of Greece; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$2,667,350 for the period from 1 to 31 July 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$233,933; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$13,336,750 for the period from 1 August to 31 December 2018, at a monthly rate of \$2,667,350; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$1,169,667; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$16,004,100 for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of \$2,667,350, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force; and decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$1,403,600. In addition, the Assembly decided, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2017, that one third of the net unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$550,500 in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be returned to the Government of Cyprus; also decided, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2017, that the prorated share of the net unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$194,041 in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be returned to the Government of Greece; and further decided to continue to maintain as separate the account established for UNFICYP for the period prior to 16 June 1993 (resolution [72/292](#) and decision 72/558).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Budget for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/292](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 153)**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/628](#))

Budget for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/735](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/789/Add.3](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.35</a> and 48 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/904</a>              |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.104</a>           |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">72/292</a>                |

## 156. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Security Council, by its resolution [1925 \(2010\)](#), decided that, effective 1 July 2010, the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo would bear the title of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) and that MONUSCO would be deployed until 30 June 2011. The mandate of MONUSCO was extended by the Council in subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution [2409 \(2018\)](#) of 27 March 2018, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 March 2019.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Mission in an amount not exceeding \$47,922,700 for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018; appropriated to the Special Account for MONUSCO the amount of \$1,192,265,400 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$1,114,619,500 for the maintenance of the Mission, \$57,531,000 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, \$14,473,500 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and \$5,641,400 for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda; authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in a total amount not exceeding \$80,000,000 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, in addition to the amount of \$1,114,619,500 appropriated for the same period for the maintenance of the Mission; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$596,132,700 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018; also apportioned among Member States the amount of \$298,066,350 for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2019, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2019 and the updated levels; further apportioned among Member States the amount of \$298,066,350 for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of \$99,355,450, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$16,826,050 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018, \$8,413,025 for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2019, and \$8,413,025 for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2019, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission; and also decided that the increase of \$2,688,900 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be added to the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$15,912,300 (resolution [72/293](#) and decision [72/558](#)).

### *Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Budget for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/293](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 154)**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/638](#) and [A/72/638/Corr.1](#))

Budget for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/784](#))

Budget for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019: additional requirements ([A/72/784/Add.1](#))

Note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 ([A/72/778](#))

Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/789/Add.11](#) and [A/72/789/Add.11/Corr.1](#) and [A/72/844](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.36](#) and 48

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/72/908](#)

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.104](#)

Resolution [72/293](#)

**157. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor**

The Security Council, by its resolution [1246 \(1999\)](#) of 11 June 1999, decided to establish the United Nations Mission in East Timor until 31 August 1999. By its resolution [1257 \(1999\)](#) of 3 August 1999, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Mission until 30 September 1999 and, by its resolution [1262 \(1999\)](#) of 27 August 1999, decided to further extend the mandate of the Mission until 30 November 1999.

At its fifty-fifth to seventy-second sessions, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the draft agenda of the following session (decisions [55/494](#), [56/483](#), [57/599](#), [58/578](#), [59/570](#), [60/567](#), [61/567](#), [62/556](#), [63/567](#), [64/570](#), [65/556](#), [66/570](#), [67/569](#), [68/666](#), [69/565](#), [70/566](#), [71/565](#) and [72/574](#)).

No advance documentation is expected.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 155)**

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.116](#)

Decision [72/574](#)

**158. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti**

By its resolution [1542 \(2004\)](#) of 30 April 2004, the Security Council established the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) for an initial period of six months. The mandate of MINUSTAH was extended by the Council in subsequent

resolutions, the latest of which was resolution [2350 \(2017\)](#) of 13 April 2017, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of six months and decided that the Mission should close by 15 October 2017.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly decided that Member States should be credited with, or that there should be set off against their outstanding obligations, their respective share of \$14,382,400, comprising the unencumbered balance of \$8,110,200 and \$6,272,200 of other revenue in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017. The Assembly also decided that the decrease in the estimated staff assessment income of \$90,000 in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$14,382,400 (resolution [72/294](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (resolution [72/294](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 156)**

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/689](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/853](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.40</a> and 48 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/903</a>              |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.104</a>           |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">72/294</a>                |

**159. Financing of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti**

The Security Council, by its resolution [2350 \(2017\)](#) of 13 April 2017, established a follow-on peacekeeping mission in Haiti, the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH), for an initial period of six months from 16 October 2017 until 15 April 2018, to assist the Government of Haiti in strengthening rule of law institutions in Haiti, to further support and develop the Haitian National Police and to engage in human rights monitoring, reporting and analysis. In its resolution [2410 \(2018\)](#) of 10 April 2018, the Council extended the mandate of MINUJUSTH until 15 April 2019.

