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The General Assembly,

I
Revised estimates on United Nations activities to mitigate global food insecurity and its humanitarian impact

Recalling its resolution [77/3](#) of 27 October 2022,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
3. *Approves* additional resource requirements in the amount of 10,566,000 United States dollars under the proposed programme budget for 2023, under section 12, Trade and development (2,137,400 dollars), section 27, Humanitarian assistance (7,735,400 dollars), and section 36, Staff assessment (693,200 dollars), to be offset by an equivalent increase of (693,200 dollars) under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;
4. *Also approves* an appropriation in the amount of 9,872,800 dollars (net of staff assessment), which would represent a charge against the contingency fund, for the continuation of United Nations activities to mitigate global food insecurity and its humanitarian impact in 2023;

¹ [A/77/576](#).

² [A/77/7/Add.26](#).



5. *Further approves an appropriation* in the amount of 693,200 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent increase of 693,200 dollars under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

II

Report on the use of the 2022 subvention and request for a subvention to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon for 2023

Recalling section IV of its resolution [75/253](#) B of 16 April 2021 and section XVII of its resolution [76/246](#) A of 24 December 2021,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Welcomes with appreciation* the provision of 49 per cent of the funding over the years and the continued support of the Government of Lebanon for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, and acknowledges the commitment of the Government to the success of the Tribunal despite the exceptional circumstances it is facing, including an unprecedented socioeconomic and financial crisis, that have challenged its ability to maintain its financial support to the Tribunal;
4. *Expresses appreciation* to the donors for the Tribunal, requests the Secretary-General to intensify fundraising efforts, including by broadening the donor base, and encourages all Member States to provide voluntary support to the Tribunal for its activities in 2023;
5. *Underscores* the high priority accorded to the work of the Tribunal;
6. *Welcomes* the completion of the judicial mandate of the Tribunal and the commencement of its residual functions, and stresses the importance of preserving the Tribunal's archives in a secure and accessible manner to preserve the legacy of the Tribunal;
7. *Underscores* that the Special Tribunal for Lebanon is the first United Nations ad hoc Tribunal expected to close following the completion of residual functions by the end of 2023, and acknowledges the significant efforts made to reach this end, thus, no resources are expected for the Tribunal after 2023;
8. *Stresses* the importance of collating and sharing the lessons learned and best practices related to the experience of the Tribunal with relevant entities of the United Nations;
9. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts taken by the Tribunal to reduce its costs and enhance its efficiency and the timeliness of its activities, to make greater use of the lessons learned and to adopt appropriate measures for achieving further operational savings and efficiencies, in order to ensure the expeditious completion and drawdown of the residual functions in 2023, in a transparent, accountable and cost-effective manner;
10. *Welcomes* the significant reduction in the Tribunal's budget requirements for 2023 compared with 2022;

³ [A/77/548](#) and [A/77/548/Corr.1](#).

⁴ [A/77/7/Add.24](#).

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide additional and detailed information on the final expenditures and unencumbered balance, as well as the return of that balance to Member States, in the context of the financial performance report on the programme budget for 2022 during the main part of the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly;

12. *Appropriates* an amount of 2,968,000 dollars under section 8, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2023 by way of a subvention for the Tribunal, with the understanding that any additional voluntary contributions received would reduce the utilization of the funding provided by the United Nations, which would be reported in the context of the financial performance report on the programme budget for 2023;

III

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 of 23 December 2015, section III of its resolution [71/272](#) A of 23 December 2016, section VIII of its resolution [72/262](#) A of 24 December 2017, section III of its resolution [73/279](#) A of 22 December 2018, section VI of its resolution [74/263](#) of 27 December 2019, section XVI of its resolution [75/253](#) A of 31 December 2020 and section XI of its resolution [76/246](#) 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 Leone⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone;
4. *Welcomes* the in-kind multiform support provided by the Government of Sierra Leone to the Residual Special Court, including the provision of rent-free office space;
5. *Also welcomes* the support provided by several countries, including voluntary contributions, pro bono annual audit of the Residual Special Court and in-kind support in enforcing sentences, relocating witnesses, housing the archives of the Residual Special Court as well as prisoners of the Court, and hosting fundraising activities;
6. *Emphasizes* that the subvention from the regular budget is a bridging financing mechanism to supplement insufficient voluntary contributions, and encourages all Member States to provide voluntary support for the Residual Special Court;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue 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

⁵ [A/77/352](#).

