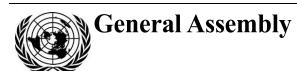
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Proposed programme budget for 2022

# Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 24 December 2021

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# 76/246. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for 2022

The General Assembly,

# I Financial performance report on the programme budget for 2020

*Recalling* its resolutions 72/266 A of 24 December 2017 and 74/262, 74/263, 74/264 A to C and 74/265 of 27 December 2019,

Having considered the financial performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for 2020<sup>1</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>2</sup>

- 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. *Takes note* of the final expenditure for 2020 in the amount of 3,015,940,300 United States dollars and the actual income for 2020 in the amount of 285,880,000 dollars;
- 4. Approves the return of a net surplus of 77,094,200 dollars in 2020 as a credit against assessments to Member States for 2022;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A/76/7/Add.16.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A/76/347.

#### II

# Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>3</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>4</sup>

- 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;

Resolution 75/282 on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes

3. *Takes note* of paragraphs 10, 11 and 28 (a) (i) of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Decision 75/570 on the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

4. Takes note of paragraphs 15 and 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Resolution 75/291 on the seventh review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

- 5. Takes note of paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
- 6. Also takes note of paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to appropriate an additional amount of 3,520,400 dollars, comprising 2,436,000 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 149,800 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, 841,700 dollars under section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, 56,900 dollars under section 24, Human rights, 30,300 dollars under section 28, Global communications, 2,900 dollars under section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology, and 2,800 dollars under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;
- 7. Appropriates an amount of 374,800 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;

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#### **International Trade Centre**

*Recalling* its resolution 76/245 of 24 December 2021 on questions relating to the proposed programme budget for 2022,

Approves resources in the amount of 20,174,900 dollars (the United Nations share equivalent to 50 per cent of 37,263,000 Swiss francs at the exchange rate of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A/76/372.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A/76/7/Add.18.

0.9235 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for 2022 under section 13, International Trade Centre, of the proposed programme budget for 2022,

#### IV

# 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 and section III of its resolution 75/253 B of 16 April 2021,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>5</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>6</sup>

- 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. Recalls paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and acknowledges the need to address the conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi as appropriate;
- 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 further refine the scope options, related maximum overall cost of the project as well as consideration of additional construction and renovation options alongside those presented in his report, and to include appropriate campus-wide information technology and other infrastructure upgrades, and also requests the Secretary-General to present detailed information and cost estimates for all options to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-seventh session;
- 7. Also requests the Secretary-General 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;
  - 8. Takes note of paragraph 70 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
- 9. Appropriates an amount of 1,839,800 dollars for the project in 2022, comprising 925,200 dollars under section 29G, Administration, Nairobi, and 914,600 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A/76/400 and A/76/400/Corr.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> A/76/7/Add.28.

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# Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2021 session

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>7</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>8</sup>

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;
- 2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;

Resolution 2021/18 on the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

3. Requests the Secretary-General to include the resource requirements for the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti in the proposed programme budget;

Resolution 2021/31 on the follow-up to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean

- 4. Acknowledges the entry into force of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement), welcomes the Agreement as the first treaty concluded under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and recalls paragraphs 3 and 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2021/31 of 22 July 2021;
- 5. Appropriates an additional amount of 454,300 dollars under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;
- 6. Also appropriates an amount of 46,100 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;

# VI

## Enterprise resource planning project, Umoja

Recalling section II of its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, section II of its resolution 63/262 of 24 December 2008, its resolution 64/243 of 24 December 2009, section II.A of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010, its resolution 66/246 of 24 December 2011, section III of its resolution 66/263 of 21 June 2012, section III of its resolution 67/246 of 24 December 2012, its resolution 68/246 of 27 December 2013, sections IV and VI of its resolution 69/274 A of 2 April 2015, section XVII of its resolution 70/248 A of 23 December 2015, section XIV of its resolution 71/272 A of 23 December 2016, section XXI of its resolution 72/262 A of 24 December 2017, section XVII of its resolution 73/279 A of 22 December 2018, section XVII of its resolution 74/263 and section V of its resolution 75/253 A of 31 December 2020,