At the main part of its seventy-second session, the General Assembly decided to continue to use the Special Account established in accordance with its resolution [58/311](#) for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, beginning on 16 October 2017; appropriated to the Special Account for MINUJUSTH the amount of \$88,111,200 for the period from 16 October 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of the amount of \$25,000,000 previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the Mission under the terms of Assembly resolution [64/269](#), section VI; apportioned among Member States the amount of

\$62,196,100 for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 16 October 2017 to 15 April 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$1,666,700; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$25,915,100 for the period from 16 April to 30 June 2018, at a monthly rate of \$10,366,040, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission; and decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$694,400 (resolution [72/260 A](#)).

At its resumed seventy-second session, the Assembly appropriated to the Special Account for MINUJUSTH the amount of \$129,301,900 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$121,455,900 for the maintenance of the Mission, \$6,268,900 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and \$1,577,100 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$64,650,950 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$2,450,200; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$37,713,060 for the period from 1 January to 15 April 2019; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$1,429,280; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$26,937,890 for the period from 16 April to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of \$10,775,156, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission; and decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$1,020,920 (resolution [72/260 B](#) and decision [72/558](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti for the period from 16 October 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Budget for the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/260 B](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 165)**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget for the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti for the period from 16 October 2017 to 30 June 2018 ([A/72/560](#))

Budget for the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/793](#))

Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/642](#) and [A/72/789/Add.12](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.26</a> , 29, 40 and 48              |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/670</a> and <a href="#">A/72/670/Add.1</a> |
| Plenary meetings              | <a href="#">A/72/PV.76</a> and 104                          |
| Resolutions                   | <a href="#">72/260 A</a> and B                              |

## 160. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The Security Council, by its resolution [1244 \(1999\)](#) of 10 June 1999, established the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) for an initial period of 12 months, to continue thereafter unless the Council decided otherwise.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly appropriated to the Special Account for UNMIK the amount of \$39,595,400 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$37,192,700 for the maintenance of the Mission, \$1,919,700 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and \$483,000 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$19,797,700 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018 and the same amount for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$1,926,000 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018 and the same amount for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019; and also decided that the decrease of \$82,900 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$1,883,300 (resolution [72/295](#) and decision [72/558](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Budget for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/295](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

### References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 157)

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/622](#))

Budget for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/718](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/789/Add.4](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.36</a> and 48 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/909</a>              |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.104</a>           |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">72/295</a>                |

## 161. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

The Security Council, by its resolution [1509 \(2003\)](#), established the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) for a period of 12 months. The mandate of UNMIL was

extended by the Council in subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution [2333 \(2016\)](#) of 23 December 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period until 30 March 2018 and requested the Secretary-General to complete, by 30 April 2018, the withdrawal of all uniformed and civilian UNMIL components other than those required to complete the liquidation of the Mission.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly decided that Member States should be credited with, or that there should be set off against their outstanding obligations, their respective share of \$11,062,400, comprising the unencumbered balance of \$4,293,100 and \$6,769,300 of other revenue in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017. The Assembly also decided that the increase of \$783,600 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be added to the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$11,062,400 (resolution [72/296](#) and decision [72/558](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Mission in Liberia for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (resolution [72/296](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 158)**

Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Mission in Liberia for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/640](#) and [A/72/640/Corr.1](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/839](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.36</a> and 48 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/914</a>              |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.104</a>           |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">72/296</a>                |

**162. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali**

The Security Council, by its resolution [2100 \(2013\)](#) of 25 April 2013, established the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), which subsumed the United Nations Office in Mali and assumed responsibility, from 25 April 2013, for the discharge of the Office's mandated tasks. The Council transferred the authority from the African-led International Support Mission in Mali to MINUSMA on 1 July 2013, at which point MINUSMA commenced the implementation of its mandate for an initial period of 12 months. The mandate was further elaborated and extended by subsequent Council resolutions, the latest of which was resolution [2423 \(2018\)](#) of 28 June 2018, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 June 2019.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly appropriated to the Special Account for MINUSMA the amount of \$1,149,585,300 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$1,074,718,900 for the maintenance of the

Mission, \$55,471,500 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, \$13,955,400 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and \$5,439,500 for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$574,792,650 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018, at a monthly rate of \$95,798,775, and the same amount at the same monthly rate for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$10,459,000 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018 and the same amount for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019; and also decided that the increase of \$762,400 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be added to the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$19,210,000 (resolution [72/297](#) and decision 72/558).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Budget for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/297](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 159)**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/663](#))