⁶ [A/77/7/Add.9](#).

fundraising approaches, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-eighth session;

8. *Appreciates* the efforts made by the Residual Special Court on cost efficiency measures, encourages the Court to continue its efforts aimed at identifying additional cost-efficiency and the relevant cost-savings measures to be applied in view of the persistent funding challenges, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon in the context of his next report;

9. *Welcomes* the efforts to date of the Residual Special Court to digitize judicial records, notes that full digitization of all records remains incomplete, and encourages the Court to continue to work towards the completion of the full digitization of archives within the existing resources;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to seek alternative and sustainable financing arrangements for the Residual Special Court and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-eighth session;

11. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 2,765,000 dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Residual Special Court for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of his next report;

IV

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, section II of its resolution [71/272](#) A, section IX of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section IV of its resolution [73/279](#) A, section V of its resolution [74/263](#), section XX of its resolution [75/253](#) A and section XII of its resolution [76/246](#) A,

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

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia;
4. *Notes with appreciation* the sustained contributions of the Government of Cambodia, as the host country, for the Extraordinary Chambers;
5. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and stresses the importance of maintaining and preserving the records of the Extraordinary Chambers in the three official languages of the Courts and making those documents easily accessible for the general public;
6. *Encourages* the Extraordinary Chambers to continue to adopt appropriate measures for achieving operational savings and efficiencies, and to properly complete

⁷ [A/77/513](#).

⁸ [A/77/7/Add.17](#).

the judicial mandate in a transparent, accountable, cost-effective and expeditious manner, with a view to a timely commencement of the residual phase;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and reaffirms that expenses of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers should be borne by voluntary contributions, further encourages all Member States to provide continuing and additional voluntary support for the Extraordinary Chambers, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his intensive efforts to obtain additional voluntary contributions, including by broadening the donor base;

8. *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. *Welcomes with appreciation* the additional contribution by the Government of Germany to support the initial three years of the residual functions of the Extraordinary Chambers;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 3,809,900 dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023, 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 the next report;

V

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-General⁹ and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,¹⁰

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Approves* the budgets in the amount of 766,193,900 dollars for the 39 continuing special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, and an amount of 2,141,100 dollars for the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for 2023, under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2023;

VI

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](#), section XIII of its resolution [73/279 A](#), section VII of its

⁹ [A/77/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.1](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.2](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.3](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.4](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.5](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.6](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.7](#), [A/77/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.7/Corr.1](#) and [A/77/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.8](#).

¹⁰ [A/77/7/Add.1](#), [A/77/7/Add.2](#), [A/77/7/Add.3](#), [A/77/7/Add.4](#), [A/77/7/Add.5](#), [A/77/7/Add.6](#), [A/77/7/Add.19](#) and [A/77/7/Add.25](#).

resolution [74/263](#), section IX of its resolution [75/253](#) A and section XVIII of its resolution [76/246](#) A,

