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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

Report of the Fifth Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled “Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 6th, 7th, 10th to 13th, 16th, 18th, 19th and 21st to 26th meetings, on 11, 17, 24, 28, 29 and 31 October, 8, 18 and 22 November and 2, 10, 13, 16, 18, 23 and 27 December 2013. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records ([A/C.5/68/SR.6](#), 7, 10-13, 16, 18, 19 and 21-26).
3. At the 11th meeting, on 28 October, introductory statements were made by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see [A/C.5/68/SR.11](#)).
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* At its 26th meeting, on 27 December 2013, the Fifth Committee considered and adopted its draft report, submitted by the Secretariat on behalf of the Rapporteur, which had been circulated in the Committee under the provisional symbol [A/C.5/68/L.24](#) (see [A/C.5/68/SR.26](#)) and is reproduced in its entirety in the present document.



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Reports of the Secretary-General¹

Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7](#) and Add.7, 9, 13, 16-18, 20, 21 and 23, [A/68/515](#) and Corr.1 and [A/68/507](#))

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fifty-third session ([A/68/16](#), chap. II.A)

Consolidated report on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 ([A/68/75](#))

Eighth progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account ([A/68/92](#))

Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 ([A/68/86](#) and Corr.1)

Letter dated 22 October 2013 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chair of the Fifth Committee ([A/C.5/68/10](#))

Letter dated 12 November 2013 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chair of the Fifth Committee on proposals with regard to the reform of the operational arrangements for the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/C.5/68/13](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda ([A/68/188](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the consultations on consolidating the secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination at United Nations Headquarters in New York ([A/68/214](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Office for Partnerships ([A/68/186](#) and [A/67/165](#) and Corr.1)

Fifth progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project ([A/68/375](#) and Add.1)

Second annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system ([A/68/151](#))

Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of enterprise resource planning systems in United Nations organizations" ([A/68/344](#)) and his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon ([A/68/344/Add.1](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on limited budgetary discretion ([A/68/490](#))

¹ A/68/6 (Introduction), (Sects. 1-3), (Sect. 4) and Corr.1, (Sect. 5) and Corr.1, (Sect. 6) and Corr.1, (Sect. 7) and Corr.1, (Sects. 8-12), (Sect. 14), (Sect. 15) and Corr.1, (Sects. 16-21), (Sect. 22) and Corr.1, (Sects. 23-25), (Sect. 26) and Corr.1, (Sect. 27) and Corr.1, (Sect. 28), (Sect. 29), (Sect. 29A-G), (Sect. 29H) and Corr.1 and (Sects. 30-36) and (Income sects. 1-3).

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

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/68/187](#))

International Public Sector Accounting Standards

Sixth progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations ([A/68/351](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards ([A/68/161](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/508](#))

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/68/517](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/643](#))

Capital master plan

Eleventh annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan and final expenditure for associated costs for the period from 2008 to 2013 ([A/68/352](#) and Add.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/551](#))

Report of the Board of Auditors ([A/68/5 \(Vol. V\)](#))

Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2012 ([A/68/336](#))

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/68/372](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/585](#))

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

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/68/327/Add.1-8](#), and Add.8/Corr.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.10](#) and Corr.1, [A/68/7/Add.17](#), [A/68/7/Add.18](#) and Corr.1)

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board ([A/68/303](#))

Report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly ([A/C.5/68/2](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.3](#))

Strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/68/506](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.8](#))

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 2014-2015

Note by the Secretary-General ([A/68/80](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.1](#))

International Trade Centre

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget of the International Trade Centre for the biennium 2014-2015 ([A/68/6](#) (Sect. 13) and Add.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.6](#))

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2013

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/68/380](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.2](#))

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/68/634](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.15](#))

Revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/68/385](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.5](#))

Revised estimates relating to the high-level political forum on sustainable development

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/68/365](#) and Add.1)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.14](#))

Implementation of recommendations related to strengthening information and systems security across the Secretariat

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/68/552](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.11](#))

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2013

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly ([A/C.5/68/3](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.4](#))

Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/68/659](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.24](#))

Contingency fund

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/C.5/68/20](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/68/7/Add.22](#))

5. The table below summarizes the recommendations of the Fifth Committee for each section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015. The recommendations are based on the proposals of the Secretary-General, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, revised estimates and statements of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General and the appropriations required for the implementation of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its current session.

