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Proposed programme budget for 2020

Report of the Fifth Committee**

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2019, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled “Proposed programme budget for 2020” and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.
2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 2nd, 4th to 7th, 9th to 18th and 21st meetings, on 8, 15, 18, 25 and 29 October, 11, 13, 19 and 25 November and 2, 6, 11, 13, 16, 17 and 27 December 2019. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹
3. At the 2nd meeting, on 8 October, introductory statements were made by the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* Reissued for technical reasons on 9 January 2020.

** At its 21st meeting, on 27 December 2019, the Fifth Committee considered and adopted the present draft report, submitted by the Secretariat on behalf of the Rapporteur, which had been circulated in the Committee under the provisional symbol [A/C.5/74/L.26](#). Before the adoption of the draft report, the Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Finance and Budget, Controller, made a technical update to the report to outline the impact of oral amendment made to draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.23](#) (see para. 54 of the present report). The draft report is reproduced in its entirety in the present document.

¹ [A/C.5/74/SR.2](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.4](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.5](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.6](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.7](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.9](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.10](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.11](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.12](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.13](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.14](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.15](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.16](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.17](#), [A/C.5/74/SR.18](#) and [A/C.5/74/SR.21](#).



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Reports of the Secretary-General²

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

Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on internal oversight: proposed programme budget for 2020 ([A/74/92](#))

Eleventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account ([A/74/85](#))

Letter dated 29 May 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/74/93](#))

Identical letters dated 10 June 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/74/108](#))

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 2020

Note by the Secretary-General ([A/74/339](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.9](#))

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2019 session

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/347](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.12](#))

International Trade Centre

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget of the International Trade Centre for 2020 ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 13\)](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7](#), paras. IV.58–IV.70)

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2019

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly ([A/C.5/74/2](#))

² [A/74/6 \(Introduction\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 1\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 4\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 5\)](#) and [A/74/6 \(Sect. 5\)/Corr.1](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 6\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect.7\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect.8\)](#) and [A/74/6 \(Sect. 8\)/Corr.1](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 9\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 10\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 11\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 12\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 13\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 14\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 15\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 16\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 17\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 18\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 19\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 20\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 21\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 22\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 23\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 24\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 25\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 26\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 27\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 28\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 29\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 29A\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 29B\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 29C\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 29D\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 29E\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 29F\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 29G\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 30\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 31\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 32\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 33\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 34\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 35\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 36\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Income sect. 1\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Income sect. 2\)](#) and [A/74/6 \(Income sect. 3\)](#).

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

Request for a subvention to the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/359](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.16](#))

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia ([A/74/281](#))

Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone

Report of the Secretary-General on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone ([A/74/352](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.21](#))

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Sixth annual progress report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/452](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.13](#))

Financial report and audited financial statements, and report of the Board of Auditors, volume I ([A/74/5 \(Vol. I\)](#))

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the work of its sixty-sixth session ([A/74/331](#) and [A/74/331/Corr.1](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board ([A/C.5/74/3](#))

Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 and report of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund ([A/74/5/Add.16](#))

Report of the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the Fund on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report for the year ended 31 December 2018 on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund ([A/74/329](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.14](#))

Progress in the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/345](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.18](#))

Progress in the renovation of Africa Hall and the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/328](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.19](#))

Progress on the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/330](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.11](#))

Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/317](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.8](#))

Progress on the replacement of office blocks A–J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/343](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.15](#))

Addressing the deteriorating conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/471](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.22](#))

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fortieth, forty-first and forty-second sessions

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/529](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.26](#))

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2020 under Section 27, Humanitarian assistance, and section 36, Staff assessment: Office of the United Nations Emergency Ebola Response Coordinator

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/544](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.27](#))

Enterprise resource planning project, Umoja

Eleventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project ([A/74/478](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eighth annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system ([A/74/153](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.17](#))

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

Reports of the Secretary-General ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.2](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.3](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.5](#) and [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.5/Corr.1](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#) and [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6/Corr.1](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.7](#) and [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.8](#))

Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.1](#), [A/74/7/Add.2](#), [A/74/7/Add.3](#), [A/74/7/Add.4](#), [A/74/7/Add.5](#), [A/74/7/Add.6](#), [A/74/7/Add.23](#) and [A/74/7/Add.24](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of arrangements for funding and backstopping special political missions ([A/66/340](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/66/7/Add.21](#))

Global service delivery model for the United Nations Secretariat

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/73/706](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/73/791](#))

Review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/70/395](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.7](#))

Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/585](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.31](#))

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Report of the Secretary-General ([A/C.5/74/14](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/74/7/Add.29](#))

5. The table below summarizes the recommendations of the Fifth Committee for each section of the proposed programme budget for 2020. The recommendations are

based on the proposals of the Secretary-General, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee 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 2020

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	<i>Amount approved</i>
1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	
Proposed programme budget	78 640.2
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(42.2)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	1 371.8
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(500.4)
Vacancy rate	(224.1)
Financial implications:	
Programme budget implications: investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him	145.7
Statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund	(2 306.3)
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	2.9
Subtotal	77 087.6
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Proposed programme budget	327 764.3
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	1 752.1
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(4 053.6)
Vacancy rate	(661.6)
Financial implications:	
Programme budget implications: countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes	138.3
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council	1 701.2
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	1.1
Subtotal	326 641.8
3. Political affairs	
Proposed programme budget	705 660.0
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(1 202.6)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(43.5)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(2 614.0)
Vacancy rate	(332.7)
Financial implications:	
United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti	20 114.2

Amount approved

United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement	51 642.7
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	–
Subtotal	773 224.1
4. Disarmament	
Proposed programme budget	13 692.8
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(8.0)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(318.6)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(65.0)
Vacancy rate	(56.2)
Subtotal	13 245.0
5. Peacekeeping operations	
Proposed programme budget	52 348.0
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	881.3
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(418.2)
Vacancy rate	(208.3)
Subtotal	52 602.8
6. Peaceful uses of outer space	
Proposed programme budget	4 154.7
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(202.7)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(12.0)
Vacancy rate	(18.7)
Subtotal	3 921.3
7. International Court of Justice	
Proposed programme budget	27 040.1
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	1 656.0
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(389.4)
Vacancy rate	(161.2)
Subtotal	28 145.5
8. Legal affairs	
Proposed programme budget	60 155.7
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(8 252.0)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(523.6)
Fifth Committee:	

	<i>Amount approved</i>
Other adjustments	7 201.1
Vacancy rate	(127.5)
Subtotal	58 453.7
9. Economic and social affairs	
Proposed programme budget	84 181.0
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	19.0
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(180.0)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(294.4)
Vacancy rate	(432.2)
Subtotal	83 293.4
10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	
Proposed programme budget	5 756.7
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	184.0
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(25.1)
Vacancy rate	(29.4)
Subtotal	5 886.2
11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	
Proposed programme budget	8 663.4
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(573.4)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(63.3)
Vacancy rate	(40.8)
Subtotal	7 985.9
12. Trade and development	
Proposed programme budget	70 543.3
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 774.3)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(311.1)
Vacancy rate	(370.0)
Subtotal	68 087.9
13. International Trade Centre	
Proposed programme budget	19 397.6
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(535.8)
Subtotal	18 861.8

Amount approved

14. Environment

Proposed programme budget	21 417.7
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	2 154.6
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(89.5)
Vacancy rate	(118.5)

Subtotal	23 364.3
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15. Human settlements

Proposed programme budget	11 794.8
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	821.5
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(48.8)
Vacancy rate	(59.1)

Subtotal	12 508.4
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16. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice

Proposed programme budget	22 428.6
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(1.1)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(687.9)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(62.0)
Vacancy rate	(106.6)
Financial implications:	
Programme budget implications: countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes	55.0
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	1.1

Subtotal	21 627.1
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17. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Proposed programme budget	9 224.7
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(3.9)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	549.9
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(20.5)
Vacancy rate	(8.8)

Subtotal	9 741.4
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18. Economic and social development in Africa

Proposed programme budget	87 704.8
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(4 780.7)
Fifth Committee:	

	<i>Amount approved</i>
Other adjustments	(1 484.4)
Vacancy rate	(303.6)
Financial implications:	
Construction of additional facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall	752.0
Subtotal	81 888.1
19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	
Proposed programme budget	53 395.8
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	112.0
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	1 733.2
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(360.5)
Vacancy rate	(260.9)
Financial implications:	
Proposal for the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacement project	907.2
Subtotal	55 526.8
20. Economic development in Europe	
Proposed programme budget	33 150.6
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	125.6
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	143.9
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	39.3
Vacancy rate	(169.4)
Subtotal	33 290.0
21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	
Proposed programme budget	59 933.9
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	203.8
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(2 119.7)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(426.4)
Vacancy rate	(285.6)
Financial implications:	
Proposal for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	285.8
Subtotal	57 591.8
22. Economic and social development in Western Asia	
Proposed programme budget	38 321.0
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 332.3)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(282.5)

Amount approved

Vacancy rate	(188.2)
Subtotal	36 518.0
23. Regular programme of technical cooperation	
Proposed programme budget	37 166.5
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(760.1)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(828.8)
Subtotal	35 577.6
24. Human rights	
Proposed programme budget	98 714.3
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(40.5)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 504.0)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(371.7)
Vacancy rate	(398.4)
Financial implications:	
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council	18 488.7
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	230.9
Subtotal	115 119.3
25. International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	
Proposed programme budget	42 833.2
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 926.2)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(804.8)
Vacancy rate	(3.3)
Subtotal	40 098.9
26. Palestine refugees	
Proposed programme budget	29 201.8
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	3 325.6
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	–
Vacancy rate	(161.9)
Subtotal	32 365.5
27. Humanitarian assistance	
Proposed programme budget	18 418.3
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(79.7)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	471.5

	<i>Amount approved</i>
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(93.2)
Vacancy rate	(69.9)
Financial implications:	
Office of the Emergency Ebola Response Coordinator	6 325.5
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	151.5
Subtotal	25 124.0
28. Global Communications	
Proposed programme budget	94 774.4
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	128.8
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	1 170.5
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(936.9)
Vacancy rate	(444.4)
Subtotal	94 692.4
29A. Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance	
Proposed programme budget	57 054.5
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(1 422.4)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 456.3)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	219.0
Vacancy rate	(244.7)
Financial implications:	
Enterprise resource planning project	(1 228.7)
Subtotal	52 921.4
29B. Department of Operational Support	
Proposed programme budget	88 614.7
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(711.2)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 262.7)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(148.2)
Vacancy rate	(262.9)
Financial implications:	
Progress in the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters	6 795.9
Subtotal	93 025.6
29C. Office of Information and Communications Technology	
Proposed programme budget	49 887.3
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	919.5
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(705.0)