Having considered the ninth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva,¹¹ the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth report of the Board of Auditors 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;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Welcomes* the continued support of the Government of Switzerland for the construction project in Geneva;
4. *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;
5. *Also 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;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the remaining recommendations of the Board of Auditors are implemented fully and expeditiously;
7. *Commends* the United Nations Office at Geneva for the efforts made towards eliminating barriers to persons with disabilities, encourages the Office to continue to pursue such efforts, and looks forward to receiving updates in this regard in future progress reports;
8. *Reiterates* its request to preserve the historical heritage of the Palais des Nations;
9. *Regrets* that the project started suffering delays and cost escalation even before the onset of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, resulting in successive delays in the overall project;
10. *Notes with concern* that it is very unlikely that the full baseline project scope will be achieved within the approved maximum overall cost, and in this regard 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 project is completed within the project scope and overall cost approved in its resolution [70/248](#) A;
11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any change that affects the scope of the strategic heritage plan project is presented for the consideration and decision of the General Assembly;
12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to avoid budget increases or schedule overruns, including tight cost control, regular and proactive review of risks, value engineering and cost-saving measures, in order to ensure that the cost of the project will not exceed the approved budget level, notes such measures undertaken to date, and looks forward to receiving further information in his next progress report;

¹¹ [A/77/492](#).

¹² [A/77/94](#).

¹³ [A/77/7/Add.13](#).

13. *Reaffirms* the proposed project scope, schedule and estimated cost of the strategic heritage plan in the maximum amount of 836,500,000 Swiss francs;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue documenting best practices and lessons learned from capital construction projects, including value engineering, multistage request for proposals and the use of local materials and knowledge, and to consider their application, as appropriate, to ensure that the objectives of this project are achieved within the approved budget and timeline;

15. *Also 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* the project's objective to lower the energy consumption of the Palais des Nations by at least 25 per cent compared with the 2010 baseline;

17. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that works of art, masterpieces and other gifts are handled appropriately during the design and renovation stages of the strategic heritage plan at the Palais des Nations, and also requests him to cooperate with those Member States that wish to take care of their gifts of works of art, masterpieces and other items;

18. *Also reiterates* its decision not to approve the installation of ventilation and cooling at the Palais des Nations in the strategic heritage plan project;

19. *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;

20. *Encourages* the Secretary-General, in attracting voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, to give priority to those activities within the scope of the project;

21. *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 2023;

22. *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-eighth session, and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated detailed information on these issues;

23. *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-eighth session;

24. *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;

25. *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 programme budget;

26. *Recalls* section VII of its resolution [74/263](#), 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;

27. *Appropriates* the amount of 26,347,900 dollars (equivalent to 24,429,800 Swiss francs) for 2023, under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2023;

VII

Financial performance report on the programme budget for 2021

Recalling its resolutions [72/266 A](#) of 24 December 2017, [75/252](#), [75/253 A](#), [75/254 A–C](#) and [75/255](#) of 31 December 2020, [75/253 B](#) and [75/253 C](#) of 30 June 2021, and section I of its resolution [76/246 A](#),

Having considered the financial performance report on the programme budget for 2021¹⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Notes* the performance report for 2021 that provides an adequate view of the implementation of the 2021 budget, and requests the Secretary-General to continue its further improvement;
4. *Recalls* paragraph 74 of the report of the Advisory Committee, decides to merge the reports of the Secretary-General on the transfers between sections and the financial performance report on the programme budget, and requests the Secretary-General to issue the merged report by the end of May following the submission of the financial statements as at 31 March, within existing resources;
5. *Also recalls* paragraph 33 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes that the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations¹⁶ should be adhered to and requests the Secretary-General to return the unobligated funds;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult delegations on possible austerity measures that could have an impact on their work in the main organs of the United Nations and to make every effort to mitigate their impact;
7. *Takes note* of the final expenditure for 2021 in the amount of 3,017,890,800 dollars and the actual income for 2021 in the amount of 286,980,000 dollars;
8. *Approves* the return of a net surplus of 178,876,700 dollars in 2021 as a credit against assessments to Member States for 2023;
9. *Also approves* the return of the balance in the amount of 1,474,000 dollars of the special fund commitments of the programme budget for 2020, as well as the amount of 14,766,100 dollars from cost recovery by the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, as credits against assessments to Member States for 2023;

VIII

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, section XIV of its resolution [74/263](#), section III of its resolution [75/253 B](#) and section IV of its resolution [76/246 A](#),

¹⁴ [A/77/347](#).

¹⁵ [A/77/7/Add.18](#).

