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Programme planning

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2021, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-sixth session the item entitled "Programme planning" and to allocate it to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the other Main Committees and the plenary of the Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

2. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 1st and 16th meetings, on 30 September and 11 November 2021. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's 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:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its sixty-first session (A/76/16);

(b) Programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed programme budget for 2022 (A/76/6 (Sect. 5));

(c) Programme 24, Global communications, of the proposed programme budget for 2022 (A/76/6 (Sect. 28)).

4. The Committee also held an informal meeting to discuss the item on 8 November 2021 (see annex).

5. At its 16th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee was informed that the summary of its discussion on the item would be transmitted by the Chair of the Fourth Committee (El Salvador) to the Chair of the Fifth Committee through a letter 2

² A/C.4/76/10.





¹ A/C.4/76/SR.1 and A/C.4/76/SR.16.

containing a request for the Fifth Committee to take the views expressed by the members of the Fourth Committee into consideration during its deliberations on programmes 4 and 24 of the proposed programme budget for 2022.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee had before it two draft decisions (A/C.4/76/L.17 and A/C.4/76/L.18), submitted by Brazil, which were subsequently withdrawn by the main sponsor.

Annex

Informal meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1. On 8 November 2021, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) held an informal meeting convened by the Chair of the Committee (El Salvador) on agenda item 139.

2. At the meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications gave a briefing to the Committee on programme 24, Global communications, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, and the Director of the Policy, Evaluation and Training Division of the Department of Peace Operations gave a briefing to the Committee on programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed programme budget for 2022.

3. At the same meeting, an interactive exchange of views ensued, in the course of which statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, the European Union, Guatemala, China, Cuba, Mexico, Egypt, Argentina, Switzerland, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, France, the Republic of Korea and the Syrian Arab Republic.