Summary of the recommendations of the Fifth Committee on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
A. Expenditure sections		
1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination		
Proposed programme budget	120 830.3	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(3 011.1)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 512.9)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	67.5	
Other adjustments	1 787.4	
Financial implications:		
Report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and amendments to the regulations of the Fund (A/C.5/68/2) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.3)	(561.4)	
Subtotal	117 599.8	
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management		
Proposed programme budget	678 188.0	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(3 684.9)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(3 655.2)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	579.1	
Other adjustments	(2 084.4)	
Financial implications:		
Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 resulting from the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (A/68/385) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.5)	—	
Statement of programme budget implications: Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (A/C.5/68/14) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.13)	654.3	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
Statement of programme budget implications: Human Rights Committee (A/C.5/68/15) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.20)	1 063.3	
Statement of programme budget implications: United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region (A/C.5/68/17) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.23)	30.4	
Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions (A/68/634) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.15)	1 159.2	
Statement of programme budget implications: Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/C.5/68/19) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.21)	762.6	
Subtotal	673 012.4	
3. Political affairs		
Proposed programme budget	1 198 950.8	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(954.2)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(959.8)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	171.3	
Other adjustments	749.1	
Subtotal	1 197 957.2	
4. Disarmament		
Proposed programme budget	24 302.2	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(157.4)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(318.3)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	35.8	
Other adjustments	82.2	
Financial implications:		
Statement of programme budget implications: Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (A/C.5/68/14) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.13)	785.1	
Subtotal	24 729.6	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
5. <i>Peacekeeping operations</i>		
Proposed programme budget	113 127.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(657.6)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	911.0	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(220.4)	
Other adjustments	294.0	
Subtotal	113 454.4	
6. <i>Peaceful uses of outer space</i>		
Proposed programme budget	8 187.7	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(64.6)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	20.5	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	17.0	
Subtotal	8 160.6	
7. <i>International Court of Justice</i>		
Proposed programme budget	53 168.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(777.0)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	347.3	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	9.6	
Other adjustments	(403.5)	
Subtotal	52 344.8	
8. <i>Legal affairs</i>		
Proposed programme budget	48 817.9	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(359.9)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(719.8)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	71.0	
Subtotal	47 809.2	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
9. <i>Economic and social affairs</i>		
Proposed programme budget	165 650.8	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(869.3)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(2 971.5)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	247.2	
Other adjustments	237.8	
Financial implications:		
Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in General Assembly resolution 67/290 , entitled "Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development" (A/68/365 and Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.14)	754.6	
Subtotal	163 049.6	
10. <i>Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States</i>		
Proposed programme budget	11 868.1	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(90.1)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(227.3)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	28.4	
Subtotal	11 579.1	
11. <i>United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development</i>		
Proposed programme budget	13 692.3	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(137.3)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(404.6)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	40.0	
Financial implications:		
Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (A/68/506) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.8)	3 809.9	9 2 P-5, 3 P-4, 3 P-3, 1 P-2/1
Subtotal	17 000.3	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
12. Trade and development		
Proposed programme budget	147 079.8	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(1 353.5)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	933.7	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	142.8	
Other adjustments	329.7	
Subtotal	147 132.5	
13. International Trade Centre		
Proposed programme budget	39 553.6	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	360.3	
Subtotal	39 913.9	
14. Environment		
Proposed programme budget	48 655.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(13 067.7)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(719.3)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	95.1	
Subtotal	34 963.5	
15. Human settlements		
Proposed programme budget	21 229.9	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	171.2	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(471.1)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	48.6	
Other adjustments	208.4	
Financial implications:		
Statement of programme budget implications: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/C.5/68/18) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.19)	2 073.7	
Subtotal	23 260.7	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
16. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice		
Proposed programme budget	44 037.8	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(336.3)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	94.1	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	87.4	
Subtotal	43 883.0	
17. UN-Women		
Proposed programme budget	15 721.2	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(118.4)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(309.4)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	35.1	
Subtotal	15 328.5	
18. Economic and social development in Africa		
Proposed programme budget	159 598.7	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	1 191.2	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(9 358.9)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	202.6	
Subtotal	151 633.6	
19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific		
Proposed programme budget	110 845.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	409.3	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(7 559.4)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	69.0	
Subtotal	103 764.4	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
20. <i>Economic development in Europe</i>		
Proposed programme budget	70 543.1	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(253.5)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	611.7	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	80.0	
Other adjustments	725.0	
Subtotal	71 706.3	
21. <i>Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean</i>		
Proposed programme budget	121 863.8	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(304.1)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(7 144.8)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	23.7	
Other adjustments	2 231.3	
Subtotal	116 669.9	
22. <i>Economic and social development in Western Asia</i>		
Proposed programme budget	69 731.2	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(438.2)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(618.8)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	30.6	
Other adjustments	1 484.7	
Subtotal	70 189.5	
23. <i>Regular programme of technical cooperation</i>		
Proposed programme budget	59 974.6	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(294.2)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 230.7)	
Subtotal	58 449.7	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
24. <i>Human rights</i>		
Proposed programme budget	168 384.8	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(809.4)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	102.4	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	263.3	
Other adjustments	695.5	
Financial implications:		
Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 resulting from the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (A/68/385) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.5)	—	
Statement of programme budget implications: Human Rights Committee (A/C.5/68/15) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.20)	432.9	
Statement of programme budget implications: United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region (A/C.5/68/17) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.23)	2 136.2	3 1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3
Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions (A/68/634) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.15)	3 579.9	2 P-3
Subtotal	174 785.6	
25. <i>International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees</i>		
Proposed programme budget	91 049.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(11.5)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	453.7	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	5.1	
Subtotal	91 496.8	
26. <i>Palestine refugees</i>		
Proposed programme budget	51 003.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	671.3	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	1 487.8	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	186.1	
Other adjustments	1 878.8	
Subtotal	55 227.5	
27. <i>Humanitarian assistance</i>		
Proposed programme budget	31 366.6	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	453.3	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(303.1)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	64.6	
Subtotal	31 581.4	
28. <i>Public information</i>		
Proposed programme budget	192 576.9	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(1 128.1)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(2 748.4)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	80.5	
Other adjustments	(337.0)	
Subtotal	188 443.9	
29A. <i>Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management</i>		
Proposed programme budget	51 503.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(106.9)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(277.4)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	19.0	
Subtotal	51 138.2	
29B. <i>Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts</i>		
Proposed programme budget	37 637.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(253.1)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(653.8)	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	32.3	
Subtotal	36 762.9	
<i>29C. Office of Human Resources Management</i>		
Proposed programme budget	77 661.8	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(346.1)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 111.7)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	32.0	
Subtotal	76 236.0	
<i>29D. Office of Central Support Services</i>		
Proposed programme budget	193 872.2	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(314.4)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(2 002.5)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(189.8)	
Financial implications:		
Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (A/68/506) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.8)	661.5	
Subtotal	192 027.0	
<i>29E. Office of Information and Communications Technology</i>		
Proposed programme budget	75 558.0	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(291.7)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 061.3)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	50.3	
Financial implications:		
Report of the Secretary-General on progress on the implementation of recommendations related to strengthening information and security systems across the Secretariat (A/68/552) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.11)	—	
Subtotal	74 255.3	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
29F. Administration, Geneva		
Proposed programme budget	154 097.6	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(500.4)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	1 040.8	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(270.6)	
Financial implications:		
Statement of programme budget implications: Human Rights Committee (A/C.5/68/15) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.20)	4.9	
Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions (A/68/634) and the report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.15)	2.8	
Subtotal	154 375.1	
29G. Administration, Vienna		
Proposed programme budget	40 211.1	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(114.5)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	914.4	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(36.6)	
Subtotal	40 974.4	
29H. Administration, Nairobi		
Proposed programme budget	32 848.0	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(219.0)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(625.1)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	9.6	
Subtotal	32 013.5	
30. Internal oversight		
Proposed programme budget	41 487.9	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(369.4)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(650.4)	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	84.2	
Subtotal	40 552.3	
31. <i>Jointly financed administrative activities</i>		
Proposed programme budget	11 328.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(61.3)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(88.1)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	12.2	
Other adjustments	(29.1)	
Financial implications:		
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 2013 (A/C.5/68/3) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.4)	195.7	
Subtotal	11 357.8	
32. <i>Special expenses</i>		
Proposed programme budget	143 610.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(169.0)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	218.7	
Subtotal	143 660.2	
33. <i>Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance</i>		
Proposed programme budget	60 434.9	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(1 099.7)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(945.4)	
Financial implications:		
Report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva (A/68/372) and the report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/585)	16 878.9	
Subtotal	75 268.7	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
34. Safety and security		
Proposed programme budget	244 985.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(1 248.9)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 702.3)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(664.1)	
Subtotal	241 370.1	
35. Development Account		
Proposed programme budget	28 398.8	
Subtotal	28 398.8	
36. Staff assessment		
Proposed programme budget	488 835.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(2 826.2)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(782.5)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(455.5)	
Other adjustments	1 356.0	
Financial implications:		
Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (A/68/506) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.8)	326.4	
Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 resulting from the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (A/68/385) and the report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.5)	—	
Statement of programme budget implications: Human Rights Committee (A/C.5/68/15) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.20)	33.2	
Statement of programme budget implications: United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region (A/C.5/68/17) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.23)	149.8	
Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions (A/68/634) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.15)	61.4	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
Statement of programme budget implications: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/C.5/68/18) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.19)	133.8	
Subtotal	486 831.8	
Total, expenditure sections	5 530 349.8	
B. Income sections		
<i>1. Income from staff assessment</i>		
Proposed programme budget	493 184.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(2 833.1)	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(756.4)	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	(470.0)	
Other adjustments	1 356.0	
Financial implications:		
Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (A/68/506) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.8)	326.4	
Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 resulting from the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (A/68/385) and the report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.5)	—	
Statement of programme budget implications: Human Rights Committee (A/C.5/68/15) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.20)	33.2	
Statement of programme budget implications: United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region (A/C.5/68/17) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.23)	149.8	
Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions (A/68/634) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.15)	61.4	
Statement of programme budget implications: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/C.5/68/18) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/68/7/Add.19)	133.8	
Subtotal	491 185.6	

	Amount approved	Post changes related to programme budget implications and revised estimates
2. <i>General income</i>		
Proposed programme budget	31 228.2	
Subtotal	31 228.2	
3. <i>Services to the public</i>		
Proposed programme budget	434.3	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	84.0	
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	150.2	
Fifth Committee:		
Vacancy rates	62.7	
Subtotal	731.2	
Total, income sections	523 145.0	

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.19](#)

6. At its 26th meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015” ([A/C.5/68/L.19](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Canada.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.19](#) without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.20](#)

8. At its 26th meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015” ([A/C.5/68/L.20](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations coordinated by the representatives of Costa Rica, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Netherlands, Norway, Djibouti, Canada and Ghana. In the course of its deliberations, the Committee considered the questions outlined below.

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

9. The Committee considered this question at its 7th and 26th meetings, on 17 October and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.7](#) and 26).

International Public Sector Accounting Standards

10. The Committee considered this question at its 6th and 26th meetings, on 11 October and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.6](#) and 26).

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

11. The Committee considered this question at its 23rd and 26th meetings, on 13 and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.23](#) and 26).

Capital master plan

12. The Committee considered this question at its 13th and 26th meetings, on 31 October and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.13](#) and 26).

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

13. The Committee considered this question at its 19th and 26th meetings, on 22 November and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.19](#) and 26).

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

14. The Committee considered this question at its 24th to 26th meetings, on 16, 18 and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.24-26](#)).