		<i>Amount approved</i>
Vacancy rate		(142.0)
Subtotal		49 959.8
29E. Administration, Geneva		
Proposed programme budget		71 481.2
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(34.5)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(1 036.3)
Fifth Committee:		
Other adjustments		(440.0)
Vacancy rate		(242.1)
Financial implications:		
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council		8.4
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(0.3)
Subtotal		69 736.4
29F. Administration, Vienna		
Proposed programme budget		19 367.2
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(11.2)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(1 124.9)
Fifth Committee:		
Other adjustments		(92.1)
Vacancy rate		(50.6)
Subtotal		18 088.4
29G. Administration, Nairobi		
Proposed programme budget		17 700.3
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(1 092.8)
Fifth Committee:		
Other adjustments		(64.8)
Vacancy rate		(59.3)
Financial implications:		
Possible renovation work aimed at addressing the deteriorating conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facility at the United Nations Office at Nairobi		470.0
Proposal for the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office in Nairobi		1 095.4
Subtotal		18 048.8
30. Internal oversight		
Proposed programme budget		21 662.8
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget		(88.2)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee		(889.3)
Fifth Committee:		
Other adjustments		(71.8)
Vacancy rate		(103.6)
Subtotal		20 509.9

31. Jointly financed administrative activities

Proposed programme budget	6 328.4
Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(82.6)

Subtotal	6 245.8
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32. Special expenses

Proposed programme budget	76 211.2
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(33.2)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(14.4)

Subtotal	76 163.6
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33. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

Proposed programme budget	16 591.7
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(461.0)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	(4 237.7)

Financial implications:

Construction of additional facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall	7 577.1
Proposal for the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacement project	5 503.5
Proposal for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	103.3
Proposal for the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office in Nairobi	9 169.6
Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva	36 799.6

Subtotal	71 046.1
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34. Safety and security

Proposed programme budget	120 788.1
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(180.8)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	3 331.2
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	431.8
Vacancy rate	(518.7)

Financial implications:

Construction of additional facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall	105.0
Proposal for the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office in Nairobi	225.1

Subtotal	124 181.7
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35. Development Account

Proposed programme budget	14 199.4
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Amount approved

Recommendations of Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	–
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	–
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	–
Subtotal	14 199.4
36. Staff assessment	
Proposed programme budget	263 543.8
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget	(611.5)
Recosting of the proposed programme budget and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(284.0)
Fifth Committee:	
Other adjustments	1 128.7
Vacancy rate	(501.0)
Financial implications:	
Programme budget implications: countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes	4.4
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council	866.0
Office of the Emergency Ebola Response Coordinator	351.2
United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti	1 592.9
United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement	1 163.7
Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates	(21.2)
Subtotal	267 233.0
Total	3 073 830.5

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.6](#)

6. At the 21st meeting, on 27 December, the representative of the Russian Federation, also on behalf of Belarus, Burundi, China, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Myanmar, Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Proposed programme budget for 2020: foreword and introduction and section 8, Legal affairs" ([A/C.5/74/L.6](#)).

7. At the same meeting, the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Nicaragua and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made statements in support of the draft resolution.

8. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and its member States, as well as Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Republic of North Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine) requested a recorded vote on draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.6](#) and, before the vote, made a statement in explanation of vote.

9. Before the vote, the representative of the United States of America made a statement in explanation of vote and the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic rose to a point of order.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee rejected draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.6](#) by a recorded vote of 86 to 20, with 50 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Belarus, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Yemen.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam.

B. Draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.7](#)

11. At its 21st meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Proposed programme budget for 2020: section 26, Palestine refugees" ([A/C.5/74/L.7](#)), submitted by the Russian Federation. At the same meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation withdrew the draft resolution.

C. Draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.20](#)

12. At its 21st meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for 2020" ([A/C.5/74/L.20](#)), submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Iraq.

13. At the same meeting, the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), orally proposed an amendment to the draft resolution, by which two new operative paragraphs would be inserted into the draft resolution, relating to section 8, Legal affairs, and reading as follows:

Takes note of paragraphs III.47, III.48, III.49, III.52, III.53, III.54, III.55 and III.56 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Decides that regular budget resources for the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011, under section 8, Legal affairs, for 2020 amount to 17,806,200 dollars before recosting.

14. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation requested a recorded vote on the amendment orally proposed by the representative of Finland.
15. Before the vote, the representatives of the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Russian Federation made statements in explanation of vote.
16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the proposed amendment to [A/C.5/74/L.20](#) by a recorded vote of 84 to 22, with 47 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Yemen.

Against:

Belarus, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam.

17. Before the adoption of draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.20](#) as orally amended, the representative of the Russian Federation made a statement and the Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Finance and Budget, Controller, made explanatory remarks.
18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.20](#), as orally amended (see para. 60, draft resolution I).
19. After the adoption of the draft resolution as orally amended, a statement was made by the representative of China. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic

Republic of Iran, Myanmar, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Nicaragua and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, indicating that they disassociated themselves from the oral amendment to the draft resolution.

20. The representative of Iraq, in his capacity as coordinator of draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.20](#), made a statement.

D. Draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.22](#)

21. At its 21st meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for 2020" ([A/C.5/74/L.22](#)), submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representatives of Chad, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Norway, Switzerland and Uruguay. In the course of its deliberations, the Committee considered the questions outlined below.

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 2020

22. The Committee considered this question at its 9th and 21st meetings, on 11 November and 27 December.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2019 session

23. The Committee considered this question at its 11th and 21st meetings, on 19 November and 27 December.

International Trade Centre

24. The Committee considered this question at its 2nd and 21st meetings, on 8 October and 27 December.

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2019

25. The Committee considered this question at its 6th and 21st meetings, on 25 October and 27 December.

Request for a subvention to the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

26. The Committee considered this question at its 13th and 21st meetings, on 2 and 27 December.

Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone

27. The Committee considered this question at its 15th and 21st meetings, on 11 and 27 December.

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

28. The Committee considered this question at its 12th and 21st meetings, on 25 November and 27 December.

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

29. The Committee considered this question at its 13th and 21st meetings, on 2 and 27 December.

Progress in the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters

30. The Committee considered this question at its 14th and 21st meetings, on 6 and 27 December.

Progress in the renovation of Africa Hall and the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

31. The Committee considered this question at its 14th and 21st meetings, on 6 and 27 December.

Progress on the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago

32. The Committee considered this question at its 10th and 21st meetings, on 13 November and 27 December.

Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok

33. The Committee considered this question at its 7th and 21st meetings, on 29 October and 27 December.

Progress on the replacement of office blocks A–J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

34. The Committee considered this question at its 13th and 21st meetings, on 2 and 27 December.

Addressing the deteriorating conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

35. The Committee considered this question at its 16th and 21st meetings, on 13 and 27 December.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fortieth, forty-first and forty-second sessions

36. The Committee considered this question at its 16th and 21st meetings, on 13 and 27 December.

37. At the 21st meeting, on 27 December, the representative of Israel orally proposed an amendment to section XV of draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.22](#), entitled “Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fortieth, forty-first and forty-second sessions”. Informal consultations on the section had been coordinated by the representative of Kuwait. By the amendment, a new operative paragraph would be inserted, to read:

Decides not to approve the proposed resources and posts for the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution [40/13](#).

38. At the same meeting, the representative of Algeria (on behalf the Group of Arab States) requested a recorded vote on the amendment orally proposed by the representative of Israel.

39. At the same meeting, the Committee rejected the proposed amendment to section XV of draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.22](#) by a recorded vote of 128 to 3, with 13 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Australia, Israel, United States of America.

Against:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining:

Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea.

40. After the vote, the representative of Israel made a statement indicating that it disassociated itself from section XV as it related to Human Rights Council resolution [40/13](#).

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2020 under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, and section 36, Staff assessment: Office of the United Nations Emergency Ebola Response Coordinator

41. The Committee considered this question at its 17th and 21st meetings, on 16 and 27 December.

Enterprise resource planning project, Umoja

42. The Committee considered this question at its 13th and 21st meetings, on 2 and 27 December.

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

43. The Committee considered this question at its 4th, 5th, 7th, 17th and 21st meetings, on 15, 18 and 29 October and 16 and 27 December.

44. At the 21st meeting, on 27 December, the representative of Cuba orally proposed an amendment to section XVIII of draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.22](#), entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives

authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council". Informal consultations on the section had been coordinated by the representative of Norway. By the amendment, two new preambular and two new operative paragraphs would be inserted, to read:

Recalling that the General Assembly has not decided on the concept of responsibility to protect, its scope, implications and possible ways of implementation,

Noting that the estimates for thematic cluster I comprise narratives, functions, strategy and external factors, results, performance measures, deliverables and other information related to the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect,

Decides to delete the narratives, functions, strategy and external factors, results, performance measures, deliverables and other information related to the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on 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 (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.2](#));

Requests the Secretary-General to issue a corrigendum to his report ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.2](#)).

45. At the same meeting, the representatives of Nicaragua, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made statements in support of the amendment.

46. Also at the same meeting, the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada requested a recorded vote on the amendment and, before the vote, made statements in explanation of vote.

47. Also at the 21st meeting, the Committee rejected the proposed amendment to section XVIII of draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.22](#) by a recorded vote of 79 to 18, with 52 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Belarus, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad,³ China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

³ The delegation of Chad subsequently indicated that it had intended to abstain.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

48. The amounts approved by the General Assembly in respect of special political missions for 2020 are set out in the table below.