Budget for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/746](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/789/Add.14](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.36</a> and 48 |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/907</a>              |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.104</a>           |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">72/297</a>                |

**163. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East**

**(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force**

The Security Council, by its resolution 350 (1974), established the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF). The mandate of UNDOF was extended periodically by the Council in subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was

resolution [2426 \(2018\)](#) of 29 June 2018, by which the Council decided to renew the mandate of the Force until 31 December 2018.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly appropriated to the Special Account for UNDOF the amount of \$8,166,300 for the maintenance of the Force, previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 under the terms of section VI of Assembly resolution [64/269](#), in addition to the amount of \$47,714,100 previously approved for the same period under the terms of Assembly resolution [70/279](#); decided that the amount of \$508,100, representing other revenue, and the amount of \$57,200, representing the additional staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, should be set off against the apportionment among Member States of the additional appropriation for the financial period ended 30 June 2017; also decided to appropriate to the Special Account for UNDOF the amount of \$64,190,100 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$60,295,100 for the maintenance of the Force, \$3,112,100 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and \$782,900 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$32,095,050 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$835,900; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$32,095,050 for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of \$5,349,175, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force; and also decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$835,900 (resolution [72/298](#) and decision 72/558).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Budget for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/298](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 160 (a))**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/633](#) and [A/72/633/Corr.1](#))

Budget for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/719](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/789/Add.2](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR. 38 and 48</a> |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/906</a>               |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV. 104</a>           |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">72/298</a>                 |

**(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon**

The Security Council, by its resolution 425 (1978), established the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) for an initial period of six months. The mandate of UNIFIL has been extended periodically by the Council in subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution [2373 \(2017\)](#) of 30 August 2017, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 August 2018.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly stressed once again that Israel should pay the amount of \$1,117,005 resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996; appropriated to the Special Account for UNIFIL the amount of \$505,053,500 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$474,406,700 for the maintenance of the Force, \$24,486,500 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and \$6,160,300 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$84,175,580 for the period from 1 July to 31 August 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$2,561,000; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$168,351,170 for the period from 1 September to 31 December 2018, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$5,122,000; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$252,526,750 for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of \$42,087,792, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$7,683,000; and also decided that the increase of \$287,700 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be added to the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$12,528,700 (resolution [72/299](#) and decision [72/558](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Budget for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/299](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 160 (b))**

## Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/630](#))

Budget for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/776](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/789/Add.5](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.38](#), 43 and 48

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| Plenary meeting | <a href="#">A/72/PV.104</a> |
| Resolution      | <a href="#">72/299</a>      |

## 164. Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

The Security Council, by its resolution [1996 \(2011\)](#) of 8 July 2011, established, for an initial period of one year, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

The mandate of UNMISS was extended by the Council in subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution [2406 \(2018\)](#) of 15 March 2018, whereby it was extended until 15 March 2019.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed \$65,157,100 for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, in addition to the amount of \$1,071,000,000 already appropriated for the same period for the maintenance of the Mission under the terms of its resolution [71/308](#); appropriated to the Special Account for UNMISS the amount of \$1,203,326,600 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$1,124,960,400 for the maintenance of the Mission, \$58,064,700 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, \$14,607,800 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and \$5,693,700 for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$601,663,300 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018, in accordance with the levels and scale of assessments for 2018, and the amount of \$249,075,668 for the period from 1 January to 15 March 2019, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2019 and the updated levels; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$14,547,150 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018 and \$6,022,207 for the period from 1 January to 15 March 2019; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$352,587,632 for the period from 16 March to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of \$100,277,217, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$8,524,943; and also decided that the decrease of \$4,544,200 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$20,511,100 (resolution [72/300](#) and decision [72/558](#)).

### *Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Budget for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/300](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

### **References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 161)**

#### Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/624](#))

Financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 ([A/72/792](#))

Budget for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/802](#))

Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/789/Add.15](#) and [A/72/854](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.40](#) and 48

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/72/911](#)

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.104](#)

Resolution [72/300](#)

## 165. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The Security Council, by its resolution 690 (1991), established the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) in accordance with the timetable outlined by the Secretary-General (see [S/22464](#)). The Council has since extended the mandate of MINURSO in subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution [2414 \(2018\)](#) of 27 April 2018, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 October 2018.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly appropriated to the Special Account for MINURSO the amount of \$55,997,700 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$52,350,800 for the maintenance of the Mission, \$2,702,100 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, \$679,800 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and \$265,000 for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$18,665,900 for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$846,767; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$9,332,950 for the period from 1 November to 31 December 2018, at a monthly rate of \$4,666,475, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$423,383; apportioned the amount of \$27,998,850 for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019 at the same monthly rate, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$1,270,150; and also decided that the decrease of \$141,000 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$1,731,100 (resolution [72/301](#) and decision [72/558](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