15. At the 26th meeting, on 27 December, the representative of Cuba, also on behalf of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), orally proposed an amendment to section VI of the draft resolution, entitled “Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council”, consultations on which were coordinated by the representative of Norway, by which four new operative paragraphs would be inserted as follows:

“*Recalls* that the General Assembly has not decided on the concept of responsibility to protect, its scope, implications and possible means of implementation;

“*Notes* that the estimates of thematic cluster I comprise narratives, functions, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement, outputs and other information related to the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the responsibility to protect;

“*Decides* to delete all references to the activities and outputs related to the responsibility to protect, as contained in the strategic framework and the related narratives of the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide;

“*Requests* the Secretary General to issue a corrigendum to his report”.

16. At the same meeting, the representatives of Nicaragua and the Islamic Republic of Iran made statements in support of the amendment (see [A/C.5/68/SR.26](#)).

17. Also at the same meeting, the representatives of Ireland, Canada and Lithuania (on behalf of the European Union) requested a recorded vote on the amendment and also made an explanation of vote before the vote (see [A/C.5/68/SR.26](#)).

18. At the same meeting, the Committee rejected the amendment by a recorded vote of 72 to 15, with 51 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Haiti, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe.

Against:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Guyana, Honduras, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Zambia.

19. At the same meeting, the representative of Nicaragua, also on behalf of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Ecuador and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), called for a separate recorded vote on section VI of draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.20](#).

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section VI of draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.20](#) by a recorded vote of 130 to 8, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland,

India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania,² Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen.

Against:

Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Abstaining:

Haiti, United Arab Emirates,³ Zambia.

21. After the adoption of section VI of draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.20](#), the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of vote (see [A/C.5/68/SR.26](#)).

22. The amounts approved by the General Assembly in respect of special political missions for 2014 are set out in the table below.

Amounts approved for special political missions for 2014

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General

A. Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Myanmar	1 338.6
B. Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	3 388.4
C. Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	2 435.6
D. Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	657.6
E. Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	723.6
F. United Nation Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	2 193.1
G. Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan	1 672.7
H. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Yemen	4 091.6
I. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel	3 323.4
J. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	4 376.8
K. Office of the Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States for Syria	12 644.5
Subtotal	36 845.9

² The delegation of Mauritania subsequently indicated that it had intended to abstain.

³ The delegation of the United Arab Emirates subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote in favour.

Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels

A. Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	2 514.7
B. Panel of Experts on Liberia	531.6
C. Group of Experts on Côte d'Ivoire	1 307.8
D. Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 424.8
E. Panel of Experts on the Sudan	1 322.6
F. Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2 797.9
G. Panel of Experts on the Islamic Republic of Iran	2 971.5
H. Panel of Experts on Libya	1 270.7
I. Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1526 (2004) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	4 447.0
J. Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	3 112.0
K. Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	10 718.2
Subtotal	32 418.8

Thematic cluster III: United Nations offices, peacebuilding support offices, integrated offices and commissions

A. United Nations Office for West Africa	9 417.8
B. United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic	20 507.2
C. United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	20 763.1
D. United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone	4 364.1
E. United Nations support to the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	5 771.3
F. United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	2 881.6
G. United Nations Office in Burundi	14 661.2
H. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	8 750.6
I. United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	5 754.9
J. United Nations Support Mission in Libya	46 681.5
K. United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	48 692.3
L. Joint Mission of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the United Nations for the Elimination of the Chemical Weapons Programme of the Syrian Arab Republic	11 645.4
Subtotal	199 891.0
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	191 364.5
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	136 306.4
Subtotal	327 670.9
Total	596 826.6

23. At the 26th meeting, on 27 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.20](#) as a whole without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution II).

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

24. The Committee considered this question at its 16th and 26th meetings, on 8 November and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.16](#) and 26).

Strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

25. The Committee considered this question at its 21st and 26th meetings, on 2 and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.21](#) and 26).

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 2014-2015

26. The Committee considered this question at its 10th and 26th meetings, on 24 October and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.10](#) and 26).

International Trade Centre

27. The Committee considered this question at its 21st and 26th meetings, on 2 and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.21](#) and 26).

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2013

28. The Committee considered this question at its 10th and 26th meetings, on 24 October and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.10](#) and 26).

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions

29. The Committee considered this question at its 25th and 26th meetings, on 18 and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.25](#) and 26).

Revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

30. The Committee considered this question at its 18th and 26th meetings, on 18 November and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.18](#) and 26).

Revised estimates relating to the high-level political forum on sustainable development

31. The Committee considered this question at its 22nd and 26th meetings, on 10 and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.22](#) and 26).

Implementation of recommendations related to strengthening information and systems security across the Secretariat

32. The Committee considered this question at its 22nd and 26th meetings, on 10 and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.22](#) and 26).

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2013

33. The Committee considered this question at its 17th and 26th meetings, on 13 November and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.17](#) and 26).

Effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

34. The Committee considered this question at its 25th and 26th meetings, on 18 and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.25](#) and 26).

Contingency fund

35. The Committee considered this question at its 25th and 26th meetings, on 18 and 27 December (see [A/C.5/68/SR.25](#) and 26).

36. At the 26th meeting, on 27 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.20](#) as a whole without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.21](#)

37. At its 26th meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015” ([A/C.5/68/L.21](#)).

38. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.21](#) without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution III).

D. Draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.22](#)

39. At its 26th meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2014-2015” ([A/C.5/68/L.22](#)).

40. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.22](#) without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution IV).

E. Draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.23](#)

41. At its 26th meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2014-2015” ([A/C.5/68/L.23](#)).

42. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/68/L.23](#) without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution V).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

43. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions [41/213](#) of 19 December 1986, [42/211](#) of 21 December 1987, [45/248](#) B, section VI, of 21 December 1990, [55/231](#) of 23 December 2000, [56/253](#) of 24 December 2001, [58/269](#) and [58/270](#) of 23 December 2003, [59/276](#), section XI, of 23 December 2004, [60/283](#) of 7 July 2006, [61/263](#) of 4 April 2007, [62/236](#) of 22 December 2007, [63/262](#) of 24 December 2008, [64/243](#) of 24 December 2009, [65/259](#) of 24 December 2010, [66/246](#) and [66/247](#) of 24 December 2011, [66/258](#) of 9 April 2012 and [67/248](#) of 24 December 2012,

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

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

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015,⁴ the eighth progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account,⁵ the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on internal oversight: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015,⁶ the report of the Secretary-General on consultations on consolidating the secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination at United Nations Headquarters in New York,⁷ the fifth progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project,⁸ the note of the Secretary-General transmitting the second annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system,⁹ the letters dated 22 October and 12 November from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chair of the Fifth Committee transmitting the letters dated 18 October and 11 November from the Secretary-General to the President

⁴ A/68/6 (Introduction), (Sect. 1-3), (Sect. 4) and Corr.1, (Sect. 5) and Corr.1, (Sect. 6) and Corr.1, (Sect. 7) and Corr.1, (Sect. 8-12), (Sect. 14), (Sect. 15) and Corr.1, (Sect. 16-21), (Sect. 22) and Corr.1, (Sect. 23-25), (Sect. 26) and Corr.1, (Sect. 27) and Corr.1, (Sect. 28), (Sect. 29), (Sect. 29A-G), (Sect. 29H) and Corr.1 and (Sect. 30-36) and (Income sects. 1-3).

⁵ A/68/92.

⁶ A/68/86 and Corr.1.

⁷ A/68/214.

⁸ A/68/375 and Add.1.