Amounts approved for special political missions for 2020

(Thousands of United States dollars)

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

Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	2 878.3
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	2 227.4
Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	434.4
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	397.2
United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	2 236.7
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	16 235.3
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Horn of Africa	1 496.4
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	18 177.0
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	4 400.4
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	7 237.0
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar	1 073.0
Subtotal, thematic cluster I	56 793.1

Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms

Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 430.6
Panel of Experts on the Sudan	1 088.9
Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009)	2 912.0
Panel of Experts on Libya	1 395.5
Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	1 211.2
Panel of Experts on Yemen	2 324.6
Panel of Experts on South Sudan	1 357.7
Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	5 899.5
Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1904 (2009)	653.3
Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)	1 548.0
Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	2 969.3
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	11 147.4
Panel of Experts on Mali	1 325.7
Panel of Experts on Somalia	1 850.8

United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	20 338.7
Subtotal, thematic cluster II	57 453.2
Thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions	
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	12 611.3
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	15 318.2
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	104 845.5
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	2 901.4
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	3 458.0
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	8 953.6
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	7 129.0
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	72 440.5
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	61 327.5
Subtotal, thematic cluster III	288 985.0
United Nations Assistance Missions	
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	134 733.7
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	100 488.5
Subtotal, Assistance Missions	235 222.2
Total (net of staff assessment)	638 453.5
Provision for the share of the special political missions for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda (General Assembly resolution 73/309, para. 11 (c))	1 424.4
Total (net of staff assessment)	639 877.9
United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti	20 114.2
United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement	51 642.7
Net additional appropriation (A/C.5/74/L.22, sect. XVIII, para. 31) (net of staff assessment)	71 756.9
Total approved budget under section 3	711 634.8
Staff assessment for the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement and the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (A/C.5/74/L.22, sect. XVIII, para. 32)	2 768.4

Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

49. The Committee considered this question at its 18th and 21st meetings, on 17 and 27 December.

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

50. The Committee considered this question at its 18th and 21st meetings, on 17 and 27 December.

51. At the 21st meeting, on 27 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.22](#) without a vote (see para. 60, draft resolution II).

52. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Georgia, the Russian Federation and Canada. Statements were also

made by the representatives of the Philippines, indicating that it disassociated itself from section XV as it related to Human Rights Council resolution [41/2](#); Myanmar, indicating that it disassociated itself from section XV as it related to Human Rights Council resolutions [40/29](#) and [42/3](#); the Islamic Republic of Iran, indicating that it disassociated itself from section XVIII as it related to Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#); and the Syrian Arab Republic, indicating that it disassociated itself from section XV as it related to Human Rights Council resolutions [40/17](#).

E. Draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.23](#)

53. At its 21st meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Programme budget for 2020” ([A/C.5/74/L.23](#)).

54. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, made a technical update to it, and indicated that the impact of the adoption of the oral amendment was an increase in the appropriation outlined in part A by 7,680,500 dollars under section 8, Legal affairs, and by 632,200 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, after recosting and cross-cutting reductions. The total appropriation under part A of the draft resolution would amount to 3,073,830,500 dollars. Corresponding adjustments would be made under part B, on income from staff assessment, and part C, on the assessment on Member States.

55. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.23](#) without a vote (see para. 60, draft resolution III).

F. Draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.24](#)

56. At its 21st meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for 2020” ([A/C.5/74/L.24](#)).

57. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.24](#) without a vote (see para. 60, draft resolution IV).

G. Draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.25](#)

58. At its 21st meeting, on 27 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Working Capital Fund for 2020” ([A/C.5/74/L.25](#)).

59. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/74/L.25](#) without a vote (see para. 60, draft resolution V).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

60. 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 2020

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](#) of 24 December 2011, [68/246](#) of 27 December 2013, [70/247](#) of 23 December 2015, [71/272](#) A of 23 December 2016, [72/261](#) and [72/266](#) A of 24 December 2017, [72/266](#) B of 5 July 2018 and [73/281](#) of 22 December 2018,

Reaffirming also the respective mandates of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 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 policies,

Recognizing the detrimental effect of the withholding of assessed contributions on the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and its ability to implement mandates and programmes,

Recognizing also that late payments of assessed contributions, bearing in mind the special situation of certain Member States, have adversely affected the financial situation of the United Nations and resulted in a liquidity crisis that has affected the delivery of mandates,

Recalling its resolution [72/266](#) A and the decision of the General Assembly to approve the proposed change from a biennial to an annual budget period on a trial basis,

Having considered the proposed programme budget for 2020,¹ the eleventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account,² the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on internal oversight: proposed programme budget for 2020³ and the

¹ [A/74/6](#) (Introduction), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 1), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 2), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 3), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 4), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 5), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 5)/Corr.1, [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 6), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 7), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 8), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 8)/Corr.1, [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 9), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 10), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 11), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 12), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 13), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 14), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 15), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 16), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 17), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 18), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 19), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 20), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 21), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 22), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 23), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 24), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 25), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 26), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 27), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 28), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 29), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 29A), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 29B), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 29C), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 29E), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 29F), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 29G), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 29H), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 30), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 31), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 32), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 33), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 34), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 35), [A/74/6](#) (Sect. 36), [A/74/6](#) (Income sect. 1), [A/74/6](#) (Income sect. 2) and [A/74/6](#) (Income sect. 3).

² [A/74/85](#).

³ [A/74/92](#).

related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴

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;⁵

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

5. *Also reaffirms* the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;⁶

6. *Further reaffirms* its resolution [74/251](#) of 27 December 2019;

7. *Stresses* that finance serves as a foundation of and an important element underpinning United Nations governance;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

9. *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;

10. *Notes* the progress made in implementing the management reforms agreed in resolutions [72/266 A](#), [72/266 B](#) and [73/281](#) on shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations;

11. *Also notes* that organizational reforms should contribute to greater efficiency and effectiveness in delivering on the Organization's mandated programmes and activities without negatively affecting their full implementation, and requests the Secretary-General to provide results and examples in this regard in the context of his next budget submission;

12. *Reaffirms* that no changes to the budget methodology, to 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;

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

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen internal controls in programme planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting;

15. *Emphasizes* the importance of comprehensive budgetary performance in the management of the programme budget, and requests the Secretary-General to clearly link the budget inputs to tangible results;

⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/74/7).*

⁵ [ST/SGB/2018/3](#).

⁶ [ST/SGB/2013/4](#) and [ST/SGB/2013/4/Amend.1](#).

16. *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;

17. *Decides* that a vacancy rate of 9.1 per cent for Professional staff and 7.4 per cent for General Service staff shall be used as a basis for the calculation of the budget for 2020;

18. *Also decides* that the staffing table for 2020 shall be as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

19. *Bears in mind* the rules governing the duration and extension of special post allowances and that the granting of such benefits should be restricted to exceptional cases only, and requests the Secretary-General to comply with those rules and review the existence of posts that have been vacant or encumbered through special post allowances for more than one year and to report thereon in his next budget proposal;

20. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for programme support components by 2 per cent;

21. *Also decides* to reduce the budget for information and communications technology capital expenditures by 4 million United States dollars;

22. *Further decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment by 12.5 per cent;

23. *Reiterates* that the use of consultants should be kept to a minimum and that the Organization should use its in-house capacity to perform core activities or to fulfil functions that are recurrent over the long term;

24. *Recalls* paragraph 70 of its resolution [65/247](#) of 24 December 2010, notes the continued use of consultants in the core activities of the Organization, and in this regard decides to reduce the proposed resources for consultants by 10 per cent, in addition to the reductions recommended by the Advisory Committee;

25. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 5 per cent;

26. *Also decides* to reduce resources for travel of staff by 10 per cent;

27. *Expresses concern* at the low rate of compliance with the advance purchase policy directive, and requests the Secretary-General to make stronger efforts to further enhance the rate of compliance with the advance purchase policy directive across all travel categories, taking into account the patterns and nature of official travel and the reasons for non-compliance by each department, office and field mission;

28. *Decides* that only the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the International Court of Justice and heads of delegations of least developed countries shall be entitled to first-class accommodation for air travel;

29. *Also decides* to modify the Travel and Subsistence Regulations of the International Court of Justice contained in the annex to its resolution [37/240](#) of 21 December 1982 by replacing “first-class accommodation” with “accommodation in the class immediately below first class” in article 1, paragraph 2 (a), and requests the Secretary-General to further extend the scope of the advance purchase policy to include the International Court of Justice to secure further savings from business-class bookings;

30. *Notes* the efforts of the Secretary-General to strengthen training and development provided to staff in support of the decentralization and delegation of decision-making authority;

31. *Stresses* that all extrabudgetary posts must be administered and managed with the same rigour as regular budget posts;

32. *Also stresses* that extrabudgetary resources shall be used in consistency with the policies, aims and activities of the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to provide information on the financial and human resource implications of the use of extrabudgetary resources in the Organization in his next proposed programme budget;

33. *Decides* to reduce resources for document printing for the formal meetings of the Fifth Committee by 5 million dollars in the respective sections, to contribute to greening the United Nations;

Part I

Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

Section 1

Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

34. *Decides* that answers provided to the Advisory Committee by the Secretariat shall be made available to the General Assembly, as supplementary information;

35. *Recalls* paragraph I.23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and looks forward to the annual report of the Secretary-General foreseen in resolution [72/279](#) of 31 May 2018;

36. *Takes note* of paragraphs I.15 and I.16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, decides not to approve the proposed establishment of one P-5 post to support the office of the President of the General Assembly, and decides to maintain the transitionary period of one month;

Section 2

General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

37. *Emphasizes* the importance of the initiatives related to the accessibility of persons with disabilities to conference services and facilities;

38. *Recalls* paragraph I.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish one P-4 post and one P-3 post (Translator) in the Chinese Translation Section in Geneva;

Part II

Political affairs

Section 3

Political affairs

39. *Recalls* paragraphs 87, 88 and II.15 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to abolish the post of Political Affairs Officer (P-3) in the Central and Southern Africa Division in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs;

Section 5

Peacekeeping operations

40. *Recognizes* the important role of peacekeeping and special political missions at the national, subregional, regional and international levels, as appropriate, in maintaining peace and security in fulfilment of their mandates;

Section 6

Peaceful uses of outer space

41. *Notes* the increased workload in the Office for Outer Space Affairs, and requests the Secretary-General to review resourcing for the Office in future budget proposals;

Part III

International justice and law

Section 7

International Court of Justice

42. *Decides* not to approve upward reclassifications in the International Court of Justice;

43. *Also decides* to reduce the resources for consultants for members of the Court by 143,300 dollars;

Section 8

Legal affairs

44. *Recalls* paragraph III.35 of the report of the Advisory Committee, decides not to approve the conversion of 58 general temporary assistance positions to temporary posts, and decides to reduce resources accordingly;

44 bis. *Takes note* of paragraphs III.47, III.48, III.49, III.52, III.53, III.54, III.55 and III.56 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

44 ter. *Decides* that regular budget resources for the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011 under section 8, Legal affairs, for 2020 amount to 17,806,200 dollars before recosting;

Part IV

International cooperation for development

Section 10

Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

45. *Reaffirms* the importance of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,⁷ the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development⁸ and other intergovernmentally agreed outcomes, including the political declaration of the high-level midterm review of the Samoa Pathway adopted on 10 October 2019,⁹ and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to support small island developing States through the Small Island Developing States Unit in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Office of the High Representative for the Least

⁷ Resolution [69/15](#), annex.

