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**Programme questions: proposed strategic framework  
for the period 2014-2015****Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015****Review of part two: biennial programme plan by sectoral,  
functional and regional bodies****Note by the Secretariat**

1. The Secretariat provides herewith information on the review of the proposed part two: biennial programme plan, of the strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 by relevant sectoral, functional and regional bodies.
2. Annexes I to V provide an overview of action taken or planned by the relevant intergovernmental bodies and by the Secretariat. The relevant documents, as available, can be provided to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as necessary.
3. During its fifty-second session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be informed of any modifications to the proposed biennial programme plan for 2014-2015 resulting from decisions made by relevant intergovernmental bodies prior to the conclusion of the session. The Committee will be informed at its fifty-third session of any modifications resulting from decisions made by relevant intergovernmental bodies after the conclusion of the fifty-second session.

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## Annex I

### Overview of action taken on the review of part two: biennial programme plan, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 by relevant intergovernmental bodies and the Secretariat

<i>Programme and subprogramme</i>	<i>Sectoral, functional or regional body</i>	<i>Document</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	Committee on Conferences	Letter dated 1 May 2012 from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the Chair of the Committee for Programme and Coordination	<p>At its 517th meeting, on 25 April 2012, the Committee on Conferences, in accordance with regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, reviewed the proposed biennial programme plan for programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 1)). The Committee proposed a number of modifications for incorporation into programme 1. The proposed modifications are set out in annex II below.</p> <p>The Committee on Conferences is aware of the important role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as the main subsidiary body of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination. In its capacity as the oversight body for programme 1, the Committee on Conferences proposed its inputs for consideration by the Committee for Programme and Coordination.</p>

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<b>2. Political affairs</b>			
Subprogramme 1, Prevention, management and resolution of conflicts	None	—	—
Subprogramme 2, Electoral assistance	None	—	—
Subprogramme 3, Security Council affairs	Security Council	—	—
Subprogramme 4, Decolonization	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	—	—
Subprogramme 5, Question of Palestine	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	—	The Bureau of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will review the proposed biennial programme plan for subprogramme 5 at its next meeting, on 29 May 2012.
Subprogramme 6, Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force	—	—	—
Subprogramme 7, Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process	None	—	—
Subprogramme 8, Peacebuilding Support Office	None	—	—
Subprogramme 9, United Nations Register of Damage Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	None	—	—
<b>3. Disarmament</b>	Conference on Disarmament	—	—

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4. Peacekeeping operations	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations	—	—
5. Peaceful uses of outer space	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	—	The Committee will review the proposed biennial programme plan for programme 5 (A/67/6 (Prog. 5)) at its fifty-fifth session, to be held from 6 to 15 June 2012.
6. Legal affairs			
Subprogramme 1, Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	None	—	—
Subprogramme 2, General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	None	—	—
Subprogramme 3, Progressive development and codification of international law	International Law Commission	—	The Commission will review the elements related to its work at its sixty-fourth session, during the period from 2 July to 3 August 2012.
Subprogramme 4, Law of the sea and ocean affairs	None	—	—
Subprogramme 5, Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	—	The Bureau of the Commission will review all elements related to the work of the Commission at its forty-fifth session, to be held from 25 June to 6 July 2012.
Subprogramme 6, Custody, registration and publication of treaties	None	—	—
7. Economic and social affairs			
Subprogramme 1, Economic and Social Council support and coordination	Economic and Social Council	—	The Council will consider subprogramme 1 of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/67/6 (Prog. 7)) at its 2012 substantive session, to be held in July 2012.

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Subprogramme 2, Social policy and development	Commission for Social Development	E/2012/26	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Commission in document E/CN.5/2012/CRP.1, as reflected in its final report (E/2012/26).
Subprogramme 3, Sustainable development	Commission on Sustainable Development	—	Under normal circumstances, the proposed biennial programme plan would have been submitted to the Commission on Sustainable Development. Following the decision of the General Assembly to hold the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, the Commission's programme of work was postponed for one year (see Assembly resolution 64/236, para. 25 (c)). The proposed biennial programme plan will thus not be submitted to an intergovernmental body prior to its review by the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
Subprogramme 4, Statistics	Statistical Commission	E/2012/24	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Commission as a background paper and introduced as part of the programme statement of the Director of the Statistics Division at the sixth meeting of the Commission, on 2 March 2012. The Commission took note of it, as reflected in its final report (E/2012/24, decision 43/116).

