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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/70/631)]

70/239. Capital master plan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/249 of 23 December 1999, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 56/234 and 56/236 of 24 December 2001 and 56/286 of 27 June 2002, section II of its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002, its resolution 59/295 of 22 June 2005, section II of its resolution 60/248 of 23 December 2005, its resolutions 60/256 of 8 May 2006, 60/282 of 30 June 2006, 61/251 of 22 December 2006, 62/87 of 10 December 2007, 63/270 of 7 April 2009, 64/228 of 22 December 2009 and 65/269 of 4 April 2011, section III of its resolution 66/258 of 9 April 2012, section V of its resolution 67/246 of 24 December 2012, section IV of its resolution 68/247 A of 27 December 2013, section VII of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014 and section VIII of its resolution 69/274 A of 2 April 2015 and its decisions 58/566 of 8 April 2004, 65/543 of 24 December 2010 and 66/555 of 24 December 2011,

Having considered the thirteenth annual progress report of the Secretary-General,¹ the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2014,² the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the year ended 31 December 2014³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴

1. *Takes note* of the thirteenth annual progress report of the Secretary-General,¹ the report of the Board of Auditors² and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;³

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁴

3. *Accepts* the report of the Board of Auditors;

¹ A/70/343.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 5, vol. V (A/70/5 (Vol. V))*.

³ A/70/338 and Corr.1, sect. III.

⁴ A/70/441.



4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;
5. *Stresses* the special role of the host country Government with regard to support for United Nations Headquarters, in New York;
6. *Notes* the benefits, including economic benefits, accruing to host countries from the presence of the United Nations, and the costs incurred;
7. *Recalls* section VIII, paragraph 10, of its resolution 69/274 A, notes with concern the continued delays in the demolition of the temporary North Lawn Building, which is within the scope of the capital master plan project, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the deconstruction and demolition of the building is completed without any further delay and to report thereon in the context of his next report;
8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the commemorative value of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library;
9. *Reaffirms its commitment* to the renovation of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and South Annex Buildings, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, for its consideration and approval, future proposals relating to the renovation of these two buildings as separate projects outside the scope of the capital master plan through established procedures;
10. *Recalls* section IV, paragraph 12, of its resolution 68/247 A, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to continue to engage in high-level conversations with the host city with a view to addressing the pending security concerns in relation to the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and South Annex Buildings and to report on this matter in the context of the fourteenth annual progress report;
11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the timely conclusion of the procurement process and the completion of the security-related work at 42nd and 48th Streets before the end of 2016;
12. *Regrets* that data on utility consumption were not made available to benchmark the benefits achieved against utility consumption prior to the capital master plan, and requests the Secretary-General to provide in his fourteenth annual progress report data on current utility consumption, including consumption patterns prior to the capital master plan;
13. *Acknowledges* the handover of post-renovation activities to the Office of Central Support Services of the Department of Management of the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure proper mechanisms of accountability and clear reporting lines after the closure of the Office of the Capital Master Plan and to report thereon in the context of the fourteenth annual progress report;
14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the costs of the remaining activities will be met from the existing resources of the capital master plan project;
15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any cost changes are kept to a minimum and that detailed and comprehensive information is provided in the next progress report;
16. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to provide updated information with respect to the latest expenditure, obligations and disbursement of the project, the breakdown of the requirements for the remaining activities until project completion and the anticipated potential savings from the closure of contracts in the fourteenth annual progress report;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the remaining activities and the final financial close-out of the project;
18. *Reiterates its request* to the Advisory Committee to request the Board of Auditors to continue to report annually on the capital master plan, including the remaining activities of the project, until the final close-out of the accounts;
19. *Recalls* paragraph 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide data on the quantifiable benefits reportedly derived from the capital master plan;
20. *Notes* the forthcoming issuance of the guidelines for the management of construction projects of the Organization, and encourages the Secretary-General to take on board all related recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee, as appropriate;
21. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to request the Board of Auditors to update, if appropriate, its paper on lessons learned from the capital master plan and to include it as an annex to the next report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan.

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23 December 2015*