⁸ Resolution [70/1](#).

⁹ Resolution [74/3](#).

Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States;

46. *Notes* the planned deliverables of subprogramme 2, Landlocked developing countries, and subprogramme 3, Small island developing States, for the period 2018–2020, regrets the inadequate resources for these subprogrammes, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to ensure that additional post and non-post resources are allocated to these subprogrammes in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2021 to enable them to effectively carry out their increased mandates;

Section 11

United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

47. *Recalls* that the development of Africa is an established priority of the United Nations, and reaffirms its commitment to address the unique needs of Africa;

48. *Requests* the Secretary-General to fill the four vacant posts in the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa as expeditiously as possible;

Section 14

Environment

49. *Reaffirms* the mandate contained in its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, by which it established the United Nations Environment Programme, and other relevant resolutions that reinforce its mandate, as well as the Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme of 7 February 1997,¹⁰ the Malmö Ministerial Declaration of 31 May 2000¹¹ and the Nusa Dua Declaration of 26 February 2010;¹²

Section 16

International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice

50. *Decides* to establish one post of Legal Adviser (P-3) in the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board;

Part V

Regional cooperation for development

Section 20

Economic development in Europe

51. *Takes note* of paragraph V.49 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to establish one post of Chief of Service (D-1);

52. *Also takes note* of paragraphs V.50 and V.54 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to retain one post of Associate Population Affairs Officer (P-2), one post of Senior Administrative Assistant (General Service (Principal level)) and one post of Team Assistant (General Service (Other level));

¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/52/25)*, annex, decision 19/1, annex.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, *Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/55/25)*, annex I, decision SS.VI/1, annex.

¹² *Ibid.*, *Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/65/25)*, annex I, decision SS.XI/9.

Section 21

Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

53. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to digitize its library and documentation systems, as well as the approach taken to increase the electronic distribution of its publications while ensuring the availability of alternatives in areas with limited Internet access;

54. *Also welcomes* the efforts of the Commission in reducing the costs of printing and disseminating publications as well as the progress made in expanding outreach and increasing the dissemination of its publications, and encourages the Secretary-General to conduct an analysis to determine whether the systems and strategies of the Commission can be replicated at other regional commissions and in United Nations departments and offices, and to provide an update on the matter in his next budget proposal;

55. *Recalls* paragraphs 88 and V.69 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to abolish one post of Associate Programme Management Officer (P-2) in subprogramme 3, Macroeconomic policies and growth, and one post of Associate Programme Management Officer (P-2) in subprogramme 8, Natural resources and infrastructure, at the Commission;

Part VI

Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 24

Human rights

56. *Recalls* its resolution [68/268](#) of 9 April 2014, and decides to allocate a maximum of four official working languages for the work of the human rights treaty bodies, with the inclusion, on an exceptional basis, of a fifth official language, when necessary to facilitate communication among the members, as determined by the committee concerned, taking into account that these measures will not constitute a precedent, given the special nature of the treaty bodies, and without prejudice to the right of each State party to interact with the treaty bodies in any of the six official languages of the United Nations;

57. *Decides* not to redeploy one post of Human Rights Officer (P-3);

Part VII

Global communications

Section 28

Global communications

58. *Notes* the ongoing reform of the Department of Global Communications, and requests the Secretary-General to report on how the reform can contribute to improving the full, effective and efficient implementation of its mandate both at Headquarters and in the field;

59. *Recalls* paragraph 165 of its resolution [72/261](#), requests the Secretary-General to report on the maintenance and improvement of the quality and accuracy of official meeting coverage and press releases, and also requests the Secretary-General to report on the qualitative and quantitative benefits of those efforts in the context of the next budget proposals;

60. *Takes note* of paragraph VII.11 of the report of the Advisory Committee, decides to establish six general temporary assistance positions in the United Nations Information Service at Geneva, comprising one post of Webcast Officer (P-3), one

post of Associate Webcast Officer (P-2) and four posts of Webcast Assistant (General Service (Other level)), and decides not to establish one post of National Professional Officer in the United Nations Information Centre in Colombo;

61. *Decides* to establish one P-3 post in the Hindi Unit of UN News;
62. *Also decides* to establish one P-3 post in the Urdu Unit of United Nations Radio;
63. *Further decides* to reduce the proposed non-post resources by 600,000 dollars;

Part VIII

Common support services

Section 29A

Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance

64. *Recalls* paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of its resolution [72/266](#) B, underlines the crucial role of training in accompanying reform through organizational and cultural change, takes note of paragraphs VIII.16, VIII.17 and VIII.20 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to reduce the proposed training resources by 700,000 dollars;

Section 29B

Department of Operational Support

65. *Recalls* paragraphs 9 and 10 of its resolution [72/266](#) B, and underlines the crucial role of training in accompanying reform through organizational and cultural change;
66. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.33 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Section 29C

Office of Information and Communications Technology

67. *Approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 199,500 dollars for improving accessibility for persons with disabilities and others to United Nations premises in New York through the development of a way-finder program, under section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology;

Section 29E

Administration, Geneva

68. *Recalls* paragraph VIII.70 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the upward classification of one post of Chief of the Information and Communications Technology Service (P-5) as a D-1 in subprogramme 4, Information and communications technology operations;
69. *Decides* to further reduce resources by 100,100 dollars;

Section 29G

Administration, Nairobi

70. *Recalls* paragraph VIII.98 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the reclassification of one post of Procurement Officer (P-3) as a P-4 post and one post of Travel Officer (P-2) as a P-3 post;
71. *Decides* not to abolish one post of Procurement Assistant (Local level) (subprogramme 3, Support services);

Part IX**Internal oversight****Section 30****Internal oversight**

72. *Takes note* of paragraph IX.12 of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish three general temporary assistance positions of Investigator (1 P-4 and 2 P-3) in the Vienna Investigations Office;

Part XII**Safety and security****Section 34****Safety and security**

73. *Decides* not to abolish 10 posts of Security Officer (Local level) in the Security and Safety Service in Beirut and to apply a 50 per cent vacancy rate;

74. *Recalls* paragraph XII.22 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve resources for the malicious acts insurance policy for 2020 in the amount 3,996,107 dollars;

Income section 3**Services to the public**

75. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for catering operations by 250,000 dollars, and also decides not to allocate resources for the renovation of the Vienna Café.

Annex**Staffing table for 2020**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Number of posts</i>
Professional and higher	
Deputy Secretary-General	1
Under-Secretary-General	36
Assistant Secretary-General	32
D-2	116
D-1	298
P-5	902
P-4	1 532
P-3	1 445
P-2/1	522
Subtotal	4 884
General Service and related	
Principal level	271
Other level	2 313
Subtotal	2 584
Other	
Security Service	307
Local level	1 908
Field Service	107
National Professional Officer	87
Trades and Crafts	95
Subtotal	2 504
Total	9 972

Draft resolution II

Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for 2020

The General Assembly,

I

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 2020

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 2020¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²
3. *Approves* the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research of 275,000 United States dollars (before recosting) 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 2020;

II

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2019 session

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;³
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;⁴
3. *Welcomes with appreciation* the generous offer of the Government of Qatar to host the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, in Doha in 2021;

III

International Trade Centre

Recalling its resolution [74/262](#) of 27 December 2019 on questions relating to the proposed programme budget for 2020,

Decides to approve resources in the amount of 18,861,800 dollars (the United Nations share equivalent to 50 per cent of 36,739,000 Swiss francs at the exchange rate of 0.9739 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for 2020 under section 13, International Trade Centre, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

¹ [A/74/339](#).

² [A/74/7/Add.9](#).

³ [A/74/347](#).

⁴ [A/74/7/Add.12](#).

IV**Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2019**

Having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁶

1. *Recalls* its resolution [74/255](#) B of 27 December 2019;
2. *Takes note* of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General;⁵
3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;⁶
4. *Decides* not to approve the request for an additional post of Communications Officer (P-4);

V**Request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia**

Recalling section I of its resolution [68/247](#) B of 9 April 2014, section I of its resolution [69/274](#) A of 2 April 2015, section IV of its resolution [70/248](#) A of 23 December 2015, section II of its resolution [71/272](#) A of 23 December 2016, section IX of its resolution [72/262](#) A of 24 December 2017 and section IV of its resolution [73/279](#) A of 22 December 2018,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁸

Having also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia,⁹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁷
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;⁸
3. *Recalls* paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia to report on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services in the next report of the Secretary-General;
4. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Extraordinary Chambers;
5. *Notes with appreciation* the sustained contributions of the Government of Cambodia, as the host country, for the Extraordinary Chambers;

⁵ [A/C.5/74/2](#).

⁶ [A/74/7/Add.7](#).

⁷ [A/74/359](#).

⁸ [A/74/7/Add.16](#).

⁹ [A/74/281](#).

6. *Encourages* the Extraordinary Chambers to continue to adopt appropriate measures for achieving operational savings and efficiencies, and to properly complete the judicial mandate in a transparent, accountable and cost-effective manner;

7. *Notes* the steps taken by the Secretary-General to develop a framework for the completion of the work of the Extraordinary Chambers and the identification of possible residual functions, and requests the Secretary-General to expedite the finalization of the framework;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 25 of the report of the Advisory Committee, in which the Committee reiterates the ongoing need for intensified fundraising efforts, including by broadening the donor base, and encourages all Member States to provide continuing and additional voluntary support for both the international and national components of the Extraordinary Chambers in support of the expeditious completion of the mandate of the Chambers;

9. *Also recalls* paragraphs 28 and 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly of the revised terms and conditions, to provide further justification for the remuneration level of the international judges and the international prosecutors and to review the differences with the remuneration levels of other comparable senior level officials of the United Nations in his next report;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, as an exceptional measure, to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 7 million dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020, so as to enable the Chambers to carry out its judicial mandate, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of his next report;

VI

Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone

Recalling its resolution [58/284](#) of 8 April 2004, section VII of its resolution [59/276](#) of 23 December 2004, section II of its resolution [59/294](#) of 22 June 2005, section XII of its resolution [65/259](#) of 24 December 2010, section IX of its resolution [66/247](#) of 24 December 2011, section I of its resolution [67/246](#) of 24 December 2012, section VII of its resolution [70/248 A](#), section III of its resolution [71/272 A](#), section VIII of its resolution [72/262 A](#) and section III of its resolution [73/279 A](#),

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone¹⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁰
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;¹¹
3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone;
4. *Welcomes* the in-kind support provided by the Government of Sierra Leone to the Residual Special Court, including support for the sub-office of the Court in Freetown and for the provision of security personnel;

¹⁰ [A/74/352](#).

