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### Eighth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for 2021

## I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions that contains the proposed resource requirements for 2021 for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) ([A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#) and [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6/Corr.1](#)). During its consideration of the report, the Advisory Committee received additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses dated 21 October 2020.

2. The Secretary-General, in addendum 1 to section 3, Political affairs, of his report on the proposed programme budget for 2021 ([A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#)), provides an overview of the proposed resource requirements for 2021 for 39 special political missions and related cross-cutting issues. Detailed information in respect of each special political mission is contained in five addenda to section 3 of the proposed programme budget.<sup>1</sup> The addenda cover the specific requirements for thematic clusters I to III and the two largest missions, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and UNAMI. The Advisory Committee's comments and

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<sup>1</sup> [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.2](#), [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.3](#), [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#), [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.5](#), [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#) and [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6/Corr.1](#).



recommendations of a cross-cutting nature pertaining to all special political missions are contained in its main report (A/75/7/Add.2), while its comments and recommendations on budget proposals for thematic clusters I to III, UNAMA and UNAMI are covered in its related reports.<sup>2</sup> The Secretary-General also indicates that he will present to the General Assembly separate proposals for any additional requirements emanating from additional mandates or changes in mandates (see A/75/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1, para. 3). The Committee was informed that resource requirements for 2021 for the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan (UNITAMS) (thematic cluster III), established on 3 June 2020 pursuant to Security Council resolution 2524 (2020), would be presented in a separate report (A/75/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.7). The Committee's comments and recommendations pertaining to the budget proposal for UNITAMS will be contained in its related report (A/75/7/Add.8).

3. In its first report on the proposed programme budget for 2021 (A/75/7, chap. I, sect. A), the Advisory Committee made comments and recommendations on the budget methodology, format and presentation, which also apply to the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions (A/75/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1-7).

## **II. Budget performance for 2019 and 2020 and resource requirements for 2021**

### **A. Mandate and planning assumptions**

4. In its resolution 2522 (2020), the Security Council renewed the mandate of UNAMI until 31 May 2021. The report of the Secretary-General provides information on the Mission's programme plan, assumptions and planned results (see A/75/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.6, sect. I.A). As indicated in paragraphs 2 to 6 and 9 to 10 of that report, in 2021, UNAMI, among other mandated responsibilities, will continue to provide good offices, promote inclusive political dialogue and reconciliation and support electoral processes as well as legislative and institutional reforms. UNAMI will also continue to monitor, engage and report on human rights norms and standards, promote fair trial standards and strengthen the rule of law. In the area of development and recovery, UNAMI will assist the Government of Iraq in its response to public demand for basic services and in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Furthermore, pursuant to Security Council resolution 2379 (2017), UNAMI will provide support to the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (UNITAD) (see para. 27 below).

### **B. Information on resources for 2019, 2020 and 2021**

5. The Secretary-General provides a summary of the proposed resource requirements for 2021 for UNAMI compared with the approved resources for 2020 and the expenditures for 2019, as set out in table 1.

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<sup>2</sup> A/75/7/Add.3, A/75/7/Add.4, A/75/7/Add.5, A/75/7/Add.6 and A/75/7/Add.7.

Table 1  
**Budget performance and total resource requirements (net of assessment)**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	2019		2020		2021		Variance
	Appropriation	Expenditure	Appropriation	Expenditure, 1 Jan.–30 Sept.	Total requirements	Non-recurrent requirements	2021 vs. 2020 Increase/(decrease)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)-(3)
Military and police personnel costs	5 599.8	5 098.6	5 238.2	1 405.9	5 310.2	–	72.0
Civilian personnel costs	78 727.0	80 540.7	79 582.8	60 254.3	79 997.4	–	414.6
Operational costs	21 467.6	22 475.7	15 725.3	7 794.5	14 699.4	–	(1 025.9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>105 794.4</b>	<b>108 115.0</b>	<b>100 546.3</b>	<b>69 454.7</b>	<b>100 007.0</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(539.3)</b>

6. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was provided with further information on the expenditures of UNAMI for 2019 and 2020. Expenditures for 2019, amounting to \$108,115,000, reflect an overexpenditure of \$2,320,600 compared with an appropriation of \$105,794,400, due to higher requirements for national staff costs arising from the revision of national salary scales, which resulted in an increase in staff salaries of 14 per cent for National Professional Officers and 5.6 per cent for Local level staff, effective 1 December 2017 (approved in August and November 2018 for Local level staff and National Professional Officers, respectively). **The Advisory Committee trusts that every effort will be made to absorb any additional costs, to the extent possible, in future budget implementation.**