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Subprogramme 5, Population	Commission on Population and Development	E/2012/25	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Commission at its forty-fifth session as a background paper and introduced under the agenda item on programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population. The Commission took note of it, as reflected in its report (E/2012/25).
Subprogramme 6, Development policy and analysis	None	—	—
Subprogramme 7, Public administration and development management	Committee of Experts on Public Administration	E/2012/44	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Committee as an information note for comment, as reflected in its final report (E/2012/44).
Subprogramme 8, Sustainable forest management	United Nations Forum on Forests	—	The next session of the United Nations Forum on Forests will be held in 2013.
Subprogramme 9, Financing for development	None	—	—
8. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	None	—	—
9. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	None	—	—
10. Trade and development			
Subprogrammes 1 to 5 (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))	Trade and Development Board/Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget	TD/B/WP(60)/CRP.1/Rev.1, TD/B/WP/238, TD/B/EX(54)/2	The proposed biennial programme plan for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 10)) is derived from document TD/B/WP(60)/CRP.1/Rev.1, which was reviewed by the Working Party at its sixtieth

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			session, held from 21 to 23 November 2011 (see TD/B/WP/238) and subsequently approved by the Trade and Development Board at its fifty-fourth executive session, held on 28 and 29 November 2011 (TD/B/EX(54)/2).
Subprogramme 6 (International Trade Centre)	Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/World Trade Organization		The Joint Advisory Group will review the proposed biennial programme plan during its session to be held on 21 and 22 May 2012.
11. Environment	Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	—	Programme 11 of the biennial programme plan for the biennium 2014-2015 is based on the overall vision set out in the UNEP medium-term strategy for 2014-2017. At its meetings held on 8 March and 3 April 2012, the UNEP Committee of Permanent Representatives reviewed programme 11 of the proposed biennial programme plan for 2014-2015 in the light of the medium-term strategy. The comments of the Committee have been taken into account in finalizing programme 11.
12. Human settlements	Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)	—	The Governing Council entrusted its subcommittee, the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to review programme 12 of the biennial programme plan and provide inputs. The Committee, jointly with the Secretariat, established an open-ended contact group in August 2011 to work on the draft strategic plan for 2014-2019. At its forty-third regular session, in December 2011, the Committee mandated the contact group to clear the proposed biennial programme plan for the

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			period 2014-2015 on its behalf. At its forty-fourth regular session, on 3 April 2012, the Committee endorsed the work of the contact group regarding the proposed biennial programme plan. It should be noted that the plan is derived from UN-Habitat's six-year draft strategic plan for 2014-2019, which will be approved by the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session in April 2013.
13. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	E/2012/30	The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice reviewed programme 13 of the proposed biennial programme plan during its twenty-first session, held from 23 to 27 April 2012, as reflected in its report (E/2012/30).
	Commission on Narcotic Drugs		Programme 13 of the proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs during its fifty-fifth session, held from 12 to 16 March 2012. No specific comments were received from Member States.
14. Gender equality and empowerment of women	Commission on the Status of Women	—	By its resolution 64/289, the General Assembly established the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) as a composite entity to function as a secretariat and to carry out operational activities under a dual intergovernmental governance structure. Together with the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, which are part of the governance structure for both the normative functions and operational

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			<p>activities of UN-Women, the Commission on the Status of Women constitutes the governance structure for the normative support functions and provides normative policy advice to the entity, while the Executive Board of UN-Women constitutes the governance structure for the operational activities and provides operational policy guidance to the entity.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Commission was unable to review programme 14 of the proposed biennial programme plan for 2014-2015 at its fifty-sixth session (27 February to 9 March 2012), as the document had not been finalized. The fifty-seventh session of the Commission will be held from 4 to 15 March 2013.</p>
Subprogramme 1, Intergovernmental support and strategic partnerships	—	—	—
Subprogramme 2, Policy and programme activities	—	—	—
15. Economic and social development in Africa	Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	E/ECA/CM/45/5/AU/CAMEF/MIN/Rpt(VII)	By its resolution 903 (XLV) of 24 March 2012, the ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development endorsed programme 15 of the biennial programme plan for the biennium 2014-2015, taking into account discussions and related observations at its forty-fifth session.