⁹ A/68/151.

of the General Assembly,¹⁰ the report of the Secretary-General on limited budgetary discretion¹¹ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,¹²

Having also considered chapter II, section A, of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-second session¹³ and the consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015,¹⁴

Having further considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of enterprise resource planning systems in United Nations organizations¹⁵ and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,¹⁶

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirms the role of the Fifth Committee in carrying out a thorough analysis and approving human and financial resources and policies, with a view to ensuring full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

2. *Also reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

3. *Further reaffirms* the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;¹⁷

4. *Reaffirms* the established budgetary procedures and methodologies, based on its resolutions [41/213](#) and [42/211](#);

5. *Also reaffirms* that no changes to the budget methodology, to the established budgetary procedures and practices or to the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the General Assembly, in accordance with established budgetary procedures;

6. *Reiterates* the need for Member States to participate fully in the budget preparation process, from its early stages and throughout the process;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing the consistent and timely information necessary to enable Member States to make well-informed decisions;

8. *Stresses* that all Member States should fulfil their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 7 of section X of its resolution [67/246](#), and reaffirms the need for a comprehensive and satisfactory solution to the problem of controlling

¹⁰ A/C.5/68/10 and A/C.5/68/13.

¹¹ A/68/490.

¹² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/68/7), A/68/7/Add.7, A/68/7/Add.9 and A/68/507.*

¹³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/68/16).*

¹⁴ A/68/75.

¹⁵ A/68/344.

¹⁶ A/68/344/Add.1.

¹⁷ ST/SGB/2000/8.

the effects of inflation and currency fluctuations on the budget of the United Nations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to commission an independent study on recosting and options for the Organization in dealing with fluctuations in exchange rates and inflation, drawing, inter alia, on the experience of other international organizations, and to report thereon to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee at the main part of its sixty-ninth session;

11. *Decides* that a vacancy rate of 8.75 per cent for Professional staff and 6.4 per cent for General Service staff shall be used as a basis for the calculation of the budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

12. *Reiterates* the priorities of the Organization for the biennium 2014-2015, as outlined in General Assembly resolution 67/248;

13. *Notes with concern* the late issuance of the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;¹⁸

14. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to take advantage of the potential of new systems and standards, such as Umoja and the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, in preparing his budget proposals, with a view to enhancing the quality and accuracy of information provided to Member States;

15. *Stresses* that results-based budgeting and results-based management are mutually supportive management tools and that improved implementation of results-based budgeting enhances both management and accountability in the Secretariat, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

16. *Reaffirms* paragraph 28 of resolution 55/231, and stresses the importance of adequate training to ensure the full implementation of results-based budgeting;

17. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as contained in chapter II, section A, of its report;¹⁰

18. *Also endorses*, subject to the provisions of the present resolution and without establishing a precedent, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee concerning posts and non-post resources as contained in chapter II of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;¹⁵

Part I

Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

Section 1

Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

19. *Takes note* of paragraphs I.11 and I.46 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵ and approves the establishment of the four posts proposed by the Secretary-General for the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children;

¹⁸ Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/68/7).

20. *Decides* to defer consideration of the proposal of the Secretary-General to establish a Partnership Facility to the first part of its resumed sixty-eighth session;

21. *Recalls* the letter dated 11 November 2013 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly¹⁹ and the associated report on operational arrangements and conditions of service of the Advisory Committee,²⁰ and decides to defer consideration of this matter to its sixty-ninth session;

Section 2

General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

22. *Decides* to approve one P-2 post in the Office of the President of the General Assembly;

23. *Also decides* to decrease the non-post resources allocated to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management by 1.45 per cent;

Part II

Political affairs

Section 3

Political affairs

24. *Decides* not to abolish one P-2 post under subprogramme 1, Africa II Division;

25. *Takes note* of paragraph II.11 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵ and decides not to abolish two General Service (Other level) posts under subprogrammes 4, Decolonization, and 5, Question of Palestine;

26. *Also takes note* of paragraph II.14 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁵ and decides not to abolish one General Service (Other level) post in the Office for the United Nations Register of Damage Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory;

Section 4

Disarmament

27. *Takes note* of paragraph II.34 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵ recalls its resolution [62/216](#) of 22 December 2007, and decides not to approve the proposed abolishment of one Local level post in the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate support is provided to the group of governmental experts established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [67/53](#) of 3 December 2012, on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, in order to enable the group to meet for two sessions of two weeks in both 2014 and 2015;

¹⁹ A/C.5/68/13, annex.

²⁰ Ibid., enclosure.

Section 5
Peacekeeping operations

29. *Decides* not to abolish one P-3 post under subprogramme 1;

Part III
International justice and law

Section 7
International Court of Justice

30. *Takes note* of paragraph III.6 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁸ and decides to establish one P-2 post in the Office of the President of the International Court of Justice;

31. *Decides* to decrease the non-post resources allocated to the International Court of Justice by 2.35 per cent;

Part IV
International cooperation for development

Section 9
Economic and social affairs

32. *Decides* to establish one P-2 post in support of the implementation of the projects under the Development Account;

Section 12
Trade and development

33. *Decides* to establish one new P-3 post of Programme Officer under executive direction and management;

Section 15
Human settlements

34. *Decides* not to abolish one P-2 post of Associate Human Settlements Officer;

Part V
Regional cooperation for development

Section 20
Economic development in Europe

35. *Recalls* paragraph V.51 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵ and decides not to abolish one P-4 post under subprogramme 4 and one P-3 post under subprogramme 6;

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

36. *Decides* not to abolish one P-2 post under executive direction and management, one P-2 post under subprogramme 1, one P-2 post and one Local level post under subprogramme 3, one P-2 post under subprogramme 5, one Local level post under subprogramme 7, one Local level post under subprogramme 9, one P-3

post under subprogramme 12, one P-2 post under subprogramme 13 and one P-2 and three Local level posts under programme support;

Section 22

Economic and social development in Western Asia

37. *Decides* not to approve the proposed abolishment of one P-3, one P-2 and seven Local level posts;

Part VI

Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 24

Human rights

38. *Takes note* of paragraph VI.8 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵ and decides not to abolish one P-4 post of Secretary of the Consultative Group under subprogramme 4;

39. *Also takes note* of paragraph VI.9 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁵ and decides not to abolish one P-5 post of Chief, Civil Society Section, in the External Outreach Branch;

40. *Decides* not to abolish one P-3 post in the Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch under subprogramme 1;

Section 26

Palestinian refugees

41. *Decides* not to abolish one General Service (Other level) post in the West Bank;

42. *Decides* to establish two Investigation Officer posts, one P-3 and one P-4, two P-4 Field Legal Officer posts, one each in Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic, and one P-3 Curriculum Expert post in Gaza specialized in the field of human rights;

43. *Recalls* its resolution [65/272](#), and notes the financial stress under which the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East currently operates, despite the critical work carried out by the Agency in providing vital assistance to Palestinian refugees;

Part VII

Public information

Section 28

Public information

44. *Decides* not to abolish two Local level posts, one each at the United Nations information centres in Panama and Ghana;

45. *Also decides* to decrease the non-post resources allocated to the Department of Public Information by 1.45 per cent;

Part X**Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses****Section 31****Jointly financed administrative activities**

46. *Decides* to decrease the non-post resources allocated to jointly financed administrative activities by 1 per cent;

Limited budgetary discretion

47. *Recalls* section I of its resolution [66/258](#), takes note of the report of the Secretary-General,⁸ and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.²¹

²¹ A/68/7/Add.9.

Annex

Staffing table for the biennium 2014-2015

<i>Category</i>	<i>Number of posts</i>
Professional and higher	
Deputy Secretary-General	1
Under-Secretary-General	33
Assistant Secretary-General	31
D-2	110
D-1	289
P-5	863
P-4/3	2 842
P-2/1	521
Subtotal	4 690
General Service and related	
Principal level	273
Other level	2 580
Subtotal	2 853
Other	
Security Service	314
Local level	1 963
Field Service	116
National Professional Officer	85
Trades and Crafts	97
Subtotal	2 575
Total	10 118

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Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

The General Assembly,

I

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

Recalling its resolution [35/221](#) of 17 December 1980, section VII of its resolution [55/238](#) of 23 December 2000, its resolution [58/266](#) of 23 December 2003 and section III of its resolution [65/268](#) of 4 April 2011,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,¹

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;¹

II

International Public Sector Accounting Standards

Recalling section IV of its resolution [60/283](#) of 7 July 2006, section V of its resolution [63/262](#) of 24 December 2008, its resolution [64/243](#) of 24 December 2009, its resolution [65/243](#) A and section II.B of its resolution [65/259](#) of 24 December 2010, section I of its resolution [66/232](#) B of 21 June 2012, its resolution [66/246](#) and sections II and V of its resolution [66/247](#) of 24 December 2011 and section IV of its resolution [67/246](#) of 24 December 2012,

Having considered the sixth progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations,² the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴

1. *Takes note* of the sixth progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations² and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;³

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴

3. *Accepts* the third progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;³

¹ A/68/187.

