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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2020, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fifth session the item entitled “Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. During the main part of the seventy-fifth session, the Fifth Committee met formally and remotely owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, during which it considered the item. The Committee formally considered the item in person at its 8th meeting, on 30 December 2020. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s formal consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: review of progress in the implementation of management reform

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: review of progress in the implementation of management reform ([A/75/201](#));

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/75/538](#));

¹ [A/C.5/75/SR.8](#).



Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: funding model for the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance and the Department of Operational Support

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: funding model for the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance and the Department of Operational Support ([A/74/761](#));

(d) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.32](#));

Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: budgetary procedures and practices

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: budgetary procedures and practices ([A/74/852](#));

(f) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.33](#)).

II. Consideration of draft decision [A/C.5/75/L.23](#)

4. At its 8th meeting, on 30 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled “Questions deferred for future consideration” ([A/C.5/75/L.23](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision [A/C.5/75/L.23](#) without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Questions deferred for future consideration

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The General Assembly decides to defer until the first part of its resumed seventy-fifth session consideration of the following documents:

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Proposed programme budget for 2021

Review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund¹

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²

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The General Assembly decides to defer until the main part of its seventy-sixth session consideration of the following documents:

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Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: budgetary procedures and practices

Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: budgetary procedures and practices”³

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁴

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Proposed programme budget for 2021

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 on the review of arrangements for funding and backstopping special political missions⁵

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁶

¹ A/70/395.

² A/70/7/Add.7.

³ A/74/852.

⁴ A/74/7/Add.33.

⁵ A/66/340.

⁶ A/66/7/Add.21.