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16. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)/ Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives	—	The Commission, at its sixty-sixth session held from 17 to 23 May 2012, reviewed and adopted its draft strategic framework for 2014-2015 as contained in document E/ESCAP/68/17 and Corr.1. In line with that review, proposed modifications to the draft biennial programme plan (A/67/6 (Prog. 16)) are presented in annex III below.
17. Economic development in Europe	Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)/ Executive Committee	—	Programme 17 of the proposed biennial programme plan as contained in document A/67/6 (Prog. 17) will be reviewed by the Commission during its session in September 2012.
18. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	LC/G.2434(SES.33/5)	Programme 18 of the proposed biennial programme plan was reviewed at the twenty-sixth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC on 28 March 2012. Proposed revisions arising from the Committee's session are reflected in annex IV below. In addition, the plenary of the Commission will review the proposal at its biennial session, to be held in El Salvador from 27 to 31 August 2012.
19. Economic and social development in Western Asia	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	Resolution 310 (XXVII)	The proposed biennial programme plan was reviewed by the Commission at its twenty-seventh session, held in Beirut from 7 to 10 May 2012. By its resolution 310 (XXVII), the Commission adopted the proposed biennial programme plan as presented in document E/ESCWA/27/6 (Part II), with minor modifications.

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20. Human rights	Human Rights Council	—	<p>The role of the Human Rights Council in the review of programme 20 of the proposed biennial programme plan has been clarified to the effect that, from a legal point of view, and consistent with the practice of the former Commission on Human Rights, the Council should not be considered a relevant intergovernmental organ within the meaning of regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. Nevertheless, the High Commissioner has shared programme 20 of the biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 with the Council members, through a letter to the Council's President, as was the case for the period 2012-2013. In the letter, the High Commissioner informed the Council of the upcoming review of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and expressed her willingness to receive any comments the members of the Council might have on the proposed biennial programme plan.</p>

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21. International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees/Standing Committee	—	At its fifty-third meeting, held from 13 to 15 March 2012, the Standing Committee took note of programme 21 of the proposed biennial programme plan on the understanding that amendments proposed at that meeting would be brought to the attention of the Committee for Programme and Coordination. The proposed changes are contained in annex V below.
22. Palestine refugees	None	—	—
23. Humanitarian assistance	None	—	—
24. Public information	Committee on Information	—	The Committee on Information, at its thirty-fourth session held from 23 April to 4 May 2012, took note of the proposed biennial programme plan for the period 2014-2015.
25. Management and support services	None	—	—
26. Internal oversight	None	—	—
27. Jointly financed activities	None	—	—
28. Safety and security	None	—	—

## Annex II

### **Proposed revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan for programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, as proposed by the Committee on Conferences**

The following modifications are proposed to be incorporated in programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management:

- A. Conference management, New York**
- B. Conference management, Geneva**
- C. Conference management, Vienna**
- D. Conference management, Nairobi**

#### **Subprogramme 2**

##### **Planning and coordination of conference services**

###### *Indicators of achievement*

In indicator (a) (ii), replace the words “100 per cent application of the proximity concept for conferences and meetings held away from headquarters of meeting bodies” with “100 per cent application of the proximity concept, where feasible, for conferences and meetings held away from headquarters of meeting bodies”.

#### **Subprogramme 3**

##### **Documentation services**

###### *Indicators of achievement*

In indicator (b) (i), replace the words “Increased proportion of translation done contractually” with the words “Resorting to contractual translation”.

#### **Subprogramme 4**

##### **Meetings and publishing services**

###### *Indicators of achievement*

In indicator (b) (iii), replace the words “100 per cent availability of all official documents in electronic form” with the words “100 per cent availability of all documents in electronic form simultaneously in all six official languages”.

## Annex III

### **Proposed revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan for programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, based on the review by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-eighth session (17-23 May 2012)**

The following modifications are proposed to be incorporated in programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific:

#### **Overall orientation**

##### *Paragraph 16.4*

Replace the third and fourth sentences with: “As the regional arm of the United Nations, ESCAP is a platform for each member State, with the Commission acting as a United Nations regional assembly for all. Promoting regional cooperation will be at the core of the efforts of ESCAP.”

##### *Paragraph 16.7*

Replace the third sentence with: “Advocacy work of ESCAP will be underpinned by evidence-based analysis to capture differences and disparities among and within countries, including between men and women, according priority to ensuring that the concerns of countries with special needs are addressed, particularly those of the least developed, landlocked developing and small island developing States.”

