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Proposed programme budget for 2023

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Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for 2023

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions [41/213](#) of 19 December 1986, [42/211](#) of 21 December 1987, [45/248](#) B, section VI, of 21 December 1990, [55/231](#) of 23 December 2000, [56/253](#) of 24 December 2001, [58/269](#) and [58/270](#) of 23 December 2003, [59/276](#), section XI, of 23 December 2004, [60/283](#) of 7 July 2006, [61/263](#) of 4 April 2007, [62/236](#) of 22 December 2007, [63/262](#) of 24 December 2008, [64/243](#) of 24 December 2009, [65/259](#) of 24 December 2010, [66/246](#) of 24 December 2011, [68/246](#) of 27 December 2013, [70/247](#) of 23 December 2015, [71/272](#) A of 23 December 2016, [72/261](#) and [72/266](#) A of 24 December 2017, [72/266](#) B 5 July 2018, [73/281](#) of 22 December 2018, [74/262](#) of 27 December 2019, [75/252](#) of 31 December 2021, [76/245](#) and [76/246](#) A of 24 December 2021, [76/246](#) B of 13 April 2022 and [76/271](#) of 29 June 2022,

Reaffirming also the respective mandates of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

Reaffirming further the role of the General Assembly, through the Fifth Committee, in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources, as well as of human resources policies,

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

Having considered the proposed programme budget for 2023,¹ the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on internal oversight: proposed programme

¹ [A/77/6 \(Introduction\)](#), Sects. 1–36 and Income sects. 1–3 and corrigenda.



budget for 2023² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³

Having also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of women and peace and security in field-based missions: elections and political transitions,⁴

Having further considered the note by the Secretary-General drawing attention to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on business continuity management in United Nations system organizations⁵ and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,⁶

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and also reaffirms the role of the Fifth Committee in carrying out a thorough analysis and approving human and financial resources and policies, with a view to ensuring full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

2. *Also reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

3. *Further reaffirms* the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;⁷

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

5. *Also reaffirms* the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;⁸

6. *Further reaffirms* its resolution 77/___ of _____ 2022;

7. *Reaffirms* its resolution 77/___ of _____ 2022;

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

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

10. *Emphasizes* the importance of full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,⁹ and notes with appreciation the efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure adequate, sustainable and predictable resources for development, with the aim of leaving no one behind;

11. *Urges* all Member States to fulfil their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to facilitate Member States' payments of their assessed contributions;

² [A/77/85](#).

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/77/7)*.

⁴ [A/77/83](#).

⁵ [A/77/256](#).

⁶ [A/77/256/Add.1](#).

⁷ [ST/SGB/2018/3](#).

⁸ [ST/SGB/2013/4](#) and [ST/SGB/2013/4/Amend.1](#).

⁹ Resolution [70/1](#).

13. *Notes* that organizational reforms should contribute to greater efficiency and effectiveness in delivering the Organization's mandated programmes and activities without negatively affecting their full implementation, and requests the Secretary-General to provide results and examples in this regard in the context of his next budget submission;
14. *Also notes* the increased size and volume of documentation that forms the proposed programme budget, and notes with appreciation that the Secretary-General continues his efforts to enhance the quality, clarity and usability of the proposed programme budget in consultation with Member States, while maintaining the level of information provided to Member States;
15. *Stresses* that results-based budgeting and results-based management are mutually supportive management tools and that improved implementation of results-based budgeting enhances both management and accountability in the Secretariat, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;
16. *Emphasizes* the importance of comprehensive budgetary performance in the management of the programme plan and programme budget, and requests the Secretary-General to clearly link the budget inputs to tangible results;
17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in future proposed programme budgets the indicative cost estimates of major construction projects in the top-line budget figure in the introductory section of the budget, for information purposes only;
18. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen internal controls in programme planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting;
19. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to pursue cost-effective and efficient practices in future budget submissions;
20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that each programme of the regular budget undergoes a spending review at least once every five years, to be implemented from the proposed programme budget for 2024 onward;
21. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide calculations of both gross and net requirements for the proposed programme budget in future budget submissions;
22. *Notes* the provision of information to Member States online, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;
23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake pre-posting of job openings irrespective of the liquidity situation of the Organization and to proactively approach pre-posting of vacancies in order to be in the position to expeditiously launch and complete recruitment actions;
24. *Takes note* of paragraph 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
25. *Reiterates its concern* about the high number of vacancies, and requests the Secretary-General to fill vacant positions expeditiously, to review all positions that have been vacant for 24 months or longer, to propose either their retention, with clear justification of need, or abolishment, and to provide a list of all long-vacant positions and actions taken in the annex to his future reports;
26. *Recalls* paragraph 51 of the report of the Advisory Committee, underlines the importance of using consistent, realistic and accurate budgetary assumptions for posts and positions, and decides that all reclassifications of functions, reassignments, conversions and redeployments (including geographical), as well as establishment of new temporary positions, should apply the continuing vacancy rate as approved by the General Assembly;