7. As at 30 September 2020, expenditures for 2020 amounted to \$69,454,700, against an appropriation of \$100,546,300. The Advisory Committee was informed that the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic had resulted in higher medical expenses and lower expenditures for consultants and consulting services, official travel, facilities and infrastructure, ground transportation, air operations, other supplies, services and equipment, and, to an extent, communications and information technology. The Committee discusses further the impact of COVID-19 in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions (A/75/7/Add.2). **The Advisory Committee trusts that the Secretary-General will provide updated information on expenditures for 2020 to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.**

### C. Proposed resource requirements for 2021

8. As shown in table 1, the resource requirements proposed for UNAMI for 2021 amount to \$100,007,000, reflecting a net decrease of \$539,300, or 0.5 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2020. The net decrease is due mainly to lower requirements under official travel and lower rental costs after the completion of the construction of the Mission's premises in Mosul, offset in part by an increase in civilian personnel costs owing to the application of revised salary scales effective 1 January 2020 (see A/75/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.6, para. 50). A summary of the main variances between the approved resources for 2020 and the proposed requirements for 2021 is provided in paragraphs 80 to 102 of the report of the Secretary-General.

#### 1. Military and police personnel

9. Proposed resources in the amount of \$5,310,200 would provide for the deployment of 245 military contingent personnel, at the same level as 2020, and related

requirements, reflecting an increase of \$72,000, or 1.4 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2020, due primarily to additional requirements for one-time mobilization costs of a new service provider for rations (*ibid.*, paras. 80–81). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the current catering service contract would expire in January 2021 and mobilization costs would occur only if a new contractor was chosen at the conclusion of the procurement process. The budgeted costs, which would provide for mobilizations in Baghdad, Erbil, Baghdad International Airport and Kirkuk, are estimated at \$140,100. This amount reflects a threefold increase compared with the mobilization costs paid to the current contractor five years ago, when mobilization costs for various locations in Iraq were not incurred as there was already a contractor on site. The Committee requested, but did not receive, further details as to how the budgeted amount was calculated. **The Advisory Committee considers that, pending the conclusion of the procurement process for a service provider for rations, it may be premature to assume that UNAMI would have to bear one-time mobilization costs and to include them in the estimated amount. The Committee trusts that the Secretary-General will provide updated information to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.**

10. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the proposals of the Secretary-General for military personnel for 2021 for UNAMI.**

## 2. Civilian personnel

Table 2  
Staffing requirements

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Level</i>
Approved for 2020	808	1 USG, 2 ASG, 1 D-2, 6 D-1, 19 P-5, 51 P-4, 54 P-3, 4 P-2, 167 FS, 109 NPO, 392 LL, 2 UNV
Proposal for 2021	807	1 USG, 2 ASG, 1 D-2, 6 D-1, 18 P-5, 50 P-4, 55 P-3, 4 P-2, 166 FS, 112 NPO, 390 LL, 2 UNV
Abolishment	(1)	1 Programme Management Officer (P-4)
Redeployment	–	1 Information Analyst (NPO) in the Joint Analysis Unit from Baghdad to Erbil 1 Assistant Welfare Officer (NPO) from the Human Resources Section to the Office of the Chief of Mission Support 1 Logistics Officer (P-3) and 1 Logistics Assistant (LL) from the operations and resource management pillar to the Office of the Chief of Mission Support 1 Human Resources Officer (FS) in the Human Resources Section from Erbil to Baghdad 1 Information Systems Officer (P-3) in the Field Technology Section from Erbil to Baghdad 1 Information Systems Officer (FS) in the Field Technology Section from Kuwait to Baghdad 1 Information Systems Assistant (FS) in the Field Technology Section from Erbil to Mosul 1 Administrative Assistant (LL) and 1 Supply Assistant (LL) in the Life Support Unit from Erbil to Baghdad
Reassignment	–	1 Legal Assistant (LL) to Administrative Assistant (LL) 1 Administrative Assistant (LL) to Occupational Safety Assistant (LL) 1 Supply Assistant (LL) to Telecommunications Assistant (LL) 1 Heavy Vehicle Operator (LL) to Transport Assistant (LL) 1 Movement Control Officer (FS) to Contracts Management Officer (FS)

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Level</i>
Reclassification		1 Administrative Assistant (LL) to Procurement Assistant (LL)
	–	1 Special Assistant (P-3) to Special Assistant (P-4)
		1 Mission Planning Officer (P-4) to Mission Planning Officer (P-3)
		1 Political Affairs Officer (P-4) to Political Affairs Officer (P-3)
		1 Senior Programme Management Officer (P-5) to Coordination Officer (P-4)
		1 Information Technology Assistant (LL) to Associate Information Systems Officer (NPO)
Conversion		1 Generator Mechanic (LL) to Associate Engineer (NPO)
	–	1 Movement Control Assistant (FS) to Movement Control Officer (NPO)

*Abbreviations:* ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; FS, Field Service; LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; UNV, United Nations Volunteer; USG, Under-Secretary-General.