Having considered the final progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project, he note by the Secretary-General transmitting the tenth annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> A/76/303.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> A/76/7/Add.7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> A/76/386.

the United Nations enterprise resource planning system <sup>10</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee, <sup>11</sup>

- 1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General and the note by the Secretary-General;
- 2. Also takes note of the findings of the report of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the recommendations contained therein;
- 3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
- 4. Approves the resource requirements of 24,517,800 dollars for 2022 for the Enterprise Resource Planning Solution Division;
- 5. Also approves resource requirements of 3,219,200 dollars for 2022 for business support resources;
- 6. Further approves an amount of 3,677,700 dollars under the proposed programme budget for 2022 under subprogramme 1, component 1, Enterprise resource planning solution, of section 29A, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, representing the regular budget share for the cost of the Enterprise Resource Planning Solution Division for 2022;
- 7. Revises the appropriation under the proposed programme budget for 2022 by reducing the provisions under section 29A, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, by an amount of 322,300 dollars;
- 8. Approves, under the proposed programme budget for 2022, the amounts of 43,000 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 136,600 dollars under section 29A, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, and 303,300 dollars under section 29B, Department of Operational Support, representing the regular budget share of the cost of the business support resources in 2022;
- 9. Notes that resource requirements in the amounts of 15,201,000 dollars for the Enterprise Resource Planning Solution Division and 1,995,900 dollars for business support resources will be included in the subsequent requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023;
- 10. Also notes that resource requirements in the amounts of 5,639,100 dollars for the Enterprise Resource Planning Solution Division and 740,400 dollars for business support resources will be funded from extrabudgetary resources in the financial year 2022;

#### VII

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 and section XII of its resolution 75/253 A,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> A/76/131.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> A/76/7/Add.20.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>12</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee, <sup>13</sup>

- 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, especially in the 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. 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. 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;
- 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. 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;
- 9. Recalls paragraph 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General 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;
- 10. 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;
- 11. Recalls paragraphs 7, 11, 17 and 25 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to standardize the reporting format of the United Nations construction projects in future progress reports, 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, as appropriate;
- 12. Encourages the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to include local knowledge, technology, capacity and the use of locally sourced and manufactured

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> A/76/313.

<sup>13</sup> A/76/7/Add.8.

materials, as well as local labour and expertise, throughout the implementation of the construction project;

13. Appropriates an amount of 6,965,200 dollars for project activities in 2022, comprising 940,900 dollars under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, and 6,024,300 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

#### VIII

# 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 of 24 December 2011, section III of its resolution 68/247 A of 27 December 2013, section V of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014, 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 and section X of its resolution 75/253 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General <sup>14</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee, <sup>15</sup>

- 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 contribution by the Government of Mali and the pledge by the Government of Switzerland, recalls paragraph 4 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to continue to seek both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, 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. 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. 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;
- 7. 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;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> A/76/308.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> A/76/7/Add.13.

- 8. Recalls paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary General to expeditiously fill vacant posts;
- 9. 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;
- 10. Recalls paragraphs 11 and 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to standardize the reporting format of the United Nations construction projects in future progress reports, 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, as appropriate;
- 11. Requests the Secretary-General to expeditiously complete the hiring of the main contractor for the main renovation works and to continue assessing options to complete the renovation works within the revised project timeline;
- 12. Recalls paragraph 19 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 construction and renovation projects at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, as appropriate;
- 13. 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;
- 14. Recalls paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee, requests the Secretary General to establish an energy efficiency baseline and provide a detailed update, including on the resulting cost savings, to the General Assembly in the context of the next progress report, and also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that best practices, applicable lessons learned and knowledge gained at other United Nations construction projects are shared for possible application at the Economic Commission for Africa;
- 15. 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;
- 16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, at the main part of the seventy-seventh session, a progress report on the renovation of Africa Hall;