¹⁶ [ST/SGB/2013/4](#) and [ST/SGB/2013/4/Amend.1](#).

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁷ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹⁸

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Kenya for its continued support for the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and trusts that the Secretary-General will continue to engage with the host country to ensure the success of the project;
4. *Acknowledges* the need to address the deteriorating conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office in Nairobi and the urgent need to implement the project to address the situation, with a view to increasing its utilization and to bring the Office to a standard consistent with other United Nations headquarters;
5. *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;
6. *Recalls* paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Global Asset Management Policy Service is actively involved for proper oversight and governance in all aspects of the project and the incorporation of lessons learned from other major construction projects;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to proactively monitor and mitigate all project risks, to take all measures necessary to ensure the delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline approved by the General Assembly and to include in his next progress report an update on risk management and related mitigation measures;
8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue documenting best practices and lessons learned from capital construction projects, including value engineering, multistage request for proposals and the use of local materials and knowledge, and to consider their application, as appropriate, to ensure that the objectives of this project are achieved within the approved budget and timeline;
9. *Notes* that the commencement of the design phase will allow for voluntary contributions and other forms of support to be sought, which may potentially contribute to offsetting the overall cost of the project;
10. *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 the United Nations Office at Nairobi facilities;
11. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated information to the General Assembly in the next progress report on the projected number of in-person participants, as well as on the duration of conferences and other events, by those entities that have committed to or expressed interest in utilizing the United Nations Office at Nairobi conference facilities;
12. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to intensify the efforts being made by the United Nations Office at Nairobi to attract more United Nations

¹⁷ [A/77/367](#) and [A/77/367/Corr.1](#).

¹⁸ [A/77/7/Add.15](#).

intergovernmental meetings to its facilities, and reiterates the important role of the United Nations Office at Nairobi as a duty station of the United Nations and that the intergovernmental meetings shall be given priority in using the facilities;

13. *Recalls* its resolutions [56/242](#) of 24 December 2001 and [57/283 B](#) of 15 April 2003, notes that observance of the headquarters rule will further increase the utilization rate of the conference facility in Nairobi, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to intensify the efforts being made by the United Nations Office at Nairobi in complying with the general principle established in the headquarters;

14. *Decides* to commission the design work for the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, on the basis of option B, without prejudice to any future decisions regarding the construction phase of the project;

15. *Takes note* of paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, emphasizes that security services between the co-located blocks A to J and the conference services facilities projects should be coordinated in order to ensure a holistic approach to overall campus security matters, and decides to establish one Physical Security Officer (P-3) position;

16. *Decides* not to convert the Information Technology Officer (National Professional Officer) position to an Information Technology Officer (P-4) position;

17. *Recalls* paragraph 27 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to incorporate local knowledge, expertise and capacity, as appropriate, starting from the early stage of the project;

18. *Also recalls* paragraph 32 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and further requests the Secretary-General to continue to identify potential linkages and synergies between this project and the project for the replacement of blocks A to J;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to incorporate the envisaged renewable energy efficiency measures, wastewater treatment, solid waste management and water management into the project design, including lessons learned from other construction projects;

20. *Decides* to establish a multi-year construction in-progress account for the conference services facilities project at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

21. *Appropriates* an amount of 6,187,700 dollars for the project in 2023, comprising 2,298,400 dollars under section 29G, Administration, Nairobi, and 3,889,300 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2023;

22. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to roll over the unspent balance from 2022, projected at approximately 930,900 dollars, into the multi-year construction-in-progress account;

IX

Progress in the renovation of Africa Hall at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