- (ii) Budget for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/301](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

### References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 162)

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/623](#))

Budget for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/731](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/789/Add.1/Rev.1](#))

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| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/910</a>              |
| Plenary meeting               | <a href="#">A/72/PV.104</a>           |
| Resolution                    | <a href="#">72/301</a>                |

## 166. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

The Security Council, by its resolution [1769 \(2007\)](#), decided to authorize and mandate the establishment, for an initial period of 12 months, of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID). The Council has since extended the mandate of UNAMID in subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution [2429 \(2018\)](#) of 13 July 2018, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation until 30 June 2019.

At the main part of its seventy-second session, the General Assembly appropriated to the Special Account for UNAMID the amount of \$910,941,200 for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, inclusive of \$486,000,000 previously authorized for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2017; apportioned among Member States the additional amount of \$424,941,200 for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018; and decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$11,805,700, representing the balance of the estimated staff assessment income of \$24,164,600 approved for the Operation for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (resolution [72/259 A](#)).

At its resumed seventy-second session, the Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Operation in an amount not exceeding \$385,678,500 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$26,956,024 for the period from 1 to 13 July 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$760,046; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$358,722,476 for the period from 14 July to 31 December 2018, at a monthly rate of \$64,279,750; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$10,114,454; appropriated to the Special Account for

UNAMID the amount of \$26,866,900 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, comprising \$19,906,800 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, \$5,008,100 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and \$1,952,000 for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$938,897 for the period from 1 to 13 July 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$78,056; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$12,494,553 for the period from 14 July to 31 December 2018, at a monthly rate of \$2,238,908; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$1,038,744; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$13,433,450 for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of \$2,238,908, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2019 and the updated levels; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$1,116,800; and also decided that the decrease of \$556,100 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$34,096,800 (resolution [72/259 B](#) and decision [72/558](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Revised budget for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019;
  - (iii) Budget for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/259 B](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

**References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 163)**

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Revised budget for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 ([A/72/563](#))

Budget performance of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/687](#))

Budget for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/794](#))

Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/636](#) and [A/72/789/Add.7](#))

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| Summary records               | <a href="#">A/C.5/72/SR.24</a> , 29, 40 and 48              |
| Report of the Fifth Committee | <a href="#">A/72/671</a> and <a href="#">A/72/671/Add.1</a> |
| Plenary meetings              | <a href="#">A/72/PV.76</a> and 104                          |
| Resolutions                   | <a href="#">72/259 A</a> and B                              |

## 167. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

The Security Council, by its resolution [1863 \(2009\)](#) of 16 January 2009, expressed its intent to establish a United Nations Peacekeeping Operation in Somalia as a follow-on force to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) and requested the Secretary-General to provide a United Nations logistical support package to AMISOM, including equipment and services. The Council, by its resolution [2431 \(2018\)](#) of 30 July 2018, authorized the States members of the African Union to maintain the deployment of AMISOM until 31 May 2019.

At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly appropriated to the Special Account for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia, formerly the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia, the amount of \$597,034,000 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of \$558,152,300 for the maintenance of the Support Office, \$28,809,000 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, \$7,247,700 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and \$2,825,000 for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$49,752,833 for the period from 1 to 31 July 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$811,300; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$248,764,167 for the period from 1 August to 31 December 2018, at a monthly rate of \$49,752,833, in accordance with the levels and the scale of assessments for 2018; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$4,056,500; apportioned among Member States the amount of \$298,517,000 for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of \$49,752,833, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2019 and the updated levels, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Support Office; decided that there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of \$4,867,800; and also decided that the increase of \$688,600 in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 should be added to the credits from the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of \$16,558,400 (resolution [72/302](#) and decision [72/558](#)).

*Documents for the seventy-third session:*

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) Budget performance of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;
  - (ii) Budget for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (resolution [72/302](#));
- (b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

### References for the seventy-second session (agenda item 164)

Reports of the Secretary-General:

Budget performance of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 ([A/72/650](#))

Budget for the United Nations Support Office in Somalia for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 ([A/72/763](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/72/789/Add.6](#))

Summary records [A/C.5/72/SR.36](#) and 48

Report of the Fifth Committee [A/72/912](#)

Plenary meeting [A/72/PV.104](#)

Resolution [72/302](#)

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