##### *Paragraph 16.11*

Replace the second sentence with: “To that end, ESCAP will reinforce its leading role as the convener of the Regional Coordination Mechanism of all the specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system in the region and its active participation in the United Nations Development Group.”

#### **Subprogramme 2 Trade and investment**

##### *Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat*

Replace the existing text of expected accomplishment (a) with: “Enhanced knowledge of ESCAP member States of trends, emerging issues, and evidence-based policy options in the area of trade, investment, enterprise development and technology transfer in support of inclusive and sustainable development”.

##### *Indicators of achievement*

Replace the existing text of indicator of achievement (b) (ii) with: “Number of ESCAP member States participating in or indicating that they find regional cooperation mechanisms promoted by the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology and the United Nations Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery to foster innovation, to develop and transfer technology, or in the area of agricultural mechanization, useful for their country”.

Replace the existing text of indicator of achievement (c) (ii) with: “Percentage of participants in activities of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology and the United Nations Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery indicating that they have increased their capacity to formulate and implement more effective and coherent policies to foster innovation, to develop and transfer technology, or in the area of agricultural mechanization”.

*Paragraph 16.18*

Replace the sixth sentence with: “The proposed Asia-Pacific Network for Testing Agricultural Machinery will play an important role in promoting and facilitating trade of sustainable and safe agricultural machinery.”

**Subprogramme 3**

**Transport**

**Strategy**

*Paragraph 16.21*

Replace the third sentence with: “In this regard, the Transport Division will strengthen cooperation with subregional offices to foster transport cooperation at the subregional level, and with other Divisions and Offices, in particular with the Trade and Investment Division, to improve coordination on trade and transport facilitation measures; with the Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division to promote the use of information and communications technology applications for transport operations; with the Environment and Development Division to raise awareness and build capacity in environmentally sustainable transport; with the Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division to study and promote new approaches to financing transport infrastructure; with the subregional office for North and Central Asia to support the activities of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia working group on transport and border crossing; and with the subregional office for the Pacific to analyse and identify policy options for inter-island shipping.”

**Subprogramme 4**

**Environment and development**

*Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat*

Replace the existing text of expected accomplishment (b) with: “Improved capacity of governments and other stakeholders in developing and implementing environmental, energy, water, and urban policies and strategies for inclusive and sustainable development”.

*Indicators of achievement*

Replace the existing text of indicator of achievement (b) with: “Number of policies, strategies and initiatives developed by governments and other stakeholders reasonably attributable to ESCAP interventions in the areas of environment, energy, water, and urban policies and strategies for inclusive and sustainable development”.

## **Strategy**

### *Paragraph 16.23*

Replace the second sentence with: “The strategic direction of the subprogramme is mainly derived from the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and the outcomes of other relevant United Nations conferences.”

### *Paragraph 16.25*

Replace the existing paragraph with: “The subprogramme will focus on improving the integration of all three pillars of sustainable development — economic, social and environmental — and on increasing the quantity and improving the quality of growth in order to reduce the impact of external economic and financial shocks, resource crises characterized by the commodity price volatility and ecological crises.”

### *Paragraph 16.26*

Replace the existing subparagraph (a) with: “The process of increasing the quantity and improving the quality of growth in Asian and Pacific economies”.

## **Subprogramme 5**

### **Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction**

## **Strategy**

### *Paragraph 16.30*

Replace the third sentence with: “The subprogramme will support and strengthen the Committee on Information and Communications Technology and the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction, the relevant subsidiary bodies of the Commission, which form the basis for regional consensus-building for action and represent an effective mechanism for contributing to global mandates.”

### *Paragraph 16.31*

Replace the second sentence with: “The subprogramme will promote integrated and people-centred approaches by providing member States with socioeconomic analysis on rapid advances in information and communications technology, emerging trends, new forms of social networking and communication and new digital divides, especially among the least developed countries and other countries with special needs.”

### *Paragraph 16.32*

Replace the fourth sentence with: “The efforts will be further augmented by the regional advisory services on disaster risk reduction policies provided to member States, the progress towards an integrated regional early warning system provided through the ESCAP Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Tsunami, Disaster and Climate Preparedness in Indian Ocean and Southeast Asian Countries and capacity-building activities of the established regional mechanisms in the area of information and

communications technology, including space-based applications, in support of inclusive and sustainable development.”