Recalling section III of its resolution [65/259](#), section VII of its resolution [66/247](#), 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](#), section VIII of its resolution [73/279 A](#), section X of its resolution [74/263](#), section X of its resolution [75/253 A](#) and section VIII of its resolution [76/246 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;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Ethiopia, as the host country, for its continued support for the project, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to engage with the host country, inter alia in protecting the environment, including the greening of the compound and public spaces in its vicinity;
4. *Appreciates* the contributions by the Governments of Mali and Ethiopia, recalls paragraph 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to engage with Member States to seek both voluntary and in-kind contributions, 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;
5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to engage with the member States of the African Union, as well as the African Union Commission, to mobilize voluntary contributions to support the project and the visitors' centre, taking into consideration that Africa Hall is the historical birthplace of the Organization of African Unity and the African heritage it represents;
6. *Recalls* paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to revisit the business case for the visitors' centre and provide revenue projections, justifications and an assessment of options to support future financial stability of the centre, while making sure that fees for services to the public are reasonable and affordable to a wide range of income groups and segments of society and that the centre contributes to the strengthening of awareness of the work of the United Nations;
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, 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;
9. *Also 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;
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue documenting best practices and lessons learned from capital construction projects, including value engineering, multistage request for proposals and the use of local materials and knowledge, and to consider their application, as appropriate, to ensure that the objectives of this project are achieved within the approved budget and timeline;

¹⁹ [A/77/339](#).

²⁰ [A/77/7/Add.16](#).

11. *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;

12. *Commends* the Secretary-General for having standardized the reporting format of the United Nations capital construction projects, including an updated project management staffing table, a comparison of the top five project risks, and the project schedule both as a Gantt chart and in tabular form, and requests the Secretary-General to include a table showing the evolution of the project cost plan in future progress reports;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to conduct the necessary analysis to establish an energy efficiency baseline and provide a detailed update to the General Assembly in the context of the next progress report;

14. *Also recalls* paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to utilize local knowledge, materials, technology and capacity throughout the implementation of the construction and renovation projects at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, as appropriate;

15. *Reiterates its appreciation* for the continued commitment of the Secretary-General to ensuring the preservation of the historical and architectural integrity of Africa Hall, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General enhance efforts to engage key stakeholders in implementing the heritage conservation objective, 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;

16. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Secretary-General to ensure the conformity of Africa Hall and its visitors' centre with relevant building codes and standards, as well as best practices for persons with disabilities, encourages the Commission to continue to pursue such efforts, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an update on relevant progress made in his next report;

17. *Appropriates* a net amount of 6,244,000 dollars for project activities in 2023 comprising 3,100,900 dollars under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, 2,811,200 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and 331,900 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for the year 2023, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

X

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](#), section X of its resolution [73/279 A](#), section XI of its resolution [74/263](#), section XI of its resolution [75/253 A](#) and section XVI of its resolution [76/246 A](#),

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

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
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 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and 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;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue documenting best practices and lessons learned from capital construction projects, including value engineering, multistage request for proposals and the use of local materials and knowledge, and to consider their application, as appropriate, to ensure that the objectives of this project are achieved within the approved budget and timeline;
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. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee, highlights the one-year project completion delay, and requests the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary in order to mitigate delays;
10. *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;
11. *Commends* the Secretary-General for having standardized the reporting format of the United Nations capital construction projects, including an updated project management staffing table, a comparison of the top five project risks, and the project schedule both as a Gantt chart and in tabular form, and requests the Secretary-General to include a table showing the evolution of the project cost plan in future progress reports;
12. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that the project delivers renovation works that conform to relevant building codes and standards,

²¹ [A/77/315](#).

²² [A/77/7/Add.8](#).

including provisions for persons with disabilities concerning accessibility, technology and workplace safety;

13. *Notes with appreciation* that the project is progressing in accordance with its approved objectives in terms of seismic risk mitigation measures, energy efficiency and in compliance with health and safety regulations;

14. *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;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all activities promote cost-efficiency and transparency, are implemented within existing resources and in accordance with the United Nations legislative framework, including the Financial Regulations and Rules, while maintaining full accountability to the General Assembly;

16. *Approves* the continuation of the temporary position of Procurement Officer (P-3) for the period from January to April 2023;

17. *Appropriates* an amount of 640,400 dollars for the project in 2023, comprising 24,800 dollars under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 615,600 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2023, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

XI

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](#), section VII of its resolution [73/279 A](#), section XII of its resolution [74/263](#), section XII of its resolution [75/253 A](#) and section VII of its resolution [76/246 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;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Thailand, as the host country, for its continued efforts in supporting and facilitating the work of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, including through voluntary contributions and transfer of local knowledge and expertise towards the execution of the project;
4. *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 to engage with the host country in this regard;
5. *Also welcomes* the groundbreaking ceremony to formally inaugurate the construction works in November 2021 and that the works are currently progressing

²³ [A/77/330](#).