¹¹ [A/74/7/Add.21](#).

5. *Also welcomes* the support provided by several countries, including voluntary contributions, pro bono services and in-kind support in housing the archives of the Residual Special Court and prisoners of the Court;

6. *Encourages* all Member States to provide voluntary support to the Residual Special Court;

7. *Expresses serious concern* over the adverse financial situation facing the Residual Special Court, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts to seek voluntary contributions, including through broadening the donor base and holding regular consultations with the key stakeholders, as well as to implement innovative fundraising approaches, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-fifth session;

8. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 2,537,000 dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Residual Special Court for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, at the main part of its seventy-fifth session, on the use of the commitment authority;

VII

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Recalling part XI of its resolution [64/243](#) of 24 December 2009, section VII of its resolution [66/247](#), section V of its resolution [68/247](#) A of 27 December 2013, sections III and VII of its resolution [69/262](#) of 29 December 2014, section X of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section XVIII of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XVI of its resolution [72/262](#) A and section XIII of its resolution [73/279](#) A,

Having considered the sixth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva¹² and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹²
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;¹³
3. *Welcomes* the continued support of the Government of Switzerland for the construction project in Geneva;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the strategic heritage plan is fully completed within the project scope and overall cost approved in its resolution [70/248](#) A without further delays;
5. *Reaffirms* paragraph 19 of section XIII of its resolution [73/279](#) A, and reiterates its request to preserve the historical heritage of the Palais des Nations;
6. *Also reaffirms* the proposed project scope, schedule and estimated cost of the strategic heritage plan in the maximum amount of 836,500,000 Swiss francs;
7. *Stresses* the importance of effective governance, oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the project objectives are achieved on time and within budget;
8. *Also stresses* the importance of close coordination between the strategic heritage plan project team and the Secretariat in New York, in particular the Global Asset Management Policy Service, to ensure success in all aspects of the project;

¹² [A/74/452](#).

¹³ [A/74/7/Add.13](#).

9. *Expresses concern* at the six-month delay, increased costs and risks to the project schedule and cost plan, as well as the decreasing level of confidence, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure rigorous risk and project management and close monitoring of the areas of risk and vulnerability and to take all mitigation measures necessary in a timely manner in order to alleviate potential risks of further delays and cost overruns, and to report thereon in his next progress report;
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to avoid budget increases through the application of sound project management practices and to ensure that the strategic heritage plan is completed within the approved budget and the envisaged schedule;
11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the recommendations of the Board of Auditors are implemented fully and expeditiously;
12. *Notes* the progress that has been made and the completion of some of the project activities;
13. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure business continuity of conferences through a temporary conference facility available throughout the duration of the renovation works, and requests the Secretary-General to absorb the expenditure of the facility within the approved budget of the project;
14. *Reaffirms* paragraph 10 of section XIII of its resolution [73/279 A](#);
15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the procurement of goods and services for the construction project is carried out in strict compliance with the existing regulations, rules and relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions governing procurement in the United Nations;
16. *Recalls* paragraph 16 of its resolution [69/273](#) of 2 April 2015, reaffirms the importance of transparency in the procurement process, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the project team takes vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition fully into account when contracting and subcontracting and to report on the specific steps taken and progress achieved in the context of increasing procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the implementation of the strategic heritage plan;
17. *Notes* that the strategic heritage plan will reach its midpoint at the end of 2019 and will enter into significant high-value, multi-year construction contracts, and in this regard emphasizes the necessity of a predictable and secure funding mechanism for the project;
18. *Decides* to continue to use the multi-year construction-in-progress account established within the regular budget for expenditures related to the strategic heritage plan in 2020;
19. *Also decides* to revert to the establishment of an assessment scheme and currency of appropriation and assessment for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of its seventy-fifth session, and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated detailed information on these issues;
20. *Further decides* to revert to the establishment of the multi-year special account for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of its seventy-fifth session;
21. *Decides* that the annual repayments of the loans to the host country will be funded under the regular budget until decided otherwise by the General Assembly;
22. *Appreciates* the existing voluntary contributions received from Member States to finance the strategic heritage plan, and requests the Secretary-General to

remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, as well as donations by private entities, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization and agreements related to donations for the strategic heritage plan, and to provide detailed information on this matter in the context of his next progress report;

23. *Reiterates* that all income from the rental or valorization of land owned by the Organization in Geneva will be reflected under income section 2, General income, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

24. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to continue to explore the possibility of attracting additional United Nations entities to be accommodated at the renovated Palais des Nations;

25. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in maximizing the long-term generation of income through long-term, community-oriented leasing arrangements for United Nations-owned land in Geneva, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to present detailed plans on the valorization strategy and preparatory works, including the scope, duration and resource requirements for the preparatory works, for the consideration of the General Assembly as early as practicable;

26. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 36,799,600 dollars (equivalent to 36,505,200 Swiss francs) for 2020, under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

VIII

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Recalling its resolution [70/238 A](#) of 23 December 2015, section XV of its resolution [72/262 A](#) and its resolution [73/274](#) of 22 December 2018,

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 report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the work of its sixty-sixth session,¹⁴ the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board,¹⁵ the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 and report of the Board of Auditors on the Pension Fund¹⁶ and the recommendations contained therein, the report of the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report for the year ended 31 December 2018 on the Pension Fund¹⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board¹⁴ and the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁵

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;¹⁷

¹⁴ [A/74/331](#) and [A/74/331/Corr.1](#).

¹⁵ [A/C.5/74/3](#).

¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 5P* ([A/74/5/Add.16](#)).

¹⁷ [A/74/329](#).

¹⁸ [A/74/7/Add.14](#).

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Emphasizes* the existing prerogative of the General Assembly on matters pertaining to the Pension Fund;

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5. *Stresses* the importance of continuing to achieve the necessary 3.5 per cent annual real rate of return on a long-term basis for the future solvency of the Pension Fund;

6. *Reiterates* the importance of the implementation of all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors by the secretariat of the Pension Fund, the Pension Board and the Representative of the Secretary-General in full and in a timely manner, and of reporting thereon in the next report to the General Assembly;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of its resolution [73/274](#), and decides that the head of the pension administration shall have the title of Chief Executive of Pension Administration and to amend the relevant articles in the regulations of the Pension Fund accordingly;

8. *Requests* the Chief Executive of Pension Administration, drawing on the expertise of the Procurement Division of the Secretariat, to engage promptly, through a transparent and competitive procurement process, an independent external entity with expertise in pension fund governance matters to conduct a comprehensive and objective analysis, giving due regard to best practice standards of pension funds, with recommendations on:

- (a) Size, composition and frequency of meetings;
- (b) Allocation of seats;
- (c) Implementation of a review and rotation scheme for the adjustment of the composition of the Pension Board on a regular basis, to allow eligible member organizations to share rotating seats in a fair and equitable manner;
- (d) Terms of reference for the Chair and all members of the Pension Board, including the issue of conflict of interest;
- (e) Self-evaluation methodology and any appropriate restrictions or limitations of the Pension Board and its Standing Committee;

9. *Requests* the Pension Board to submit the report of the external entity, along with the comments of the Board, in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;

10. *Decides* that the work of the Fund Solvency and Assets and Liabilities Monitoring Committee will pertain solely to asset-liability matters;

11. *Stresses* that the Secretary of the Pension Board shall be fully independent from the Chief Executive of Pension Administration and the Representative of the Secretary-General, in this regard decides that the Secretary shall be selected and evaluated by the Succession Planning Committee of the Board in accordance with relevant staff regulations and rules, while noting the redeployment of the D-1 from the Geneva Office as a temporary arrangement beginning in January 2020, requests the Board, through the Committee, to expedite the selection and nomination process, and decides that the Secretary shall report directly to the Board, while being provided

with administrative support from the Pension Administration and the Office of Investment Management, as necessary;

12. *Requests* the Pension Board to provide further information on measures taken to ensure the independence of the Secretary of the Board from the Chief Executive of Pension Administration and to report thereon in the context of its next report;

13. *Decides* that alternates should be entitled to attend Pension Board sessions only when principal Board members cannot attend, with the exception of the elected alternates of the General Assembly, and requests the Board to implement this recommendation beginning at the next meeting of the Board;

14. *Emphasizes* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall remain the sole internal oversight body of the secretariat of the Pension Fund and its investments, in line with the mandate of the Office, as set out by the General Assembly its resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, and stresses that any change to the mandate in this regard remains the sole prerogative of the Assembly;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 31 of its resolution 73/274, regrets that the Secretary-General and the Pension Board did not provide an update, and reiterates its request that they ensure that the staff composition of the Office of Investment Management and in the Pension Administration is based on as wide a geographical coverage as possible, bearing in mind Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, and to make every effort to provide an update on progress achieved in the context of their next reports;

16. *Decides* to defer the amendment to article 6 of the Regulations of the Pension Fund, recalls paragraph 25 of its resolution 73/274, and urges the Pension Board to finalize the development of a comprehensive code of conduct applicable to all Board members and observers, drawing from the code of conduct of the International Civil Service Commission, to develop appropriate regulations and procedures to address all questions of ethics, including confidentiality matters, on the requested changes to the Regulations of the Fund, including on article 6, and to report thereon in its next report;

17. *Also decides* to defer the amendment to article 48 of the Regulations of the Pension Fund, and requests the Pension Board to provide further analysis of and clarification on the proposed amendment, in particular to examine the possible impact on the access of staff members and participants in the Fund to justice in the United Nations Appeals Tribunal and its possible legal consequences, and to report thereon in the context of its next report;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide further analysis of and clarification on proposed amendments to the statute of the Appeals Tribunal on pension matters, and invites the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects in the context of the next report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee of the General Assembly responsible for administrative and budgetary matters;

19. *Requests* the Pension Administration to continue to adhere to the target of 15 business days for benefit processing and to report thereon in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;

20. *Also requests* the Pension Administration to make every effort to reduce the number of open workflows, with a dedicated effort to address non-processable cases, to establish and implement benchmarks to measure progress in their reduction and to report thereon in the context of the next report;

21. *Welcomes* the implementation of a monthly reconciliation process by all member organizations of the Pension Fund to facilitate the timely payment of benefits, and requests an update on progress made in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;

22. *Requests* the Pension Board to extend the mandate and membership of the Governance Working Group, which should adhere to the tripartite structure of the Board, until its next session;

23. *Highlights* the fact that the investment strategy of the Pension Fund should be guided by its annualized real rate of return target, and calls upon the Secretary-General to continue intensive efforts towards meeting the investment policy objectives;