² A/68/351.

³ A/68/161.

⁴ A/68/508.

4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;³

5. *Notes* the progress made since the issuance of the fifth progress report,⁵ and requests the Secretary-General to report on the status of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards implementation projects in the Secretariat and across the United Nations system;

6. *Welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the additional eight entities audited for the year ended 31 December 2012 and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to facilitate the dissemination of lessons learned and best practices from this implementation to other entities where the implementation of the Standards remains under way;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as the Chair of the Chief Executives Board, to invite the heads of the entities to continue to address underlying challenges related to the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, including those relating to inventory;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to enhance the risk assessment and risk management tools, in particular those related to the early warning mechanism, the transitional arrangements related to data, Umoja implementation, financial statements that are compliant with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards and accounting for inventory and opening balances for assets and liabilities and to continue to report on the results achieved in these specific areas of risk;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as the Chair of the Chief Executives Board, to monitor continuously the latest International Public Sector Accounting Standards and training best practices and promote them within the United Nations system entities;

10. *Expresses serious concern* about weaknesses identified by the Board of Auditors in relation to asset management in all entities after the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, and in this regard calls for corrective measures in order to appropriately address this recurring issue and thus enhance the quality of data for financial statements that are compliant with the Standards to support the effective decision-making process;

11. *Urges* the Secretary-General to ensure that accurate opening balances for assets and liabilities are established in the preparation of financial statements that are compliant with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;

12. *Reaffirms* that the Umoja enterprise resource planning system will serve as the backbone for implementation by the United Nations of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, and urges increased collaboration between the International Public Sector Accounting Standards and Umoja teams;

13. *Expresses concern* that the delays in the implementation of the Umoja enterprise resource planning project pose a significant risk to the timely realization of the benefits of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;

⁵ A/67/344.

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take additional measures to identify further potential benefits that can be quantified during the transition phase as well as after the full implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards and Umoja and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

15. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the General Assembly is kept informed, on an annual basis, of the progress in implementing the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by 2014, including milestones and deliverables, outstanding activities, utilization of resources and the effectiveness of the activities undertaken by the local Standards implementation teams, as well as to ensure full realization of the benefits associated with the implementation of the Standards;

16. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of section IV of its resolution 67/246, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to review the implications arising from the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards for the workload of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Fifth Committee and the General Assembly, as well as the comments and observations of the Board of Auditors on this issue, and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

17. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure that the International Public Sector Accounting Standards project is implemented on time and within the approved budget;

18. *Concurs* with the views expressed by the Board of Auditors in paragraph 27 of its report³ about the potential for the International Public Sector Accounting Standards to enhance the role and profile of financial management, and in this regard welcomes its intention to assist United Nations entities in making further improvements in this area;

19. *Notes with concern* differences of opinion between the International Public Sector Accounting Standards implementation team and the Board of Auditors on some terms and mechanisms of the Standards, including inventory, required for full project implementation within the United Nations system, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to make additional efforts to come to an agreement as soon as possible on this issue and to report thereon;

III

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

Recalling its resolution 56/270 of 27 March 2002, section IV of its resolution 58/272 of 23 December 2003, sections IX and X of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, section I of its resolution 63/263 of 24 December 2008, its resolution 64/243, section III of its resolution 65/259, section VII of its resolution 66/247 and section II of its resolution 67/246,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in

Addis Ababa⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁶
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁷
3. *Recalls* paragraph 3 of section III of its resolution 65/259, and in this regard regrets the continued delay in the renovation of the conference facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa, in particular Africa Hall and Conference Room 1;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as a matter of priority, to ensure that the renovations of conference facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa, in particular Africa Hall and Conference Room 1, are carried out, and to report to the General Assembly on the progress at the main part of its sixty-ninth session;
5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts of the Government of Ethiopia, as host country, in facilitating the construction of additional office facilities and the renovation of conference facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa;
6. *Re-emphasizes* the importance of guidance, interaction and coordination between the Secretariat in New York, on the one hand, and the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, on the other hand, with clear reporting lines;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure full accountability for the delays, the lack of responsiveness of management to the needs of the construction and renovation projects in Addis Ababa and other factors that have contributed to delays in the implementation of the projects and to include information on measures taken to address those issues in his next annual progress report;
8. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat with ensuring effective oversight of the implementation of the construction and renovation of the Conference facilities and with submitting to the General Assembly information on key findings in the context of its annual reports;

IV

Capital master plan

Recalling its resolutions 54/249 of 23 December 1999, 55/238, 56/234 and 56/236 of 24 December 2001 and 56/286 of 27 June 2002, section II of its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002, its resolution 59/295 of 22 June 2005, section II of its resolution 60/248 of 23 December 2005, its resolutions 60/256 of 8 May 2006, 60/282 of 30 June 2006, 61/251 of 22 December 2006, 62/87 of 10 December 2007, 63/270 of 7 April 2009, 64/228 of 22 December 2009 and 65/269 of 4 April 2011, section III of its resolution 66/258 of 9 April 2012 and section V of its resolution 67/246 and its decisions 58/566 of 8 April 2004, 65/543 of 24 December 2010 and 66/555 of 24 December 2011,

⁶ A/68/517.

⁷ A/68/643.

Having considered the eleventh annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan,⁸ the report of the Secretary-General on final expenditures for associated costs required for 2008 to 2013,⁹ the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2012,¹⁰ the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2012¹¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹²

1. *Takes note* of the eleventh annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan,⁸ the report of the Secretary-General on final expenditures for associated costs required for 2008 to 2013,⁹ the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2012¹⁰ and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2012;¹¹

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;¹²

3. *Accepts* the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2012;¹⁰

4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;¹⁰

A. Eleventh annual progress report

5. *Reaffirms* paragraph 37 of its resolution 62/87, paragraph 2 of its resolution 64/228 and paragraph 5 of section V of its resolution 67/246;

6. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 28 of its resolution 62/87, and decides that nothing in the present resolution shall be interpreted as a change in the current scope of the capital master plan as decided by the General Assembly, nor should the need for liquidity of the project be linked to the completion of the renovation of the buildings under the current scope;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 50 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹² and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed sixty-eighth session the information specified therein;

8. *Acknowledges* the progress made towards the completion of the project, and expresses concern about the continuing uncertainties on major aspects of the project, including but not limited to the issues of associated costs, the cost overruns, the cash balance and the situation of the Library and the South Annex Buildings, which continue to pose risks to the successful completion of the project;

⁸ A/68/352.

⁹ A/68/352/Add.1.

¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5, Vol. V* (A/68/5 (Vol. V)).

¹¹ A/68/336.

¹² A/68/551.