11. A summary of the staffing requirements and the proposed changes is contained in paragraphs 49 to 79 of and annexes II to IV to the report of the Secretary-General. The total proposed staffing of 807 positions, which comprises 303 international staff (137 in the Professional and higher categories and 166 Field Service), 502 national staff (112 National Professional Officer and 390 Local level) and 2 United Nations Volunteers, reflects a net decrease of 1 position compared with the approved level for 2020. The proposed staffing changes include the abolishment of 1 position, the redeployment of 10 positions, the reassignment of 6 positions, the reclassification of 6 positions and the conversion of 1 position, as summarized in table 2.

12. The Secretary-General proposes the upward reclassification of a position of Special Assistant (P-3) to the P-4 level (*ibid.*, para. 59 (a)). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that a multitude of complex interconnected challenges that are expected to continue in 2021 would require the increased strategic engagement of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General. In support of the Special Representative's good offices, the reclassified Special Assistant position would prepare, coordinate and advise on a countrywide national dialogue and design and implement a training programme to build democratic skills and knowledge among young activists and politicians. The Committee recalls that one position of Special Assistant (P-4), with similar functions, in the Front Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General was abolished in 2018. The abolishment was proposed by the Secretary-General on the basis of the determination that the relevant functions could be covered adequately by the Special Adviser (P-5) and the Special Assistant (P-3) positions, owing to the streamlining of activities and the optimization of resources of the Mission (see [A/72/371/Add.5](#), para. 44 (a)). **The Advisory Committee is not convinced that the proposed upward reclassification has been adequately justified, particularly with regard to any changed duties and circumstances that would require expertise at a higher level, and therefore recommends against reclassifying the position of Special Assistant (P-3) to the P-4 level.**

13. In his report, the Secretary-General proposes the conversion of one position of Movement Control Assistant (Field Service) to Movement Control Officer (National Professional Officer) in the Aviation and Movement Control Section (see [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#), para. 77 (a) (ii)). The Secretary-General indicates that, over the past three years, UNAMI has undertaken a continuing review of international positions that fall vacant with a view to nationalizing them and optimizing the use of local staff (*ibid.*, annex I). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that a total of 16 positions had been nationalized in UNAMI since 2016, in the areas of mission support and security. **The Advisory Committee welcomes the efforts made by UNAMI over the years to promote the nationalization of positions as well as the**

**building of national capacity, and encourages the Mission to explore opportunities to strengthen the national staffing complement also in additional areas, where appropriate.** The Committee discusses nationalization further in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions (A/75/7/Add.2).

*Vacant positions and vacancy rates*

14. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that, as at 30 September 2020, 67 positions were vacant (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 9 P-3, 13 Field Service, 11 National Professional Officer and 31 Local level). **The Advisory Committee notes that most of the vacant positions are national positions and trusts that they will be filled expeditiously. The Committee also trusts that the Secretary-General will provide information on recruitment for national positions in the context of the next budget submission.**

15. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee received information on the approved positions and vacancy rates, actual vacancy rates as at 31 August 2020 and average vacancy rates from January to August 2020, as well as proposed positions and budgeted vacancy rates for 2021 for UNAMI (see table 3).

Table 3  
**Number of positions and vacancy rates, 2020–2021**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Approved positions, 2020</i>	<i>Approved vacancy rate, 2020 (percentage)</i>	<i>Vacancy rate as at 31 Aug. 2020 (percentage)</i>	<i>Average vacancy rate, Jan.–Aug. 2020 (percentage)</i>	<i>Proposed positions, 2021</i>	<i>Budgeted vacancy rate, 2021 (percentage)</i>
International staff	305	8	7.9	8.8	303	8
National Professional Officer	109	6	10.1	8.9	112	8
National staff (Local level)	392	6	8.2	6.6	390	7
United Nations Volunteer	2	25	0.0	0.0	2	17

*Gender*

16. Information on gender distribution within the Mission provided to the Advisory Committee, upon enquiry, shows that, over the past four years, the percentage of female staff in the Professional and higher categories has increased from 25 per cent to 37 per cent, and has remained around or below 20 per cent for Field Service and national positions. The Committee was informed that challenges in attracting qualified female candidates include conditions of hardship and local labour market conditions, and that UNAMI has carried out outreach activities, particularly targeting areas where women have been traditionally underrepresented. **The Advisory Committee trusts that greater efforts will be made to address the gender imbalance in the staffing of UNAMI.** The Committee discusses gender representation further in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions (A/75/7/Add.2).

17. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the staffing proposals of the Secretary-General for 2021 for UNAMI, subject to its recommendation in paragraph 12 and comments above.** The Committee discusses the matter of vacant positions and vacancy rates further in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions (ibid.).

### 3. Operational costs

18. The proposed requirements for operational costs for 2021 amount to \$14,699,400, reflecting a decrease of \$1,025,900, or 6.5 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2020. The Advisory Committee was provided with information on

the operational costs for UNAMI, including the 2019 expenditure, 2020 appropriation and the proposed requirements for 2021, as shown in table 4.

Table 4  
**Operational costs**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	2019		2020		2021		Variance
	Appropriation	Expenditure	Appropriation	Expenditure, 1 Jan.–30 Sept.	Total requirements	Non-recurrent requirements	2021 vs. 2020 Increase/ (decrease)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)=(5)-(3)
<b>Operational costs</b>							
Consultants and consulting services	353.5	166.9	309.7	96.6	319.0	–	9.3
Official travel	1 457.7	938.6	1 503.1	142.4	1 269.8	–	(233.3)
Facilities and infrastructure	7 445.5	4 168.4	3 717.9	2 491.9	3 241.4	–	(476.5)
Ground transportation	957.3	2 426.3	733.1	362.9	735.8	–	2.7
Air operations	3 087.6	3 471.9	3 162.1	2 105.0	3 162.1	–	–
Communications and information technology	4 414.7	8 476.4	3 436.4	1 578.4	3 382.1	–	(54.3)
Medical	310.4	151.5	210.9	517.0	280.0	–	69.1
Other supplies, services and equipment	3 440.9	2 675.7	2 652.1	500.3	2 309.2	–	(342.9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 467.6</b>	<b>22 475.7</b>	<b>15 725.3</b>	<b>7 794.5</b>	<b>14 699.4</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(1 025.9)</b>

#### *Consultants and consulting services*

19. The proposed requirements for consultants and consulting services amount to \$319,000, reflecting an increase of \$9,300, or 3 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2020, due mainly to higher requirements for consultants in anticipation of elections (see [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#), paras. 88–89). The Advisory Committee notes the existing electoral assistance capacity within UNAMI and recalls the extensive technical assistance provided by the Mission in 2018 that facilitated, among other things, the holding on 12 May 2018 of the first national parliamentary elections since the defeat of Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (see [A/73/352/Add.5](#), paras. 30–33). The Committee was also informed that, as at 30 September 2020, expenditures for 2020 amounted to \$96,600 against an appropriation of \$309,700, and that expenditures for 2019 amounted to \$166,900 against an appropriation of \$353,400. **The Advisory Committee reiterates that the use of consultants should be kept to an absolute minimum and that core activities should be performed by in-house capacity (see also [A/74/7/Add.6](#), para. 18). Taking into account the existing capacity as well as the level of expenditure in 2019 and in the first nine months of 2020, the Committee recommends a reduction of 20 per cent, or \$63,800, in the proposed resources for consultants and consulting services.**

#### *Official travel*

20. In his report, the Secretary-General indicates that the amount of \$1,269,800 would provide for official travel to carry out non-training activities (\$762,800) and training activities (\$507,000). The decrease of \$233,300, or 15.5 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2020 is attributable mainly to the greater utilization of videoconferencing services (see [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#), paras. 90–91). Upon enquiry,

the Advisory Committee was informed that UNAMI anticipates resuming travel within and outside the Mission, with an intensified engagement in regions that it has not visited frequently in recent times. Information provided to the Committee shows that, as at 30 September 2020, expenditures under official travel amounted to \$142,400 against an appropriation of \$1,503,100, reflecting the impact of travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **The Advisory Committee reiterates its view that greater use should be made of virtual meetings and online training tools (see also A/75/7, para. 62), and, considering that the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to continue to have an impact on travel in 2021, the Committee recommends a reduction of 20 per cent, or \$254,000, under official travel.**

#### *Ground transportation*

21. The proposed requirements for ground transportation amount to \$735,800, slightly above the appropriation for 2020. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that UNAMI has an operational vehicular fleet of 283, which will be reduced to 243 by the end of 2021. The worldwide liability insurance coverage per vehicle is approximately \$80 per year, with total liability insurance requirements proposed in the amount of \$18,800.

