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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report submitted by the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the adoption of General Assembly resolution 69/2, entitled “Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples” ([A/69/521](#)). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarifications, concluding with written responses received on 9 December 2014.

2. In paragraphs 31 and 40 of its resolution 69/2, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General: (a) in consultation and cooperation with indigenous peoples, the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples’ Issues and Member States, to begin the development, within existing resources, of a system-wide action plan to ensure a coherent approach to achieving the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to report to the Assembly at its seventieth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on progress made; and (b) in consultation with the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples’ Issues and Member States, taking into account the views expressed by indigenous peoples, to report to the Assembly at its seventieth session on the implementation of the outcome document, and to submit at the same session, through the Council, recommendations regarding how to use, modify and improve existing United



Nations mechanisms to achieve the ends of the Declaration, ways to enhance a coherent, system-wide approach to achieving the ends of the Declaration and specific proposals to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions, building on the report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of promoting participation at the United Nations of indigenous peoples' representatives on the issues affecting them ([A/HRC/21/24](#)).

II. Activities related to the implementation of resolution 69/2

3. The Secretary-General notes in his report that, pursuant to paragraphs 31 and 40 of General Assembly resolution 69/2, the request for documentation would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of two pre-session documents of 8,500 words each in all six languages. This would entail additional requirements in the amount of \$101,800 for documentation services in 2015.

4. The Advisory Committee was informed, upon inquiry, that the estimated costs of processing documents for all duty stations are based on a single global costing model that accounts for differences in the processing workflow, scale of operations and prevailing market conditions across duty stations. The Committee was further informed that the estimated costs for processing one document of 8,500 words in the six official languages of the United Nations in the four duty stations (New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi) is as follows:

<i>Duty station</i>	<i>Cost in United States dollars</i>
New York	50 900
Geneva	35 100
Nairobi	17 700
Vienna	29 600

5. In the context of its consideration of the programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/69/L.29](#), on oceans and the law of the sea, the Advisory Committee was provided, upon request, with comparative information on the costs of processing one document of 8,500 words (\$50,900) and one document of 27,500 words (\$161,800) in New York (see annex).

6. The Advisory Committee intends to examine the costing model for the processing of official documents by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management at the four duty stations, New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi, in greater detail in the context of the consideration of the proposed programme budget for 2016-2017.

7. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are set out in paragraph 9 of the report of the Secretary-General. **The Advisory Committee has no objection to the proposals of the Secretary-General.**

Annex

<i>Service</i>	<i>Document of 8,500 words</i>		<i>Document of 27,500 words</i>		<i>Cost per unit (in United States dollars)</i>	<i>Cost per 8,500 words (in United States dollars)</i>	<i>Cost per 27,500 words (in United States dollars)</i>
	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	<i>(d)</i>	<i>(e)</i>	<i>(f) = (b)·(e)</i>	<i>(g) = (d)·(e)</i>
Translation and revision ^a	26 pages	49 days to translate	83 pages	157 days to translate	64.09	37 440.41	119 962.13
Text-processing ^b	26 pages	31 days to process	83 pages	98 days to process	307.38	9 528.78	30 123.24
Reproduction ^c	26 pages	51,194 impressed pages	83 pages	163,427 impressed pages	0.07	3 548.97	11 329.41
Distribution ^d	1 document	1,969 documents to distribute	1 document	1,969 documents to distribute	0.19	382.88	382.88
Total						50 900^e	161 800^e

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