9. *Approves* the application of the balance of interest income and the working capital reserve funds, as well as the future interest income, in the full amount of 159.4 million United States dollars to the remaining cash balance for the corresponding remaining requirements of the project;

10. *Decides* that the provisions for the application of credits under regulations 3.2 (d), 5.3 and 5.4 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations¹³ shall be suspended in respect of the working capital reserve and interest income earned on assessments received from Member States for the capital master plan;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the most up-to-date information on a cash flow bridging mechanism to address possible cash flow challenges of the project during the time remaining until its completion;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to interact with the host city as required in this regard with a view to determining available options for resolving the pending security concerns in relation to the Library and the South Annex Buildings, to assist the General Assembly in making a final determination on the issue within the context of the capital master plan and to report thereon at the first part of the resumed sixty-eighth session of the Assembly;

13. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 21 and 22 of section V of its resolution [67/246](#);

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the current conditions of maintenance of the art, crafts and gifts donated to the United Nations in New York, in the context of the next progress report;

15. *Welcomes with appreciation* the donations from Member States that contributed to the renovation of the Conference Building and the Secretariat Building;

16. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 31 and 32 of section V of its resolution [67/246](#);

17. *Notes* that as at 30 June 2013 an amount of 2.7 million dollars in assessments remained unpaid to the capital master plan for 2011 and prior periods, and urges those Member States to arrange for the disbursement of those contributions expeditiously;

18. *Approves* the extension of the approved commitment authority for 2013 into 2014;

19. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into additional commitments of up to 15 million dollars for resources required for the capital master plan project through 2014;

B. Associated costs

20. *Recalls* paragraph 44 of section V of its resolution [67/246](#), and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at the first part of its resumed sixty-eighth session, the final expenditure for associated costs for the 2008-2013 period, updates on the projected final cost to completion and the status of contributions;

¹³ ST/SGB/2013/4.

21. *Urges* the Secretary-General to continue to make every effort to absorb the associated costs within the budget approved for the capital master plan;

V

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Recalling section XI of its resolution 64/243 and section VII of its resolution 66/247,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva¹⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁴
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;¹⁵
3. *Reiterates* that all planned major capital projects and related resource requirements should be included in the strategic capital review to allow for comprehensive analysis and planning by the Organization;
4. *Concurs* with the need to address the health, safety, usability and access needs of the Palais des Nations;
5. *Recalls* its resolution 66/247, and reiterates that the Secretary-General must ensure that major capital expenditure projects are not implemented simultaneously in order to prevent the need to finance and supervise them at the same time;
6. *Reiterates* its request that the renovation phase of the strategic heritage plan not start before the General Assembly has taken a decision on this matter and the capital master plan has been completed;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reduce the planning phase as far as possible with an aim to start construction work at the earliest opportunity;
8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, through the Office of Central Support Services, to take into account lessons learned and best practices from past construction and renovation projects in implementing the strategic heritage plan, in particular to draw from experience and know-how acquired from large capital projects, including the capital master plan;
9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure robust internal project control mechanisms in the context of the scope, cost, schedule and quality of the strategic heritage plan;
10. *Reaffirms* the importance of ensuring effective governance and oversight with respect to the implementation of the strategic heritage plan, and requests the Secretary-General to present options in this regard to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-ninth session;

¹⁴ A/68/372.

¹⁵ A/68/585.

11. *Stresses* the importance of oversight with respect to the development and implementation of the strategic heritage plan, and requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to request the United Nations Board of Auditors to initiate oversight activities and to report annually thereon to the General Assembly;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the impact of Umoja is taken into consideration in the strategic heritage plan and that progress made thereon is reported to the General Assembly in the context of future progress reports;

13. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to assess the potential for flexible workplace strategies in the context of the strategic heritage plan, subject to a decision by the General Assembly on this matter;

14. *Regrets* that the parking requirements were not part of either the preliminary building survey or the conceptual study;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study all viable options to ensure sufficient parking spaces so as to meet the existing and future needs of diplomatic missions and Secretariat staff within the projected overall budget of the strategic heritage plan and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on plans to reuse existing furniture and to reduce new furniture requirements, where possible, in the context of his next report on the strategic heritage plan;

17. *Recalls* paragraph 31 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵ and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventieth session revised overall cost estimates of the strategic heritage plan taking into account, inter alia, a review of the contingency level, the overall level of consultancy fees and the in-depth technical assessment to be undertaken;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit annual progress reports on the implementation of the strategic heritage plan;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, through the Office of Central Support Services, to update Member States regularly on the progress of this project;

20. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure that the work undertaken for the biennium 2012-2013 and to be undertaken for the biennium 2014-2015 will not have to be redone as part of the strategic heritage plan;

21. *Requests* that the term “associated costs” continue to be used in this regard;

22. *Commends* the Secretary-General for including associated cost projections in the total project requirements on the basis of lessons learned from the capital master plan, and requests him to ensure that the proposed requirements for associated costs are based on actual needs and to report thereon by no later than at the main part of the seventieth session of the General Assembly;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all associated costs related to the strategic heritage plan are presented transparently in the project cost estimates

throughout the project cycle of the strategic heritage plan and to ensure that all such costs are fully justified and necessary for the timely completion of the project;

24. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to refine his proposal with regard to the core functions of the strategic heritage plan project team and to report thereon at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

25. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to further explore the possibilities of alternative funding mechanisms, inter alia, through a donation policy, with the aim of reducing the overall assessment on Member States;

26. *Welcomes with appreciation* the offer of support from the Government of Switzerland to the strategic heritage plan, and acknowledges the efforts of the host country to make the plan possible;

27. *Welcomes* the donations by Member States to the renovation of the Palais des Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to include all voluntary contributions in the total project budget;

28. *Stresses* that the strategic heritage plan should be implemented in compliance with the relevant provisions of the agreements pertaining to the animals living on the land provided for the United Nations Office at Geneva;

29. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to negotiate with the host country on loan arrangements for both the renovation and the construction portions of the strategic heritage plan, including the possibility of an interest-free loan, and to report to the General Assembly in this regard in the context of his next report on the plan;

30. *Approves* implementation strategy (c), as proposed by the Secretary-General, for planning and design purposes;

31. *Recalls* paragraphs 55 and 58 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁵ and decides to revert to the establishment of the multi-year special account for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

32. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore options of using contracted external expertise to ensure the most appropriate staffing levels to support the implementation of the project;

33. *Affirms* that the strategic heritage plan project team will be a time-limited and mission-specific endeavour and the team should therefore not be a permanent addition to the existing organizational structure;

34. *Approves* resource requirements for the strategic heritage plan for 2014 in an amount of 15,629,900 Swiss francs, or 16,645,200 dollars at preliminary 2014-2015 rates in respect of which the General Assembly:

(a) Decides to approve general temporary assistance in the amount of 1,492,400 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 to provide for the continuation of the two existing posts (one Engineering Project Manager (P-4) and one Architecture Project Manager (P-4) and the establishment, in 2014, of one Project Director (D-2), one Chief of Design and Construction (D-1), one Chief of Programme Management Support (D-1), one Senior Design Project

Manager (P-5), one Senior Programme Cost Manager (P-5), one Finance and Administration Officer (P-4), one Procurement Officer (P-4), one Legal and Contracts Management Officer (P-4), one Mechanical and Engineering Coordinator (P-3) and one Assistant General Service (Other level));

(b) Decides to approve additional requirements, under section 33, of 15,152,800 dollars for contractual services, travel and contingencies and escalation;

35. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to the amount of 1,294,200 dollars in 2015, at preliminary 2014-2015 rates;

VI

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

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council,¹⁶ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁷

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;¹⁶
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹⁷ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Takes note* of paragraphs 15, 23, 25, 31, 60, 70, 125, 165 and 166 of the report of the Advisory Committee;¹⁸
4. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁹ and urges the Special Representative to continue his efforts towards the successful convening of the second Geneva conference on the Syrian Arab Republic, aimed at achieving the objective of the mission as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;
5. *Takes note* of paragraph 48 of the report of the Advisory Committee¹⁸ with regard to the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Yemen, and decides to establish one Public Information Officer position (P-4) in that Office, to be located in Sana'a;
6. *Recalls* paragraph 54 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸ requests the Secretary-General to review the appropriate level of leadership arrangements for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel, taking into account the importance of successful implementation of the Sahel strategy, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-eighth session, and, pending the review, authorizes the Secretary-General to make the appointment of the Assistant Secretary-General for a term of seven months;
7. *Takes note* of paragraph 60 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸ and decides to approve the establishment of the following posts: one Chief of Staff (D-1), one Political Affairs Officer (P-3), one Human Resources Assistant (Local

¹⁶ A/68/327/Add.1-8 and Add.8/Corr.1.

¹⁷ A/68/7/Add.10 and Corr.1 and Add.17 and 18.