**Subprogramme 6**  
**Social development**

**Strategy**

*Paragraph 16.35*

Replace the existing second sentence with: “The strategic direction of the subprogramme derives mainly from the commitments agreed upon as part of relevant United Nations intergovernmental processes, including the World Summit for Social Development, the International Conference on Population and Development, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the 2002 Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, the World Programme of Action on Youth, the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the commitments adopted in 2010 by the General Assembly in its outcome document ‘Keeping the promise: united to achieve the Millennium Development Goals’ and the ‘Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Intensifying our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS’.”

*Paragraph 16.35*

Replace the existing fourth sentence with: “The outcomes of the Sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference and the Asia-Pacific High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Assessment of Progress against Commitments in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals and the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Second Regional Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing will also provide direction to the subprogramme.”

*Paragraph 16.37*

Replace the second sentence with: “To extend outreach, and to ensure greater depth in the work of ESCAP, the subprogramme will work with the subregional offices, particularly in analysing subregional perspectives on social issues of particular significance to each subregion within a regional framework.”

**Subprogramme 8**  
**Subregional activities for development**

**Component 1**  
**Subregional activities for development in the Pacific**

*Indicators of achievement*

Replace the existing text of indicator of achievement (b) with: “Increase in the number of strategic sustainable development policy objectives and initiatives of the Pacific island countries and territories that are coordinated with or through the ESCAP subregional office for the Pacific”.

**Component 4**  
**Subregional activities for development in South and South-West Asia**

*Indicators of achievement*

Replace the existing text of indicator of achievement (a) (ii) with: “Increased number of references to the subregional work of ESCAP in key media in South and South-West Asia”.

**Strategy**

*Paragraph 16.42*

Replace the existing paragraph with: “The overall responsibility for coordinating the work of the subprogramme will lie with the Office of the Executive Secretary. Activities will be implemented by the ESCAP subregional offices for the Pacific, East and North-East Asia, North and Central Asia and South and South-West Asia and, for activities for the South-East Asian subregion, by the concerned substantive divisions at ESCAP headquarters in Bangkok. Internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020, the Almaty Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States provide the mandates and strategic direction for the subprogramme. The subprogramme will also coordinate closely with the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia.”

*Paragraph 16.45*

Replace the existing subparagraph (a) with: “(a) National planning for sustainable development, including the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy and the World Summits on Sustainable Development outcomes”.

*Paragraph 16.46*

Replace the first sentence with: “The work of ESCAP in the Pacific will be implemented through a multidisciplinary and normative approach.”

*Paragraph 16.48*

Replace the first sentence with: “The office will work closely with the Bangkok-based subprogrammes on the above priority areas and will build synergy with the three ESCAP regional institutions in the region — the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development, the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific and the United Nations Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery.”

## **Legislative mandates**

### *Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions*

Replace the existing text with:

2009/28      The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration on the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development adopted at the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in 2008

## Annex IV

### **Proposed revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan for programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, based on a request made by member States of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean during the meeting of the Committee of the Whole convened in New York in March 2012**

The following modifications are proposed to be incorporated in programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean:

Add the following new subprogramme:

#### **Subprogramme 14 Support to regional and subregional integration and cooperation processes and organizations**

**Objective of the Organization:** To strengthen regional and subregional integration processes, their convergence and the participation of Latin America and the Caribbean in interregional and global political dialogues

<b>Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat</b>	<b>Indicators of achievement</b>
(a) Improved capacity of regional and subregional mechanisms to deepen their integration processes and promote their convergence	(a) (i) Increased number of times in which the technical and substantive inputs of ECLAC are used to facilitate regional debate and consensus-building on social, economic and sustainable development issues as requested by regional and subregional mechanisms  (ii) Increased number of joint activities or initiatives in which various regional and subregional schemes and mechanisms participate to share knowledge and experiences with technical and logistical support from ECLAC
(b) Enhanced political dialogue of regional and subregional schemes with third parties and extraregional actors	(b) (i) Increased number of times in which the technical and substantive inputs of ECLAC are used to facilitate regional dialogue with third parties, including extraregional partners or mechanisms, on social, economic and sustainable development issues as requested by regional and subregional mechanisms

(ii) Increased number of times in which regionally agreed positions are presented in global forums or summits with technical support from ECLAC