#### IX

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its forty-sixth, forty-seventh and forty-eighth regular sessions and thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second special sessions

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General  $^{16}$  and the related report of the Advisory Committee,  $^{17}$ 

- 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 the establishment, effective 1 January 2022, of 29 posts under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, to support the activities mandated by the Council in its resolutions 47/21 of 13 July 2021, <sup>18</sup> 48/14 of 8 October 2021<sup>19</sup> and S-30/1 of 27 May 2021;<sup>20</sup>
- 4. Appropriates an additional amount of 27,180,000 dollars, comprising 3,259,700 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 23,874,500 dollars under section 24, Human rights, and 45,800 dollars under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;
- 5. Also appropriates an amount of 2,491,900 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;

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# 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-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 Council<sup>21</sup> and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,<sup>22</sup>

- 1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General;
- 2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
- 3. Decides not to establish a new duty station in Geneva for the United Nations Support Mission in Libya;
- 4. Approves the budgets in the amount of 585,629,600 dollars for the 37 continuing special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, and an amount of 1,820,200 dollars for the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for 2022,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> A/76/524.

<sup>17</sup> A/76/7/Add.30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/76/53), chap. VII, sect. A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 53A (A/76/53/Add.1), chap. IV, sect. A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 53 (A/76/53), chap. VI.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> A/76/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1, A/76/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.2, A/76/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.3, A/76/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.4, A/76/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.5, A/76/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.6 and A/76/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> A/76/7/Add.1, A/76/7/Add.2, A/76/7/Add.3, A/76/7/Add.4, A/76/7/Add.5, A/76/7/Add.6 and A/76/7/Add.19.

of which an amount of 587,449,800 dollars has been included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;

- 5. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments, with corresponding assessment, in an amount not exceeding 107,636,800 dollars for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan for the period from 1 January to 31 October 2022, and requests the Secretary-General to present a revised budget proposal for the Mission for 2022, taking into account any decision of the Security Council, as required and in accordance with established procedures;
- 6. Appropriates, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an additional amount of 17,418,100 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, for the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in the Sudan;
- 7. Also appropriates the related staff assessment portion in the amount of 861,300 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;

#### XI 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, section IX of its resolution 66/247, section I of its resolution 67/246, section VII of its resolution 70/248 A, section III of its resolution 71/272 A, section VIII of its resolution 72/262 A, section III of its resolution 73/279 A, section VI of its resolution 74/263 and section XVI of its resolution 75/253 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 Leone<sup>23</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>24</sup>

- 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> A/76/329.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> A/76/7/Add.9.

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 fundraising approaches, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-seventh 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. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 2,773,300 dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Residual Special Court for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2022, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of his next report;

#### XII

#### 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, 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 and section XX of its resolution 75/253 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 Cambodia<sup>25</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee, <sup>26</sup>

- 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 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. Encourages the Extraordinary Chambers to continue adopting appropriate measures for achieving operational savings and efficiencies, and to properly complete the judicial mandate in a transparent, accountable, cost-effective and expeditious manner, with a view to a timely commencement of the residual phase;
- 6. Recalls paragraph 12 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,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> A/76/331.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> A/76/7/Add.12.

and requests the Secretary-General to continue his intensive fundraising efforts, including by broadening the donor base;

- 7. Requests the Secretary-General to provide additional and detailed information on the final expenditures and unencumbered balance, as well as its return to Member States, in the context of the financial performance report on the programme budget for 2021 during the main part of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly;
- 8. Recalls paragraph 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to explore and present the feasibility of, and options for, a single entity of the Secretariat overseeing the operational, budgetary and financial interactions with the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials on the basis of the lessons learned from similar consolidations of functions;
- 9. Also recalls paragraphs 32, 33 and 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to conduct a review of the proposed change in the terms and conditions of the international judges and co-prosecutor, with a particular focus on the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and to report thereon in the next report;
- 10. Authorizes the Secretary-General, as an exceptional measure, to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 7 million dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2022, 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;