¹⁸ A/68/7/Add.10 and Corr.1.

¹⁹ A/68/327/Add.6.

level) and one Administrative Assistant (Local level) in Nairobi and one Administrative Assistant General Service (Other level) in New York;

8. *Also takes note* of paragraph 100 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸ and reaffirms its position that any consideration of accommodation for air travel, including exceptions to the standards of accommodation for air travel, should be dealt with under paragraph 17 of section VI of its resolution 67/254 of 12 April 2013;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the relocation of the Office of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Director is carried out in the most cost-efficient manner, and to report thereon in the context of the second performance report;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 134 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸ and decides not to abolish the Senior Security Sector Reform Officer position (P-5) and the Police Officer position (P-3) in the Rule of Law and Security Institutions Service of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee,²⁰ and decides to establish a second Public Information Officer position (P-3) in the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia;

12. *Decides* to establish one Principal Political Affairs Officer position (D-1) (Constitution Adviser) in the United Nations Support Mission in Libya;

13. *Also decides* not to abolish one P-3, one National Professional Officer and one General Service (Local level) positions in the United Nations Support Mission in Libya;

14. *Takes note* of paragraph 197 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸ and decides that the commensurate reduction in resident auditor staffing in Kuwait would be reflected in the proposed budget of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan for 2014;

15. *Decides* not to approve the requirements of 500,000 dollars for quick-impact projects proposed for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq;

16. *Recalls* paragraph 222 of the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸ and requests the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive review of staffing requirements of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, including the organizational structure and the number and level of senior positions, for inclusion in the 2015 budget submission;

17. *Recognizes* the importance of promoting cooperation among United Nations missions in order to increase their effectiveness and efficiency, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard, without prejudice to the unique mandate and the approved budget for each mission;

18. *Approves* the budgets totalling 596,826,600 dollars for the 36 special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, which are presented in the reports of the Secretary-General;¹⁶

²⁰ A/68/7/Add.17.

19. *Also approves* a charge totalling 596,826,600 dollars net against the provision for special political missions requested in section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

VII

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Recalling section V of its resolution 66/247 and its resolution 67/240 of 24 December 2012,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and amendments to the regulations of the Fund,²¹ the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Board²² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and amendments to the regulations of the Fund²¹ and the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Board;²²

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²³ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Accepts* the report of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the year ended 31 December 2012;²⁴

4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report,²⁴ and requests the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to ensure that all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors are implemented in full and in a timely manner;

5. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with article 19 of the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Secretary-General serves as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund and has fiduciary responsibility for deciding upon the investment of the assets of the Fund;

6. *Approves* the amendments to article 1 (n) (normal retirement age), article 29 (early retirement benefit) and article 30 (deferred retirement benefit) of the regulations of the Pension Fund, as contained in annex V to the report of the Board;²⁴

7. *Recognizes* the importance of establishing a full-time representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the Fund, and in this regard decides to defer approval of this matter to the first part of the resumed sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

²¹ A/68/303.

²² A/C.5/68/2.

²³ A/68/7/Add.3.

²⁴ A/68/303, annex VIII.

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this regard, to prepare, in consultation with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, detailed terms of references for this post outlining, inter alia, key responsibilities, qualifications, appointment criteria, terms and duration of service, level and reporting lines, to be reviewed by the Advisory Committee and presented to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed sixty-eighth session;

9. *Requests* the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to continue to take all the measures necessary to address the difficulty of finding suitable candidates;

10. *Decides* to establish 22 additional posts, as set out in the table at the end of the present section;

11. *Recognizes* the importance of the use of in-house expertise, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to take all measures to ensure that the costs for non-discretionary advisory fees are reduced;

12. *Takes note* of paragraphs 33 and 34 of the report of the Advisory Committee²³ and in this regard decides to maintain the current structure of the Fund;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee,²³ and in this regard requests the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, in consultation with the Office of Human Resources Management, to complete its review of the policies governing the recruitment, promotion and retention of the staff of the Fund and report to the General Assembly on the outcome of the review and any measures proposed, no later than at the main part of its seventieth session;

14. *Welcomes* the progress made by the Fund in the implementation of the Integrated Pension Administration System, and looks forward to further updates on its implementation in the context of future reports;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 51 of the report of the Advisory Committee,²³ and in this regard requests the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to establish a mechanism for tracking all withdrawal settlements paid to participants who separate with less than five years of contributory service and to provide this information to the General Assembly in the context of future reports of the Board;

16. *Stresses* the need to avoid any action that would compromise the fiduciary responsibilities and long-term sustainability of the Fund;

17. *Welcomes* the alignment of reporting on the operations and on the investments of the Fund following the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards;

18. *Approves* the revised estimate of 185,730,600 dollars for the biennium 2012-2013 for the administration of the Fund;

19. *Also approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 156,341,800 dollars net for the biennium 2014-2015;

20. *Further approves* the amount of 21,324,700 dollars as the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the Fund for the biennium 2014-2015, of which 13,370,600 dollars would represent the share of the regular budget and the balance of 7,954,100 dollars would represent the share of the funds and programmes;

21. *Approves* the reduction of 561,400 dollars in the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund under

section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

22. *Authorizes* the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 2014-2015 by an amount not to exceed 200,000 dollars;

	<i>Post</i>		
	<i>Title</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Category/level</i>
Administration			
Programme of work			
Risk Management and Legal Service	Chief of Service	1	D-1
	Team Assistant	1	General Service (Other level)
Financial Services Section	Accountant	1	P-3
Investments			
Executive direction and management	Administrative Assistant to the Representative of the Secretary-General	1	General Service (Other level)
Programme of work			
Investments Section	Director, Private Markets	1	D-1
North American equities portfolio	Investment Officer	2	P-3
Global emerging markets	Investment Officer	1	P-3
Fixed income group	Investment Office — Foreign Exchange and Cash Management	1	P-4
	Investment Officer — Emerging Market Debts	1	P-4
Real assets	Investment Officer — Real Asset	1	P-3
Alternative assets	Investment Officer — Hedge Funds	1	P-4
	Investment Assistant	1	General Service (Principal level)
Trade execution team	Trade Execution Officer	1	P-3
	Trade Execution Assistant	1	General Service (Principal level)
External management group	External Manager	1	P-4
Risk and Compliance Section	Compliance Officer	1	P-3
Operations Section	Chief Operating Officer	1	D-1
	Accountant	1	P-4
	Finance Officer	1	P-3
	Senior Accounting Assistant	1	General Service (Principal level)
Programme support			
Information Systems Section	Data Security Administrator	1	P-3
Total		22	

VIII

Strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa,²⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²⁵
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²⁶

IX

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 2014-2015

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the 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 2014-2015²⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²⁸

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;²⁷
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²⁸
3. *Approves* the request for a subvention to the Institute of 577,800 dollars (before recosting) for the biennium 2014-2015 from the regular budget of the United Nations, for which the provision has already been included under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

X

International Trade Centre

Having considered the programme budget proposals for the International Trade Centre for the biennium 2014-2015²⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁰

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³⁰
2. *Decides* to approve resources in the amount of 39,913,900 dollars (the United Nations share equivalent to 36,960,271.4 Swiss francs at the exchange rate of 0.926 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for the biennium 2014-2015 under section 13, International Trade Centre, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

²⁵ A/68/506.

²⁶ A/68/7/Add.8.

²⁷ A/68/80.

²⁸ A/68/7/Add.1.

²⁹ A/68/6 (Sect. 13) and Add.1.

³⁰ A/68/7/Add.6.

XI**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2013**

Having 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 2013³¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;³¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³²

XII**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions**

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions³³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;³³
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 4,741,900 dollars (net), including 1,159,200 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 3,579,900 dollars under section 24, Human rights, and 2,800 dollars under section 29F, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, to be charged to the contingency fund, and also approves an amount of 61,400 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;
4. *Also approves* the establishment, as from 1 January 2014, of two new posts (P-3) under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

XIII**Revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 resulting from the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on

³¹ A/68/380.