24. *Reaffirms* that the Secretary-General serves as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Pension Fund;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Pension Fund, to continue to diversify its investments among developed, developing and emerging markets, wherever this serves the interests of the participants and the beneficiaries of the Fund, and also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that decisions concerning the investments of the Fund in any market are implemented prudently, taking fully into account the four main criteria for investment, namely, safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility;

26. *Notes* that emerging and frontier markets, including markets in Africa, are increasingly important to the investment strategy of the Pension Fund;

27. *Also notes* the planned audit by the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the governance of the Office of Investment Management, and requests the submission of the audit report, along with the comments of the Pension Board, in the context of the next report of the Board;

28. *Encourages* the Secretary of the Pension Board to restructure and streamline the report of the Board with the aim of making it more concise and to the point and presenting the rationale of financial and administrative proposals in a more comprehensive manner;

29. *Highlights* the importance attached by the General Assembly to continuing to ensure unfaltering accountability by the Pension Board, and requests the Board to provide detailed follow-up on all aspects of the implementation of the present resolution, including information on the implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services agreed to by the Board, in the context of its report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session;

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30. *Notes* that the Pension Fund is funded in part through contributions from its member organizations and participating staff members, whereby the contributions of member organizations are resourced by Member States through the United Nations regular budget, extrabudgetary contributions and the budget of other participating member organizations;

31. *Also notes* that the Pension Fund is administered by the Pension Board, which, as a subsidiary organ, reports to the General Assembly, and calls upon the Board to operate in a more efficient way, utilizing technology and other means to reduce its operating costs;

32. *Stresses* the important role of the Pension Board in ensuring the sustainability of the Pension Fund by managing expenses prudently, setting cost benchmarks and monitoring the cost per participant and beneficiary, and calls upon the Board to report on progress made in the context of its next report;

33. *Recalls* paragraph 33 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes the proposed increase in posts for the Office of Investment Management, and decides to retain the general temporary assistance resources for the Office in 2020 at the level approved for 2019;

34. *Requests* the Pension Fund and the Secretary-General to find appropriate solutions in 2020 to resolve the situation of the P-4 and P-5 posts in the Executive Office, and requests the Pension Administration to report thereon in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;

35. *Stresses* the importance of having a consistent benefit processing rate and of maintaining the quality of service provided to clients in Europe, West Asia and Africa, and in this regard requests the Chief Executive of Pension Administration to maintain appropriate parallel characteristics of the Geneva Office and to provide updates on the issue in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;

36. *Approves* the changes to the staffing table as set out in the table below:

A. Pension Board secretariat

<i>Action</i>	<i>Title of post</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Number</i>
Redeployment (from Pension Administration)	Programme Management Officer	P-4	1
Redeployment (from Pension Administration)	Meeting Services Assistant	GS-OL	1
Redeployment (from Pension Administration)	Secretary of the Pension Board	D-1	1
Total net changes			3

B. Pension Administration

<i>Action</i>	<i>Title of post</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Number</i>
New post	Human Resources Officer (recruitment)	P-3	1
New post	Administrative Assistant	GS-OL	1
New post	Benefits Assistant, Nairobi regional office (CS)	LL	1
New post	Benefits Assistant, Bangkok regional office (CS)	LL	1
New post	Information Systems Officer (Chief of Pension Interface Unit)	P-4	1
New post	Information Systems Assistant	GS-OL	2
Total new posts			7
Conversion	Benefits Officer, Nairobi regional office (CS)	P-3	1
Conversion	Benefits Officer, Bangkok regional office (CS)	P-3	1
Total conversion			2

<i>Action</i>	<i>Title of post</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Number</i>
Redeployment (to Pension Board secretariat)	Programme Management Officer	P-4	-1
Redeployment (to Pension Board secretariat)	Meeting services Assistant	GS-OL	-1
Redeployment (to Pension Board secretariat)	Chief of Geneva Office	D-1	-1
Redeployment (to Office of Investment Management)	Information Systems Officer	P-4	-1
Redeployment (to Office of Investment Management)	Information Systems Assistant	GS-OL	-1
Total outward redeployment			-5
Total net changes			4

C. Office of Investment Management

<i>Action</i>	<i>Title of post</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Number</i>
New post	Senior Legal Officer	P-5	1
New post	Legal Assistant	GS-OL	1
New post	Investment Officer – Private Equity	P-3	1
New post	Investment Officer – North America	P-3	1
New post	Senior Risk Officer – Head of Market Risk	P-5	1
New post	Risk Officer – Private Market	P-4	1
New post	Risk Officer – Portfolio Construction	P-4	1
New post	Risk Officer – Operational and Fraud	P-3	1
New post	Risk Officer – Performance and Reporting	P-3	1
New post	Risk Officer – Credit Risk	P-3	1
New post	Administrative Assistant – Risk and Compliance	GS-OL	1
New post	Information System Officer – Systems Analyst	P-3	1
Total new posts			12
Conversion	Programme Management Officer	P-4	1
Conversion	Information System Officer – Service Desk Manager	P-3	1
Conversion	Information System Officer – Business Analyst	P-3	2
Conversion	Information System Assistant – Service Desk Assistant	GS-OL	2
Conversion	Programme Management Assistant	GS-OL	1

<i>Action</i>	<i>Title of post</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Number</i>
Conversion	Information System Officer – Business Continuity Manager	P-3	1
Conversion	Associate Accountant	P-2	2
Conversion	Senior Accounting Assistant	GS-PL	1
Total conversions			11
Redeployment (from Pension Administration)	Information Systems Officer	P-4	1
Redeployment (from Pension Administration)	Information Systems Assistant	GS-OL	1
Total inward redeployment			2
Total net changes			25

Abbreviations: CS, Client Services; GS-OL, General Service (Other level); GS-PL, General Service (Principal level); LL, Local level.

37. *Also approves* the revised estimates of 184,916,800 dollars for the biennium 2018–2019 for the administration of the Pension Fund;

38. *Further approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Pension Fund, totalling 92,899,100 dollars net for 2020;

39. *Approves* the amount of 7,782,200 dollars as the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the Pension Fund for 2020, of which 4,863,900 dollars would represent the share of the regular budget and the balance of 2,918,300 dollars would represent the share of the funds and programmes;

40. *Also approves* the decrease of 2,306,300 dollars in the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Pension Fund under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

41. *Authorizes* the Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for 2020 by an amount not to exceed 112,500 dollars;

IX

Progress in the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters

Recalling section V of its resolution [67/246](#), section III of its resolution [67/254](#) A of 12 April 2013, section IV of its resolution [68/247](#) B, section VII of its resolution [69/274](#) A, section XVI of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XI of its resolution [72/262](#) A and section VI of its resolution [73/279](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;²⁰

¹⁹ [A/74/345](#).

²⁰ [A/74/7/Add.18](#).

3. *Reaffirms* that flexible workplace strategies in the United Nations should be aimed at improving the overall productivity and efficiency of the Organization, as well as the staff workplace environment;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure full compliance with its decisions and full cooperation with the implementation plan for the project, while meeting the needs of staff and ensuring their well-being and productivity;
5. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of section XVI of its resolution [71/272](#) A, and reiterates its request that the Office of Human Resources of the Secretariat assess in detail the impact of the flexible workplace on productivity and provide reliable qualitative and quantitative benefit indicators as well as other factors for the improvement of overall productivity and staff well-being, and report thereon in the context of the next progress report;
6. *Also recalls* section VII of its resolution [69/274](#) A, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the implementation of flexible workplace strategies and other potential changes in logistical arrangements takes into account the needs of language staff in order to continue to ensure that the services provided to Member States meet the highest standard of quality;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide detailed information with respect to the planning and costs of rental leases, including rental savings from all vacated rental buildings and spaces, in the context of his next report;
8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue with the implementation of flexible workplace strategies in New York in 2020, with the full utilization of maximum occupancy per floor, and to report thereon at the main part of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly;
9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to closely monitor and manage the remaining works to ensure completion of the flexible workspace project in the third quarter of 2020, and stresses the need to ensure completion of the project on time and within the estimated cost;
10. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides that future reports of the Secretary-General should continue to include the unit costs of goods and services procured under the construction and systems furniture categories;
11. *Also recalls* paragraph 27 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to seek further efficiencies in this regard and to include detailed information and explanations for the cost changes for each completed floor in his next report;
12. *Approves* the continuation of three temporary positions (1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 General Service (Other level)) for the project team;
13. *Appropriates* an amount of 6,795,948 dollars for the project costs under section 29B, Department of Operational Support, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

X

Progress in the renovation of Africa Hall and the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

Recalling its resolution [56/270](#) of 27 March 2002, section IX 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](#), section II of its resolution [67/246](#), section III of its resolution [68/247](#) A, section V of its resolution [69/262](#), section IX of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section V of

its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XII of its resolution [72/262](#) A and section VIII of its resolution [73/279](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;²²
3. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Government of Ethiopia, as the host country, for its continued support for the construction of additional office facilities, as well as the renovation of Africa Hall, including conference rooms, at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa;
4. *Welcomes* the close-out of the construction project of the new office facilities (Zambezi Building) and its ancillary works, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to engage with the host country in the preservation of the environment, including the greening of the compound and public spaces in its vicinity;
5. *Appreciates* the financial contribution of the Government of Mali, the in-kind contribution from the Government of Ethiopia and a pledge by the Government of Switzerland, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to continue to seek both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant regulations and rules of the Organization, and to provide detailed information in the context of the next progress report;
6. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to utilize local knowledge, material, technology and capacity throughout the implementation of construction and renovation projects at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, as appropriate;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make additional efforts to raise global awareness of the historic Africa Hall and the African heritage that it represents, and to cultivate partnerships with regional and international academic and research institutions, including universities and museums, specializing in African history and culture;
8. *Appreciates* the continued commitment of the Secretary-General to ensure the preservation of the historical and architectural integrity of Africa Hall, and underlines the need to continue to engage key stakeholders, including the host Government, the African Union and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in safeguarding the heritage conservation objective;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive assessment of the number of possible visitors annually to the renovated Africa Hall and its visitors' centre, and to propose different admission options for visitors of various income brackets, including a fee exemption for children, students and those above the age of 65, as well as a more refined outreach strategy, following the completion of the renovation of Africa Hall and its visitors' centre, and to report his findings thereon in his next progress report;
10. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within the approved budget and time schedule;

²¹ [A/74/328](#).

²² [A/74/7/Add.19](#).