#### XIII

#### Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Recalling its resolution 70/238 A of 23 December 2015, section VIII of its resolution 74/263 and its resolution 75/246 of 31 December 2020,

Having considered the reports of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the work of its sixty-eighth special session<sup>27</sup> and on the work of its sixty-ninth session and administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,<sup>28</sup> the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board,<sup>29</sup> the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 and the report of the Board of Auditors on the Fund<sup>30</sup> and the recommendations contained therein, the report of the Chief Executive of Pension Administration and the Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the Fund on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report for the year ended 31 December 2020 on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund<sup>31</sup> and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,<sup>32</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the report of the Secretary-General;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fifth Session, Supplement No. 9A (A/75/9/Add.1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> A/76/297.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> A/C.5/76/2.

<sup>30</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5P (A/76/5/Add.16).

<sup>31</sup> A/76/294.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> A/75/814 and A/76/7/Add.14.

- 2. Also takes note of the report of the Chief Executive of Pension Administration and the Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the Fund on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report for the year ended 31 December 2020 on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;
- 3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
- 4. *Emphasizes* the existing prerogative of the General Assembly on matters pertaining to the Fund;

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5. Reiterates the importance of the implementation of all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors by the secretariat of the Fund, the Pension Board and the Representative of the Secretary-General, in full and in a timely manner, and of reporting thereon in the next report to the General Assembly;

#### Actuarial matters

6. *Stresses* the importance of continuing to achieve the necessary 3.5 per cent annual real rate of return on a long-term basis for the future solvency of the Fund;

#### Governance matters

- 7. Notes with appreciation the work of the Board on governance matters carried out to approve the governance reform plan, taking into account best practices as recommended by the Governance Working Group while respecting the unique nature of the Fund, and looks forward to further information thereon in the next report of the Board;
- 8. Recognizes the efforts of the Board to reduce physical attendance and its attempts to improve efficient and effective decision-making, and notes the decision of the Board regarding physical attendance at Board sessions as stated in section VI.A, paragraph 134 (2), of the report of the Board;<sup>33</sup>
- 9. Requests the Board to ensure that in 2022 the 18 representatives from the member organizations that have 1 or 2 voting Board members do not attend the Board meetings in person, and requests the Board to keep this arrangement under review and provide its observations to the General Assembly at the seventy-seventh session;
- 10. Decides that the Ethics Adviser will be recruited under the modalities applicable for general temporary assistance positions;
- 11. Emphasizes that the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall remain the sole internal oversight body of the secretariat of the Fund and its investments, in line with the mandate of the Office, as set out by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, and stresses that any change to the mandate in this regard remains the sole prerogative of the Assembly;
- 12. Emphasizes that the budget of the Pension Fund should be accountable to all stakeholders, including beneficiaries and the member organizations, and encourages the Pension Board to strengthen the functions of the Budget Committee with the aim to ensure proper oversight of the resource requirements in the light of the operational needs and budget accuracy of the Pension Fund;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> A/76/297.

13. Recalls section G of annex III to the report of the Board, and requests the Board, in consultation with the Ethics Adviser, to revise and adjust the policy and to provide further analysis of and clarification on it in the context of its next report;

#### Pension Board

- 14. Recalls paragraph 7 of its resolution 75/246, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General and the Pension Board ensure that the staff composition of the Office of Investment Management and of the Pension Administration is based on as wide a geographical basis as possible, bearing in mind Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, and to make every effort to provide an update on progress achieved in the context of their next reports;
- 15. Encourages the Secretary of the Pension Board to continue to restructure and streamline the report of the Board with the aim of making it more concise and to the point and presenting the rationale of financial and administrative proposals in a more comprehensive manner;
- 16. Highlights the importance attached by the General Assembly to continuing to ensure accountability by the Pension Board, and requests the Board to provide follow-up on all aspects of the implementation of the present resolution in the context of its report to be submitted to the Assembly at its seventy-seventh session;

