

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²¹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Welcomes* the contribution of the Government of Iraq and *recognises* the importance of the proposal for the construction of a purpose-built integrated headquarters for UNAMI;

4. *Approves* commitment authority for 2009 for UNAMI in the amount of \$5 million under section 32, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, to undertake design work in connection with the construction of the United Nations integrated compound in Baghdad;

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring that the project is based on accurate assumptions and that its planning phase takes into account the experience of the execution of other construction projects in the United Nations as well as ensuring proper accountability with regard to the implementation of this project;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a new, complete and detailed proposal for the construction of the United Nations integrated compound in Baghdad, under section 32, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the programme budget, for its consideration at the early part of the second resumed sixty-third session with detailed comprehensive financial requirements and clear timelines of the different phases of its implementation.

XI

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

Recalling its resolution 62/237A and 62/238 of 22 December 2007, and 62/245 of 3 April 2008;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council²² as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General²²;

²² A/63/346 and Corr.1, Add.1 to 5, A/63/346/Add.1/Corr.1 and A/63/346/Add.3/Corr.1

²³ A/63/593

2. *Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions* ²³ *subject to the provision of the present resolution;*
3. *Regrets that the timing of the presentation of the report of the Secretary-General to the Fifth Committee was delayed until the last week of the main part of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to present future budget proposals for the special political missions no later than the last week of October;*
4. *Takes note of paragraph 94 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions* ²³, *and decides to establish one Political Affairs Officer (P-3) and five local level positions.*
5. *Takes note of paragraph 158 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions* ²³, *and decides to reclassify the Chief Technical Adviser position from the D-1 to D-2 level;*
6. *Decides to establish a P-5 position, instead of a P-4, in the Office of the Special Adviser for Cyprus;*
7. *Approves the budgets totalling \$429,497,600 of the 27 special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council presented in table I of the report of the Secretary-General;* ²²
8. *Takes note of the estimated unencumbered balance of \$15,850,800;*
9. *Decides to appropriate, after taking into account the estimated unencumbered balance of \$15,850,800, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213, an amount of \$413,646,800 under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;*
10. *Further decides to appropriate an amount of \$26,432,000 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.*