11. *Emphasizes* the need for the Office of Internal Oversight Services to continue to provide oversight on the renovation of Africa Hall, as appropriate, and to continue to include information on key findings;

12. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to engage with the Stakeholders Committee, the Advisory Board and the host country to improve coordination efforts in the implementation of the project;

13. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at the main part of its seventy-fifth session, a progress report on the implementation of the construction projects and the renovation of the conference facilities, including Africa Hall and its visitors' centre, outlining, inter alia, project expenditure and total costs;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to engage with the host country and to provide, in his next progress report, an update on the construction of a parking lot on the parcel of land provided by the Government of Ethiopia;

15. *Reaffirms* its request to the Secretary-General to continue to take appropriate measures to mitigate potential risks and to monitor closely the Africa Hall renovation project in order to avoid any further delay;

16. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to include an update on the management of the main risks and the related mitigation measures, with a view to keeping the approved time frame of the project, to avoiding cost overruns and to ensuring the delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline, as approved by the General Assembly, and requests an update in the context of his next progress report;

17. *Recalls* paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to include in his next progress report detailed information on the envisaged renewable energy efficiency measures, wastewater treatment, solid waste management and water management in the context of the Africa Hall renovation project, drawing from best practices and lessons learned from other United Nations construction projects, as appropriate;

18. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Secretary-General to ensure conformity of Africa Hall and its visitors' centre with relevant building codes and standards, as well as best practices for persons with disabilities;

19. *Appropriates* an amount of 8,434,100 dollars for the project for 2020, comprising 752,000 dollars under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, 7,577,100 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and 105,000 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for 2020, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

XI

Progress on the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago

Recalling section VII of its resolution [69/274 A](#), section VI of its resolution [70/248 B](#) of 1 April 2016, section V of its resolution [72/262 A](#) and section X of its resolution [73/279 A](#),

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²³
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;²⁴
3. *Acknowledges* the important role played by the host countries in facilitating the maintenance and construction of United Nations facilities, and stresses the value of continued collaboration with host countries in this regard;
4. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Government of Chile, as the host country, for its continued efforts in supporting and facilitating the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;
5. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant regulations and rules of the Organization, and to provide detailed information on the matter in the context of his next progress report;
6. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that its objectives are achieved within the scope, budget and timeline approved by the General Assembly;
7. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;
8. *Recalls* paragraphs 8 and 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee, requests the Secretary-General to closely monitor and mitigate all project risks and take all measures necessary to ensure the delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline, as approved by the General Assembly, and also requests the Secretary-General to include information on risk management and mitigation measures taken in his next progress report;
9. *Welcomes* the wastewater treatment plans under way, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly in his next report in this regard;
10. *Recalls* paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee, welcomes the planned renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as a sustainable and energy-efficient building where the total amount of energy used by the building on an annual basis is equal to or less than the amount of renewable energy generated on site;
11. *Also recalls* paragraphs 14 and 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide more detailed information regarding the planned seismic mitigation measures in his future reports on the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;
12. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the project delivers renovation works that conform to relevant building codes and standards, including provisions for persons with disabilities concerning accessibility, technology and workplace safety;

²³ A/74/330.

²⁴ A/74/7/Add.11.

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to annually review the role and funding ratio of the position of Project Coordinator (P-3), jointly funded by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and provide detailed information in his next report;

14. *Appropriates* an amount of 389,100 dollars for the project in 2020, comprising 285,800 dollars under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 103,300 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

XII

Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok

Recalling section XII of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section IV of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XIII of its resolution [72/262](#) A and section VII of its resolution [73/279](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁶

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;²⁶
3. *Welcomes* the continued efforts of the Government of Thailand, as the host country, in facilitating the work of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok;
4. *Also welcomes* the positive steps taken towards engaging with the host country, and encourages the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to continue the discussions on cooperation with the host country in this regard;
5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge, technology and capacity throughout the implementation of the construction project, as appropriate;
6. *Recalls* paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and welcomes the steps taken by the Secretary-General to make the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific building conform to relevant building standards and best practices for persons with disabilities;
7. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within budget and in a timely manner;
8. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take into account lessons learned and best practices from past construction and renovation projects and, in particular, to draw from experience and knowledge acquired from other capital projects;

²⁵ [A/74/317](#).

²⁶ [A/74/7/Add.8](#).

10. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of section VII of its resolution [73/279 A](#), and reiterates that unused contingency funds must be carried over to subsequent years and that all remaining unused contingency funds must be returned to Member States at the conclusion of the project, in 2023;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to proactively manage and mitigate risks identified to ensure the successful delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline approved by the General Assembly, and to provide an update on relevant measures taken in his next report;

12. *Further recalls* paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

13. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization, and to provide detailed information on the matter in the context of its next report;

14. *Approves* the establishment of three temporary positions, (1 Safety Project Officer (Local level), 1 Information Technology Assistant (Local level) and 1 Security Officer (Local level)), effective 1 January 2020, in the project team, under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

15. *Appropriates* an amount of 6,410,700 dollars for project activities in 2020, comprising 907,200 dollars under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, and 5,503,500 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2020, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

XIII

Progress on the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Recalling section XIV of its resolution [72/262 A](#) and section IX of its resolution [73/279 A](#),

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,²⁸

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²⁷
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;²⁸
3. *Acknowledges* the important role played by the host country in facilitating the maintenance and construction of United Nations facilities in Nairobi, and stresses the value of continued collaboration with the host country in this regard;
4. *Expresses* its gratitude to the host country for its continued support for the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and trusts that the Secretary-General will continue to engage, as appropriate, with the host country as has been the practice with respect to other construction projects at the Office;
5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge, technology, material and capacity, in particular the use of materials available

²⁷ [A/74/343](#).

²⁸ [A/74/7/Add.15](#).

and/or manufactured locally, throughout the implementation of the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, as appropriate;

6. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization, and to provide detailed information on the matter in the context of his next progress report;

7. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within the approved budget and time schedule;

8. *Emphasizes* that the Global Asset Management Policy Service should continue to be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Global Asset Management Policy Service, to take into account lessons learned and best practices from similar past construction and renovation projects in the planning, design and implementation of the proposed replacement of office blocks A to J;

10. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to make every effort in implementing measures against slippages in the timeline of the project, and to mitigate their potential impact on project costs and completion time;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of section IX of its resolution [73/279](#) A, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General for an updated proposal, including refined information on the full scope, maximum overall cost and implementation strategy;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure conformity with relevant building codes and standards, as well as best practices for persons with disabilities, in the design, construction and renovation of United Nations Office at Nairobi facilities;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to incorporate the envisaged renewable energy efficiency measures, wastewater treatment, solid waste management and water management into the design and construction of the United Nations Office at Nairobi project on office blocks A to J, including lessons learned from other construction projects;

14. *Appropriates* an amount of 10,490,100 dollars, comprising 1,095,400 dollars under section 29G, Administration, Nairobi, 9,169,600 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and 225,100 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

XIV

Addressing the deteriorating conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Recalling its resolution [73/270](#) of 22 December 2018,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²⁹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²⁹

²⁹ [A/74/471](#).

³⁰ [A/74/7/Add.22](#).

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;³⁰

3. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to conduct a needs assessment and explore options that maximize efficiency and cost-effectiveness, taking into consideration the future needs of the United Nations Office at Nairobi conference facilities, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session;

4. *Appropriates* an amount of 470,000 dollars under section 29G, Administration, Nairobi, of the proposed programme budget for 2020, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

XV

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fortieth, forty-first and forty-second sessions

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,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;³²

3. *Approves* the establishment, effective 1 January 2020, of 18 posts under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for 2020, comprising 6 posts to support the activities mandated by the Human Rights Council in its resolutions 40/13 of 22 March 2019, 42/20 and 42/22 of 26 September 2019 and 42/23 of 27 September 2019 and 12 posts for the establishment of the country office in the Sudan, as mandated in resolution 42/35 of 27 September 2019;

4. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 20,198,300 dollars, comprising 1,701,200 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 18,488,700 dollars under section 24, Human rights, and 8,400 dollars under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

5. *Also appropriates* an amount of 866,000 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

XVI

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2020 under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, and section 36, Staff assessment, for the Office of the United Nations Emergency Ebola Response Coordinator

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,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,³⁴ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

³¹ A/74/529.

³² A/74/7/Add.26.

³³ A/74/544.

³⁴ A/74/7/Add.27.

3. *Recalls* paragraph 6 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and welcomes the development of the “getting to zero” strategy to address the fluctuating nature of the Ebola virus in the region;

4. *Takes note* of paragraphs 17 and 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

5. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 6,325,500 dollars for the Office of the United Nations Emergency Ebola Response Coordinator for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2020 under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed programme budget for 2020, representing a charge against the contingency fund;

6. *Also appropriates* an amount of 351,200 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

XVII

Enterprise resource planning project, Umoja

Recalling section II of its resolution [60/283](#) of 7 July 2006, section II of its resolution [63/262](#) of 24 December 2008, its resolution [64/243](#), section II.A of its resolution [65/259](#), its resolution [66/246](#) of 24 December 2011, section III of its resolution [66/263](#) of 21 June 2012, section III of its resolution [67/246](#), its resolution [68/246](#) of 27 December 2013, sections IV and VI of its resolution [69/274](#) A, section XVII of its resolution [70/248](#) A, section XIV of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section XXI of its resolution [72/262](#) A and section XVII of its resolution [73/279](#) A,

Having considered the eleventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project,³⁵ the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eighth annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system³⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General³⁵ and the note by the Secretary-General;³⁶

2. *Also takes note* of the findings of the report of the Board of Auditors,³⁶ and endorses the recommendations contained therein;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;³⁷

4. *Approves* the resource requirements for the completion of the project in 2020, in the amount of 34,316,700 dollars;

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5. *Approves* an amount of 3,237,400 dollars under the proposed programme budget for 2020 under component 1, Enterprise resource planning project, of subsection 29A, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, representing the additional regular budget share for the Umoja project costs for 2020;

Support account for peacekeeping operations

6. *Notes* that resource requirements in the amount of 13,381,300 dollars will be included in the subsequent requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021;

³⁵ [A/74/478](#).

³⁶ [A/74/153](#).

³⁷ [A/74/7/Add.17](#).