27. *Also recalls* paragraph 57 of the report of the Advisory Committee, reiterates the paramount importance of the equality of the six official languages of the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to take additional measures to improve multilingualism and the equal and adequate treatment of all six official languages and to report thereon in the next programme budget submission;

28. *Takes note* of paragraph 62 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

29. *Also takes note* of paragraph 75 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and stresses that all extrabudgetary posts must be administered and managed with the same rigour as regular budget posts;

30. *Decides* that a vacancy rate of 12.4 per cent for Professional staff and 10.2 per cent for General Service staff shall be used as a basis for the calculation of the budget for 2023;

31. *Also decides* that the staffing table for 2023 shall be as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

Part I

Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

Section 1

Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

32. *Recalls* its resolution [72/279](#) of 31 May 2018, reaffirms its request to the Secretary-General to report annually to the Economic and Social Council at its operational activities for development segment on the implementation of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, including its funding, to ensure accountability towards Member States;

33. *Takes note* of paragraph I.7 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

34. *Also takes note* of paragraph I.9 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Section 2

General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

35. *Recalls* paragraph 8 of its resolution [75/252](#), commends the increased throughput productivity of the translation services across all duty stations and the achievements made by language staff to meet the revised workload standards, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure adequate training and technical support in order to ensure equal treatment of all official languages;

36. *Also recalls* paragraph I.59 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and commends the Secretary-General's effort to ensure high-quality documentation while at the same time using tools such as eLUNa to capture the high volume of recycled text as well as maximizing machine translation to deliver documentation services in a more efficient and timely manner;

37. *Further recalls* paragraphs I.57 and I.59 of the report of the Advisory Committee, requests the Secretary-General to fully implement the revised individual productivity standards for translation, and reaffirms the coefficients reflected therein, used to convert all assignments to 5.8 pages per day for translation and adjusted upward accordingly for self-revision and revision;

38. *Recalls* paragraph 8 of its resolution [75/252](#) and paragraph 37 of its resolution [76/245](#), commends the increased throughput productivity of the translation services across all duty stations, made possible by new working methods and technologies, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to take measures to

ensure equal treatment of all six official languages and equal quality of service for Member States, while fully respecting the specificities of each official language and different levels of benefit from information technology advances for different languages;

Part II

Political affairs

Section 3

Political affairs

39. *Takes note* of paragraph II.62 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Part IV

International cooperation for development

Section 9

Economic and social affairs

40. *Takes note* of paragraph IV.18 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Section 10

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

41. *Notes* the importance of science, innovation and technology in addressing humanity's challenges, and invites the Secretary-General to explore expanding the support to and cooperation with the Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries to other vulnerable countries, including landlocked developing countries and small island developing States;

Section 11

United Nations system support for the African Union's Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want

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

Section 12

Trade and development

43. *Decides* on the following distribution of the proposed establishment of posts: one P-4 and one P-3 Statistician post to the Statistics Service, two P-2 posts to subprogramme 1, one P-4 and one P-3 post to subprogramme 4, and one P-5, one P-3 and one P-2 post to subprogramme 5;

Section 15

Human settlements

44. *Recalls* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee in paragraph IV.140 of its report, especially its recommendation to encourage the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to continue to cooperate closely with the resident coordinator system and to explore opportunities for increased cooperation with other entities, in order to leverage shared expertise and capacity to consolidate system-wide efforts to implement programmatic activities in support of Member States;