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### **Strategy**

1. Responsibility for the implementation of the subprogramme rests with the Office of the Executive Secretary and the Secretary of the Commission, in close coordination with the rest of the Commission's substantive divisions and its subregional and national offices, given its multidisciplinary approach.
2. The strategy applied under the subprogramme will focus on providing technical and logistical support to the Latin American and Caribbean integration and cooperation organizations, mechanisms and coordination schemes, both in support of their own agendas, in their convergence efforts and initiatives and in the external interactions with third parties.
3. The main characteristic of this subprogramme is the dynamic demand of the actors to whom services are provided in the fields of data, statistics, indicators and analytical and normative work through conference and position papers, development of methodologies for various purposes and logistical support upon request. In comparison to subprogramme 1, which focuses on trade policies and negotiations of agreements within the framework of the issues under the purview of the World Trade Organization (WTO), this subprogramme focuses on strengthening the political action of subregional and regional integration mechanisms and platforms both in their internal as well as external agendas.
4. The subprogramme is oriented towards strengthening Latin American and Caribbean regional and subregional groups and schemes by providing technical support, updated, timely and relevant cutting-edge information, statistics and indicators, analytical work and logistical support to meetings and summits. Through the analysis and preparation of recommendations, it will help these organizations to build consensus to face new challenges in regional integration and cooperation in areas related to the social, economic and sustainable development of the region and in further enhancing their political dialogue with third parties. Assistance will also be provided to strengthen the following-up of agreements and their respective implementation mechanisms. Furthermore, the subprogramme will provide advisory and technical cooperation services to support these regional and subregional mechanisms to improve regional integration and cooperation through South-South and triangular cooperation modalities.
5. The subprogramme will work closely with the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), the Andean Community (CAN), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI), the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA) and the Central American Integration System (SICA). Collaboration with other bilateral and multilateral cooperation partners will also be enhanced to provide additional resources to the subprogramme to strengthen the implementation of its programme of work and maximize its impact in beneficiary countries.

6. Collaboration with CELAC was specifically requested in the 2012 Caracas Action Plan (see A/66/647), whereby Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean requested ECLAC cooperation in activities envisaged to address the international financial crisis and the new financial architecture. They also requested ECLAC to provide support in the field of complementarity and cooperation between regional and subregional integration mechanisms by facilitating the discussion and the exchange of experiences on regional economic policies.

7. The main beneficiaries of this subprogramme will be the Governments of the region, officials involved with integration processes in the economic, social, and political spheres and other stakeholders of business and the civil society sectors concerned with all relevant aspects of integration and the associated political dialogue.

8. The outputs of the subprogramme include the publication of several documents and technical material; organization of and participation in meetings and summits; and the provision of technical cooperation services to relevant stakeholders in cooperation with other programmes, agencies and funds of the United Nations and other international organizations.

9. Lastly, the subprogramme will seek to ensure visibility of its work and major achievements through a dynamic programme of outreach, including active engagement with the member States, wide dissemination of publications and findings at international events and relevant conferences and participation in key forums involving relevant policymakers, academia and other stakeholders both within and outside the region.

## **Legislative mandates**

### **Subprogramme 14**

#### *General Assembly resolutions*

62/208	Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
63/12	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System
63/222	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
64/210	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
64/222	Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation
65/168	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
65/177	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

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- 65/242 Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community
- 66/210 Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
- 66/223 Towards global partnerships
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions*
- 608 (XXX) Promotion of coordination in studies and activities concerning South America
- 625 (XXXI) Activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals
- 633 (XXXII) Santo Domingo resolution
- 639 (XXXII) Activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals and implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields
- 642 (XXXII) South-South cooperation
- 647 (XXXIII) South-South cooperation

## Annex V

### **Proposed revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan for programme 21, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees, as requested by the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at its fifty-third meeting on 15 March 2012**

The following modifications are proposed to be incorporated in programme 21, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees:

#### **Overall orientation**

##### *Paragraph 21.6*

In subparagraph (d), after the word “displacement”, insert the words “, consistent with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,”.

In subparagraph (g), after the words “Further developing”, delete the words “, in consultation with concerned parties,”.

#### **Strategy**

##### *Paragraph 21.9*

In the first sentence, after the words “the Division of International Protection”, delete the word “Services”.

##### *Paragraph 21.13*

Replace the last sentence with the following text: “To strengthen international refugee protection, UNHCR will continue to build partnerships and promote collaboration on refugee protection with a wide range of actors.”

##### *Paragraph 21.17*

In the second sentence, after the word “approaches”, replace the existing text with the following text: “through voluntary return, and, where appropriate and feasible, through local integration and resettlement”.

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