Extrabudgetary resources

7. *Notes* that requirements in the amount of 4,964,000 dollars will be funded from extrabudgetary resources in the financial year 2020;

XVIII

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-General³⁸ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,³⁹

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;³⁸
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee,³⁹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Affirms* that special political missions play a critical role in the maintenance of international peace and security;
4. *Expresses its concern* at the late consideration of the budgets of special political missions, particularly as part of the annual budgeting, and reiterates the importance of the Advisory Committee considering the budgets of special political missions in sufficient time to allow the General Assembly the time necessary to make considered decisions;
5. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁰ and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to present future budget proposals for special political missions no later than the last week of October;
6. *Stresses* that finance serves as the foundation of and an important element underpinning United Nations governance;
7. *Notes* that, pursuant to its resolution [72/266](#) A of 24 December 2017, it had approved the earlier submission of budget proposals for special political missions to ensure alignment with the rest of the proposed annual budget, also notes that, with this change, the envelope for special political missions within the biennium programme budget was discontinued, given that budgets are produced annually, and further notes that the resource requirements of the individual special political missions were included as a special subject in addenda 1 to 6 to section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;
8. *Stresses* the importance of developing a comprehensive performance management system, and requests the Secretary-General to develop qualitative and quantitative indicators to help missions to measure progress in mandate implementation and to report thereon in the context of his next report;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to promote the nationalization of positions, whenever appropriate, as well as to build local capacity within the special political missions and to report thereon in the context of future budget submissions;
10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to promptly complete the recruitment process for those positions presently encumbered by the use of special post

³⁸ [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.2](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.3](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.5](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.5/Corr.1](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.6/Corr.1](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.7](#) and [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.8](#).

³⁹ [A/74/7](#), [A/74/7/Add.1](#), [A/74/7/Add.2](#), [A/74/7/Add.3](#), [A/74/7/Add.4](#), [A/74/7/Add.5](#), [A/74/7/Add.6](#), [A/74/7/Add.7](#), [A/74/7/Add.23](#) and [A/74/7/Add.24](#).

⁴⁰ [A/74/7/Add.1](#).

allowances and to include information on temporary assignments with special post allowances, including the length of those assignments and the recruitment status of the related posts, in the context of special political mission budget proposals in 2020;

11. *Recalls* its stipulation that the use of external consultants should be kept to an absolute minimum and that the Organization should utilize its in-house capacity to perform core activities or to fulfil functions that are recurrent over the long term;

12. *Also recalls* paragraph 39 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁰ and requests the Secretary-General to report the ratios of allocations of vehicles and information technology equipment and to provide specific justification for higher allocations by missions in the context of future budget submissions;

13. *Further recalls* paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁴⁰ and encourages the Secretary-General to ensure that the cost-sharing arrangements will be enhanced, with a view to maximizing efficiency;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his next budget submission, to summarize the justification and link of the appropriation and use of travel expenses to support the implementation of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#) of 20 July 2015 and to present the role of the Secretariat in preparing reports on the resolution, as guided by the mandate of the Council;

15. *Reaffirms its commitment* to considering the review of the arrangements on the funding and backstopping of the special political missions and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and expresses its commitment to considering this matter, with a view to making a decision, without prejudging the outcome, at the main part of its seventy-fifth session;

Thematic cluster III: Regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions

United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel

16. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of section XIV of its resolution [73/279 A](#), and decides to retain one position of Finance and Budget Assistant (Local level) as a general temporary assistance position until 31 December 2020;

17. *Decides* to further reduce resources by 77,100 dollars;

United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau

18. *Decides* to further reduce resources by 700,000 dollars;

United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia

19. *Takes note* of paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee,⁴¹ and decides to establish one position of Electoral Officer (P-4) in New York in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs;

20. *Decides* to further reduce resources by 1,176,100 dollars;

United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission

21. *Decides* to further reduce resources by 43,000 dollars;

United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa

22. *Decides* to further reduce resources by 42,300 dollars;

⁴¹ [A/74/7/Add.4](#).

United Nations Support Mission in Libya

23. *Decides* to establish one position of Contract Management Officer (National Professional Officer);

24. *Also decides* to further reduce resources by 35,300 dollars;

United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

25. *Decides* to further reduce resources by 123,800 dollars;

United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan

26. *Decides* to further reduce resources by 430,800 dollars;

United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement

27. *Decides* to further reduce resources by 794,000 dollars;

United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti

28. *Takes note* of the request of the Secretary-General, and decides to establish a position of Principal Human Rights Officer (D-1) as a general temporary assistance position;

29. *Decides* to further reduce resources by 177,600 dollars;

30. *Approves* the budgets in the amount of 710,210,400 dollars for the 39 continuing special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council and an amount of 1,424,400 dollars for the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for 2020, of which 639,877,900 has been included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

31. *Decides* to appropriate an additional amount of 71,756,900, dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for 2020 for the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement and the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution [41/213](#) of 19 December 1986;

32. *Also decides* to appropriate the related staff assessment portion in the amount of 2,768,400 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2020;

XIX

Gross jointly financed budget of the Joint Inspection Unit

Approves the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2020 in the amount of 7,049,000 dollars;

XX

Gross jointly financed budget of the International Civil Service Commission

Approves the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for 2020 in the amount of 9,729,700 dollars;

XXI**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 2020 in the amount of 3,192,200 dollars;

XXII**Gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security**

Approves the gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security of the Secretariat for 2020 in the amount of 139,658,100 dollars, broken down as follows:

- (a) Field Security Operations: 124,169,400 dollars;
- (b) Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 15,488,700 dollars;

XXIII**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 inflation⁴² and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴³

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

XXIV**Contingency fund**

Notes that a balance of 8,200 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

⁴² [A/74/585](#).

⁴³ [A/74/7/Add.31](#).

Draft resolution III

Programme budget for 2020

A

Budget appropriations for 2020

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the year 2020:

1. Appropriations totalling 3,073,830,500 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

Section		Amount (United States dollars)
<i>Part I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination</i>		
1	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	77 087 600
2	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	326 641 800
Subtotal, part I		403 729 400
<i>Part II. Political affairs</i>		
3	Political affairs	773 224 100
4	Disarmament	13 245 000
5	Peacekeeping operations	52 602 800
6	Peaceful uses of outer space	3 921 300
Subtotal, part II		842 993 200
<i>Part III. International justice and law</i>		
7	International Court of Justice	28 145 500
8	Legal affairs	58 453 700
Subtotal, part III		86 599 200
<i>Part IV. International cooperation for development</i>		
9	Economic and social affairs	83 293 400
10	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	5 886 200
11	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	7 985 900
12	Trade and development	68 087 900
13	International Trade Centre	18 861 800
14	Environment	23 364 300
15	Human settlements	12 508 400
16	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	21 627 100
17	UN-Women	9 741 400
Subtotal, part IV		251 356 400
<i>Part V. Regional cooperation for development</i>		
18	Economic and social development in Africa	81 888 100
19	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	55 526 800
20	Economic development in Europe	33 290 000
21	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	57 591 800
22	Economic and social development in Western Asia	36 518 000

Section		Amount (United States dollars)
23	Regular programme of technical cooperation	35 577 600
	Subtotal, part V	300 392 300
	Part VI. <i>Human rights and humanitarian affairs</i>	
24	Human rights	115 119 300
25	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	40 098 900
26	Palestine refugees	32 365 500
27	Humanitarian assistance	25 124 000
	Subtotal, part VI	212 707 700
	Part VII. <i>Global communications</i>	
28	Global communications	94 692 400
	Subtotal, part VII	94 692 400
	Part VIII. <i>Common support services</i>	
29A	Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance	52 921 400
29B	Department of Operational Support	93 025 600
29C	Office of Information and Communications Technology	49 959 800
29E	Administration, Geneva	69 736 400
29F	Administration, Vienna	18 088 400
29G	Administration, Nairobi	18 048 800
	Subtotal, part VIII	301 780 400
	Part IX. <i>Internal oversight</i>	
30	Internal oversight	20 509 900
	Subtotal, part IX	20 509 900
	Part X. <i>Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses</i>	–
31	Jointly financed administrative activities	6 245 800
32	Special expenses	76 163 600
	Subtotal, part X	82 409 400
	Part XI. <i>Capital expenditures</i>	
33	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	71 046 100
	Subtotal, part XI	71 046 100
	Part XII. <i>Safety and security</i>	
34	Safety and security	124 181 700
	Subtotal, part XII	124 181 700
	Part XIII. <i>Development Account</i>	
35	Development Account	14 199 400
	Subtotal, part XIII	14 199 400

Section		Amount (United States dollars)
	Part XIV. <i>Staff assessment</i>	
36	Staff assessment	267 233 000
	Subtotal, part XIV	267 233 000
	Total	3 073 830 500

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 2020 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 2020

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for 2020:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 295,590,700 United States dollars are approved as follows:

Income section	Amount (United States dollars)
1. Income from staff assessment	273 171 400
2. General income	21 744 000
3. Services to the public	675 300
Total	295 590 700

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 2020

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for 2020:

1. Budget appropriations consisting of 3,073,830,500 United States dollars approved for 2020 by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution A above, plus 61,854,500 dollars, being the increase in appropriations for the biennium 2018–

2019 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions [73/279](#) B of 15 April 2019 and [73/306](#) of 3 July 2019, 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) 25,884,300 dollars, consisting of 22,419,300 dollars for the estimated income other than staff assessment income approved for 2020 under resolution B above, plus 3,465,000 dollars, being the increase in income other than staff assessment income for the biennium 2018–2019 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 74/___ of __ December 2019;

(b) 25,192,422 dollars credited from the cancellation of prior-period obligations for the biennium 2016–2017;

(c) 3,084,608,300 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with Assembly resolution [73/271](#) of 22 December 2018 on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations;

2. 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 279,273,000 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 273,171,400 dollars, being the estimated staff assessment income approved for 2020 in paragraph 1 of resolution B above;

(b) 912,500 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2018–2019 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions [73/279](#) B and [73/306](#);

(c) 5,189,100 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2018–2019 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 74/___.

¹ [ST/SGB/2013/4](#) and [ST/SGB/2013/4/Amend.1](#).

Draft resolution IV

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for 2020

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 year 2020 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the year, 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 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 100,000 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 25,000 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 20,000 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 205,000 dollars;

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 12,500 dollars;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 500,000 dollars in the year 2020 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 seventy-sixth session 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 year 2020, 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 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.

¹ [ST/SGB/2013/4](#) and [ST/SGB/2013/4/Amend.1](#).

Draft resolution V

Working Capital Fund for 2020

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year 2020 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 2020;
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 2018–2019 in accordance with General Assembly resolution [72/265](#) of 24 December 2017;
4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2018–2019 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 year 2020;
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 [74/___](#) of ___ December 2019 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the year 2020; 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 year in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each year;
 - (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 year 2020, 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.