#### *Air operations*

22. Resources amounting to \$3,162,100, at the same level as the appropriation for 2020, are proposed to provide for the Mission's air transport fleet, comprising two fixed-wing aircraft (see A/75/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.6, para. 96). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was provided with information on the use of special flights in UNAMI and trusts that updated information will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report. The Committee discusses this matter further in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions (A/75/7/Add.2).

#### *Communications and information technology*

23. The proposed provision of \$3,382,100 under communications and information technology represents a decrease of \$54,300, or 1.6 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2020, due mainly to lower costs for satellite transponder charges and Internet access (see A/75/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.6, paras. 97–98). Information provided to the Advisory Committee shows that, as at 30 September 2020, expenditures under communications and information technology amounted to \$1,578,400 against an appropriation of \$3,436,400. **Taking into account the level of expenditure and the need for a consolidated presentation of information and communications technology resources, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 15 per cent, or \$507,300, under communications and information technology. The Committee makes observations on information and communications technology resources and satellite imagery in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions (A/75/7/Add.2).**

#### *Medical*

24. Requirements in the amount of \$280,000 are proposed for medical services, equipment and supplies, reflecting an increase of \$69,100, or 32.8 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2020 (see A/75/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.6, paras. 99–100). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the increase was attributable in part to the planned engagement of a specialist firm, at an estimated cost of \$45,100, to support individual counselling needs and in response to critical incidents. The firm would augment the capacity of the Staff Counselling Unit (1 P-4 and 1 P-3), which is expected to provide services to nearly 2,500 staff within UNAMI, UNITAD and the

United Nations country team across eight offices in Iraq and Kuwait. The Committee makes further observations in its main report on the estimates in respect of special political missions ([A/75/7/Add.2](#)).

*Other supplies, services and equipment*

25. The proposed requirements for other supplies, services and equipment in the amount of \$2,309,200 reflect a decrease of \$342,900, or 12.9 per cent, compared with the appropriation for 2020, owing mainly to increased cost-sharing with the United Nations country team and lower bank charges (see [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#), paras. 101–102). Information provided to the Advisory Committee shows that, as at 30 September 2020, expenditures under other supplies, services and equipment amounted to \$500,300 against an appropriation of \$2,652,100, due mainly to a lower staff presence in the UNAMI compounds during the pandemic. **Considering the current level of expenditure, and that the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to have an impact on expenditure for office supplies and other supplies in 2021 also, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction of 10 per cent, or \$230,900, under other supplies, services and equipment (see also [A/75/7](#), para. 68).**

26. **The Advisory Committee recommends approval of the proposals of the Secretary-General for operational costs for 2021 for UNAMI, subject to its recommendations in paragraphs 19, 20, 23 and 25 above.**

#### **D. Other matters**

*Support to the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant and cost recovery*

27. The Secretary-General indicates that UNAMI provides support to UNITAD in the areas of financial management, engineering works, information technology, transportation, medical, life support, property management and procurement, as set out in a service-level agreement between the two missions (see [A/75/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#), annex I). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that services that cannot be segregated as solely for the Investigative Team are provided on a cost-recovery basis, and where the needs of the Investigative Team are explicitly distinguishable, commitments are made against its funding. **The Advisory Committee reiterates that administrative support provided by one United Nations entity to another should be provided on a cost-reimbursable basis (see [A/74/7/Add.6](#), para. 5, and [A/73/498/Add.5](#), para. 7).**

28. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the cost-recovery plan for UNAMI for 2021 would be prepared towards the end of 2020 and that the proposed budget for 2021 does not include any funding for services provided to recipients on a cost-recovery basis. The Committee was also informed that cost-recovery revenues for 2020 are estimated in the amount of \$10,674,600, which is the same amount as the projected expenditures for 2020. Furthermore, according to an analysis of cost plans carried out by the Board of Auditors, estimated cost-recovery revenues for UNAMI for 2019 amount to \$9,279,900 and exceed the projected expenditures of \$8,908,100 (see [A/75/5 \(Vol. I\)](#), table II.5). **The Advisory Committee trusts that the Secretary-General will provide more detailed information regarding cost recovery to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report and in the context of future budget submissions.**