²⁴ [A/77/7/Add.12](#).

well, with construction estimated to be completed within the budget and schedule approved by the General Assembly;

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. *Commends* the efforts of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in its commitment to the project, despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and appreciates the advice of the host Government authorities on specific measures to ensure compliance with local health and safety regulations and mitigate related risks;

9. *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;

10. *Commends* the measures adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to reduce the project costs through value engineering, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to pursue efficiencies, where possible, to ensure that the project is completed within the budget, scope and timeline approved by the General Assembly;

11. *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, to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within budget and in a timely manner, and also requests the Secretary-General to provide an update on measures considered and applied in this regard in his next progress report;

12. *Recalls* paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to proactively monitor and mitigate all project risks, to take all measures necessary to ensure the delivery of the project within the scope, budget and timeline approved by the General Assembly and to include in his next progress report an update on risk management and related mitigation measures;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to actively manage the owner-directed changes and reiterates that any additional project costs resulting from late-stage changes initiated by tenants, which may result in potential claims, should be borne by the respective tenant, not by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

14. *Notes* the efforts by the Secretary-General to consolidate the office furniture requirements for the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic Commission for Africa in a single solicitation exercise to achieve economies of scale;

15. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Secretary-General to ensure that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific building is compliant with relevant building standards and best practices for persons with disabilities, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an update on relevant progress made in his next report;

16. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to include local knowledge, technology, capacity and the use of locally sourced and manufactured materials, as well as local labour and expertise, throughout the implementation of the construction project;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue documenting best practices and lessons learned from capital construction projects, including value engineering, multistage request for proposals and the use of local materials and knowledge, and to consider their application, as appropriate, to ensure that the objectives of this project are achieved within the approved budget and timeline;

18. *Appropriates* an amount of 10,902,400 dollars for 2023, comprising 556,500 dollars under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, and 10,345,900 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2023;

XII

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](#), section IX of its resolution [73/279 A](#), section XIII of its resolution [74/263](#), section XIV of its resolution [75/253 A](#) and section XV of its resolution [76/246 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;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Kenya for its continued support for the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and trusts that the Secretary-General will continue to engage with the host country to ensure the success of the project;
4. *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 an update in the context of his next progress report;
5. *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;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue documenting best practices and lessons learned from capital construction projects, including value engineering, multistage request for proposals and the use of local materials and knowledge, and to consider their application, as appropriate, to ensure that the objectives of this project are achieved within the approved budget and timeline;
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* paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to identify any potential synergies between

²⁵ [A/77/349](#) and [A/77/349/Corr.1](#).

²⁶ [A/77/7/Add.14](#).

this project and the United Nations Office at Nairobi conference facilities project, and requests him to provide further information in the context of his next report;

9. *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;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 40 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and reiterates the importance of ensuring the use of locally sourced and manufactured materials, as well as local labour and expertise, and looks forward to updates thereon in future progress reports;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all activities promote cost-efficiency and transparency, are implemented within existing resources and in accordance with the United Nations legislative framework, including the Financial Regulations and Rules, while maintaining full accountability to the General Assembly;

12. *Also 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;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure conformity with relevant building codes and standards, as well as best practices for persons with disabilities, in the project to replace blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an update on relevant progress made in his next report;