³² A/68/7/Add.2.

³³ A/68/634.

³⁴ A/68/7/Add.15.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights³⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;³⁵
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³⁶

XIV

Revised estimates relating to the high-level political forum on sustainable development

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in General Assembly resolution 67/290, entitled “Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development”,³⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁸

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;³⁷
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³⁸
3. *Decides* to appropriate resources in the amount of 754,600 dollars under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, representing a charge against the contingency fund;

XV

Implementation of recommendations related to strengthening information and systems security across the Secretariat

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on progress on the implementation of recommendations related to strengthening information and systems security across the Secretariat³⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;³⁹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴⁰

XVI

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2013

Having considered the 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

³⁵ A/68/385.

³⁶ A/68/7/Add.5.

³⁷ A/68/365 and Add.1.

³⁸ A/68/7/Add.14.

³⁹ A/68/552.

⁴⁰ A/68/7/Add.11.

contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2013⁴¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴²

1. *Recalls* its resolution [68/253](#) of 27 December 2013;
2. *Takes note* of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General;⁴¹
3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴²

XVII

Gross jointly financed budget of the Joint Inspection Unit

Approves the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 2014-2015 in the amount of 14,026,200 dollars;

XVIII

Gross jointly financed budget of the International Civil Service Commission

Approves the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2014-2015 in the amount of 19,145,500 dollars;

XIX

Gross jointly financed budget of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

Notes the gross budget for the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for the biennium 2014-2015 in the amount of 5,857,500 dollars;

XX

Gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security

Approves the gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security for the biennium 2014-2015 in the amount of 275,551,200 dollars, broken down as follows:

- (a) Field Security Operations: 245,057,500 dollars;
- (b) Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 30,493,700 dollars;

XXI

Effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from changes in rates of exchange and inflation⁴³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁴

Takes note of the revised estimates arising from recosting owing to changes in the rates of exchange and inflation;

⁴¹ A/C.5/68/3.

⁴² A/68/7/Add.4.

⁴³ A/68/659.

⁴⁴ A/68/7/Add.24.

XXII
Contingency fund

*Notes that a balance of 22,338,043 dollars remains in the contingency fund.*⁴⁵

⁴⁵ See A/C.5/68/SR.25 and 26.

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Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

A

Budget appropriations for the biennium 2014-2015

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2014-2015:

1. Appropriations totalling 5,530,349,800 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount (United States dollars)</i>
<i>Part I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination</i>	
1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	117 599 800
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	673 012 400
Subtotal	790 612 200
<i>Part II. Political affairs</i>	
3. Political affairs	1 197 957 200
4. Disarmament	24 729 600
5. Peacekeeping operations	113 454 400
6. Peaceful uses of outer space	8 160 600
Subtotal	1 344 301 800
<i>Part III. International justice and law</i>	
7. International Court of Justice	52 344 800
8. Legal affairs	47 809 200
Subtotal	100 154 000
<i>Part IV. International cooperation for development</i>	
9. Economic and social affairs	163 049 600
10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	11 579 100
11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	17 000 300
12. Trade and development	147 132 500
13. International Trade Centre	39 913 900
14. Environment	34 963 500
15. Human settlements	23 260 700
16. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	43 883 000
17. UN-Women	15 328 500
Subtotal	496 111 100

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount (United States dollars)</i>
<i>Part V. Regional cooperation for development</i>	
18. Economic and social development in Africa	151 633 600
19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	103 764 400
20. Economic development in Europe	71 706 300
21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	116 669 900
22. Economic and social development in Western Asia	70 189 500
23. Regular programme of technical cooperation	58 449 700
Subtotal	572 413 400
<i>Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs</i>	
24. Human rights	174 785 600
25. International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	91 496 800
26. Palestine refugees	55 227 500
27. Humanitarian assistance	31 581 400
Subtotal	353 091 300
<i>Part VII. Public information</i>	
28. Public information	188 443 900
Subtotal	188 443 900
<i>Part VIII. Common support services</i>	
29. Management and support services	657 782 400
Subtotal	657 782 400
<i>Part IX. Internal oversight</i>	
30. Internal oversight	40 552 300
Subtotal	40 552 300
<i>Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses</i>	
31. Jointly financed administrative activities	11 357 800
32. Special expenses	143 660 200
Subtotal	155 018 000
<i>Part XI. Capital expenditures</i>	
33. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	75 268 700
Subtotal	75 268 700
<i>Part XII. Safety and security</i>	
34. Safety and security	241 370 100
Subtotal	241 370 100

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount (United States dollars)</i>
<i>Part XIII. Development Account</i>	
35. Development Account	28 398 800
Subtotal	28 398 800
<i>Part XIV. Staff assessment</i>	
36. Staff assessment	486 831 800
Subtotal	486 831 800
Total	5 530 349 800

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 75,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2014-2015 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations in Geneva as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

B

Income estimates for the biennium 2014-2015

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2014-2015:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 523,145,000 United States dollars are approved as follows:

<i>Income section</i>	<i>Amount (United States dollars)</i>
1. Income from staff assessment	491 185 600
2. General income	31 228 200
3. Services to the public	731 200
Total	523 145 000

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, the sale of statistical products, catering operations and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

C

Financing of appropriations for the year 2014

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the year 2014:

1. Budget appropriations consisting of 2,765,174,900 United States dollars, being half of the appropriation of 5,530,349,800 dollars approved for the biennium 2014-2015 by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution A above, plus 169,511,300 dollars, being the net increase in revised appropriations for the biennium 2012-2013 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions [68/245](#) A of 27 December 2013 and [67/269](#) of 28 June 2013, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,¹ as follows:

(a) 21,174,100 dollars, consisting of 15,979,700 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2014-2015 under resolution B above, plus 5,194,400 dollars, being the increase in income other than staff assessment income for the biennium 2012-2013 approved by the Assembly in its resolution [68/245](#) B of 27 December 2013;

(b) 40,069,800 dollars, consisting of the unencumbered balance for the biennium 2012-2013 of the Special Account for the 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, the Special Account for the 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 and the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, and decides in this regard that the provision for the application of credits under regulations 3.2 (d), 5.3 and 5.4 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations shall be suspended;

(c) 26,648,200 dollars, consisting of a credit to the General Fund from the Special Account established by the Assembly in resolution 3049 A (XXVII) of 19 December 1972;

(d) 23,141,000 dollars, consisting of a credit of the cancellation of prior-period obligations corresponding to the biennium 2010-2011, and decides in this regard that regulation 3.2 (d), 5.3 and 5.4 shall be suspended;

(e) 2,823,653,100 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with Assembly resolution [67/238](#) of 24 December 2012 on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations;

3. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 271,692,300 dollars, consisting of:

¹ ST/SGB/2013/4.

- (a) 245,592,800 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2014-2015 in paragraph 1 of resolution B above;
- (b) 25,915,500 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2012-2013 approved by the Assembly in its resolution [68/245](#) B;
- (c) 184,000 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2012-2013 approved by the Assembly in its resolution [67/269](#) of 28 June 2013.

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Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2014-2015

The General Assembly

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations¹ and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 2014-2015 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 8 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 2014-2015 as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 200,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges and travel and removal expenses and installation grants of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 410,000 dollars;

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 25,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 1 million dollars in the biennium 2014-2015 as the Secretary-General certifies are required for security measures pursuant to section XI, paragraph 6, of General Assembly resolution [59/276](#) of 23 December 2004;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth and seventieth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that, for the biennium 2014-2015, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General

¹ ST/SGB/2013/4.

Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

Draft resolution V

Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2014-2015

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 2014-2015 in the amount of 150 million United States dollars;
2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale of assessments adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for 2014;
3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:
 - (a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;
 - (b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2012-2013 in accordance with General Assembly resolution [66/250](#) of 24 December 2011;
4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2012-2013 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 2014-2015;
5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:
 - (a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;
 - (b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution [68/249](#) of 27 December 2013 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2014-2015; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;
 - (c) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities, which, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 2014-2015, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.
