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Report of the Economic and Social Council

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2008

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2008 (A/63/371). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information.

2. As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, the additional expenditure requirements arising as a result of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its substantive session are estimated at \$420,500 under the regular budget, all of which could be absorbed within the resources provided under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The Advisory Committee also notes that extrabudgetary funds are expected to cover the need for supplementary resources that have been identified in the biennium 2008-2009. The requirements for the biennium 2010-2011 will be considered within the context of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

3. As indicated in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General, a requirement of \$407,000 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 as a result of the adoption of Economic and Social Council decision 2008/247. The Advisory Committee notes that these requirements are related to the preparations for the high-level segment of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly (see E/2008/28, chap. I.C, Commission resolution 51/4, and annex VII). The additional resources would provide conference servicing



for five open-ended intergovernmental expert working groups, meeting for a total of 30 meetings, to assess the achievement of the goals and targets set by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, as well as areas requiring further action, and to draw conclusions for further intersessional discussions.

4. The Advisory Committee has no objection to the course of action proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraphs 32 and 33 of his report.