14. *Commends* the Secretary-General for having standardized the reporting format of the United Nations capital construction projects, including an updated project management staffing table, a comparison of the top five project risks, and the project schedule both as a Gantt chart and in tabular form, and requests the Secretary-General to include a table showing the evolution of the project cost plan in future progress reports;

15. *Approves* the reassignment of a position of Engineer (National Officer) to a position of Administrative Officer (National Officer) under section 29G, Administration, Nairobi, of the proposed programme budget for 2023;

16. *Also approves* the continuation of a position of Safety and Security Project Officer (P-3) from January 2023 until project completion under section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for 2023;

17. *Appropriates* an amount of 13,196,200 dollars, comprising (a) 1,214,800 dollars under section 29G, United Nations Office at Nairobi; (b) 11,748,100 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance; and (c) 233,300 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for 2023;

XIII**Revised estimates resulting from the establishment of the United Nations Youth Office**

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;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Approves* additional appropriations, representing a charge against the contingency fund, for 2023 in the amount of 2,274,400 dollars, comprising 2,214,100 dollars under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, 33,100 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and 27,200 dollars under section 29B, Department of Operational Support, of the proposed programme budget for 2023;
4. *Also approves* the establishment of 16 posts (1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 D-1, 2 P-5, 5 P-3, 6 P-2, 1 General Service (Other level)) under the United Nations Youth Office;
5. *Further approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 185,800 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2023, to be offset by an equivalent increase under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

XIV**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first regular sessions, and at its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth special sessions, in 2022**

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

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Approves* the establishment, effective 1 January 2023, of 17 posts under section 24, Human rights, and 1 post under section 28, Global communications, of the proposed programme budget for 2023, to support the activities mandated by the Council in its resolution [51/30](#) of 7 October 2022³¹ and its decision 51/101 of 6 October 2022;³²
4. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 51,202,900 dollars, comprising 3,735,600 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 47,035,600 dollars under section 24, Human rights, 419,300 dollars under section 28, Global communications, and 12,400

²⁷ [A/77/541](#) and [A/77/541/Corr.1](#).

²⁸ [A/77/605](#).

²⁹ [A/77/579](#) and [A/77/579/Add.1](#).

³⁰ [A/77/7/Add.27](#).

³¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 53A* ([A/77/53/Add.1](#)), chap. III, sect. A.

³² *Ibid.*, sect. B.

dollars under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for 2023;

5. *Also appropriates* an amount of 6,282,900 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2023, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

XV

International Trade Centre

1. *Approves* resources in the amount of 20,457,600 dollars (the United Nations share equivalent to 50 per cent of 37,936,500 Swiss francs at the exchange rate of 0.9272 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for 2023 under section 13, International Trade Centre, of the proposed programme budget for 2023;

XVI

Programme budget implications arising from recommendations and decisions contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2022

Having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly³³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³⁴

1. *Recalls* its resolution 77/ ___ of ___ December 2022;
2. *Takes note* of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General;
3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;

XVII

Gross jointly financed budget of the Joint Inspection Unit

Approves the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2023 in the amount of 8,378,700 dollars;

XVIII

Gross jointly financed budget of the International Civil Service Commission

Approves the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for 2023 in the amount of 12,244,500 dollars;

XIX

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 2023 in the amount of 4,047,500 dollars;

XX

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 2023 in the amount of 165,190,900 dollars, broken down as follows:

- (a) Field Security Operations: 149,055,100 dollars;

³³ [A/C.5/77/4](#).

³⁴ [A/77/7/Add.11](#).

(b) Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 16,135,800 dollars;

XXI

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 inflation³⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,³⁶

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

XXII

Contingency fund

1. *Recalls* its resolution [76/246 A](#), in which the level of the contingency fund for the year 2023 was set at 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2022, or 24,219,700 dollars;

2. *Notes* that, after a charge of 22,595,200 dollars, a balance of 1,624,500 dollars remains in the contingency fund for 2023;

3. *Decides* that the contingency fund for the year 2024 shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2023.

³⁵ [A/77/632](#).

³⁶ [A/77/7/Add.38](#).