45. *Also recalls* paragraph IV.132 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes the functional analysis undertaken by UN-Habitat, and decides on the following distribution of the proposed conversions: one P-3 post under Governing Bodies

Secretariat, policymaking organs; two P-4 posts under Office of the Executive Director, executive direction and management; two P-4 posts under Global Solutions Division; and one D-1 post and one Local level post under Management Advisory and Compliance Service, programme support;

Section 17

UN-Women

46. *Takes note* of paragraph IV.168 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

47. *Also takes note* of paragraph IV.170 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and approves the reclassification from P-3 to P-4 of the post of Finance and Budget Officer;

48. *Further takes note* of paragraph IV.177 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

49. *Takes note* of paragraph IV.178 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and emphasizes that the Secretary-General shall continue to improve gender balance among all United Nations staff;

Part V

Regional cooperation for development

Section 21

Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

50. *Acknowledges* the cooperation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean with the United Nations development system, including its collaborative work with entities of the system on country programme documents, as well as the establishment of the Caribbean Resilience Fund, and recognizes its cooperation with the Regional Collaborative Platform for Latin America and the Caribbean, which has helped to promote common regional strategies and messages to provide demand-driven support to countries in the region;

Part VI

Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 26

Palestine refugees

51. *Takes note* of paragraph VI.74 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and recalls its decision to consider a gradual increase in the United Nations regular budget allocation to the Agency that would, in addition to covering international staff requirements, in accordance with resolution [3331 B \(XXIX\)](#) of 17 December 1974, be utilizable to support expenses for operational costs related to executive and administrative management functions of the Agency, and its invitation to the Secretary-General, accordingly, to submit proposals for consideration by the relevant committees at the seventy-eighth session;

52. *Decides* to approve resources at the Secretary-General level;

Section 27

Humanitarian assistance

53. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to explore strengthening his collaboration with regional and subregional organizations, where appropriate, to improve the capability to use new technologies in supporting humanitarian work;

Part VII
Global communications

Section 28
Global communications

54. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore liaising with Africa's regional and subregional organizations so as to increase knowledge and awareness of the mandate and activities of the United Nations on the continent, including on the 2030 Agenda and related opportunities, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session;

55. *Takes note* of paragraph VII.8 (a) of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Part VIII
Common support services

Section 29A
Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance

56. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.8 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Section 29B
Department of Operational Support

57. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.36 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish a post of Property Management Officer (P-3);

Section 29C
Office of Information and Communications Technology

58. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.60 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and approves the proposed redeployments;

Part XII
Safety and security

Section 34
Safety and security

59. *Takes note* of paragraphs XII.8 and XII.13 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and approves the establishment of one post of Director (D-2), one post of Programme Management Officer (P-4) and one post of Associate Information Management Officer (P-2) under the Division of Specialized Operational Support;

Income section 2
General income

60. *Decides* to increase the income expected from bank interests under income section 2 by 7,900,600 United States dollars;

Income section 3
Services to the public

61. *Decides* to increase the income expected under income section 3 by 3,177,000 dollars, while maintaining garage rates at their current level and not introducing any changes in the garage operations policies.

Annex

Staffing table for 2023

<i>Category</i>	<i>Number of posts</i>
<i>Expenditure sections</i>	
Professional and higher	
Deputy Secretary-General	1
Under-Secretary-General	37
Assistant Secretary-General	34
D-2	116
D-1	311
P-5	924
P-4	1 598
P-3	1 515
P-2/1	541
Subtotal	5 077
General Service	
Principal level	273
Other level	2 288
Subtotal	2 561
Other	
Security Service	306
Local level	1 902
Field Service	106
National Professional Officer	90
Trades and Crafts	93
Subtotal	2 497
Expenditure sections total	10 135
<i>Income section 3</i>	
Professional and higher	
P-5	2
P-4	4
P-3	4
P-2/1	3
Subtotal	13
General Service	
Principal level	7
Other level	42
Subtotal	49

<i>Category</i>	<i>Number of posts</i>
Other	
Security Service	2
Subtotal	2
Income section 3 total	64
Total	10 199