#### Pension Administration

17. *Requests* the Fund to continue to ensure cost-effectiveness and appropriate geographical coverage of the call centre service operations;

#### Office of Investment Management

- 18. *Reaffirms* that the Secretary-General serves as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund;
- 19. Also reaffirms that the investment of the assets of the Fund shall be decided upon by the Secretary-General after consultation with an Investments Committee and in the light of observations and suggestions made from time to time by the Pension Board on the investments policy;
- 20. Notes that the annual real rate of return of the Fund for the 10-year and 15-year periods remained markedly above the long-term objective of 3.5 per cent, and encourages the Fund to continue its efforts to improve the performance of its investments and identify suitable comparators with peers from various countries and provide a comparison thereof in the context of its next report;
- 21. Recalls the four main criteria for investment utilized by the Fund, and requests the Secretary-General to explore, in consultation with the Investments Committee and taking into account the observations and suggestions by the Pension Board, impact investing for part of the portfolio, including in developing and emerging markets, such as Africa, bearing in mind the real rate of return target, and to report thereon to the General Assembly in his next report;
- 22. Requests the Secretary-General, as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund, to continue to diversify its investments among developed, developing and emerging markets, wherever this serves the interests of the participants and the beneficiaries of the Fund, and also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that decisions concerning the investments of the Fund in any market are implemented prudently, taking fully into account the four main criteria for investment, namely, safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility;

## Other matters

- 23. Concurs, in accordance with article 13 of the Regulations of the Fund and with a view to securing continuity of pension rights, with the new transfer agreements of the Fund with the European Investment Bank and the European Investment Fund, as approved by the Board and set out in annex VIII to its report;
- 24. Decides to approve the proposed amendments to articles 4 (c), 6, 7 and 33 (g) of the Regulations of the Fund, as well as to paragraph 19 of the Pension Adjustment System of the Fund, as set out in annex V to the report of the Board;

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- 25. Emphasizes that the aim of reviewing all the general temporary assistance positions of the Fund is not necessarily converting positions into posts, but rather increasing efficiency through the elimination of duplication of functions;
- 26. *Decides* to reduce the proposed resources for travel of staff and representatives by 25 per cent for the secretariat of the Pension Board, the Pension Administration and the Office of Investment Management;
  - 27. Approves the changes to the staffing table as set out in the table below:

#### A. Secretariat of the Pension Board

Action	Title of post	Category	Number
Reclassification	Senior Programme Management Officer	P-4 to P-5	1

#### B. Pension Administration

Action	Title of post	Category	Number
New post	Accounting Assistant	GS (OL)	5
New post	Benefits Assistant	GS (OL)	1
Total new posts			6
Conversion	Benefits Officer	P-3	1
Conversion	Benefits Assistant	GS (OL)	14
Conversion	Information/Documents Management Assistant	GS (OL)	6
Conversion	Programme Management Officer	P-4	1
Conversion	Information Systems Officer	P-4	1
Conversion	Information Systems Officer	P-3	3
Conversion <sup>a</sup>	Accounting Assistant	GS (OL)	1
Total conversions			27
Total net changes			33
Reassignment	Chief	D-1	1
Reassignment	Human Resources Officer	P-4	1
Reassignment	Benefits Officer	P-3	2
Reassignment	Benefits Assistant	GS (OL)	3
Redeployment (from executive direction and management to programme of work)	Chief of Business Transformation and Accountability Unit	P-5	1

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Action	Title of post	Category	Number
Redeployment (from executive direction and management to programme of work)	Risk Management Officer	P-4	1
Redeployment (from executive direction and management to programme of work)	Programme Management Officer (Risk)	P-3	1
Redeployment (from executive direction and management to programme of work)	Legal Officer (Compliance)	P-3	1
Redeployment (from executive direction and management to programme support)	Human Resources Officer	P-3	1
Redeployment (from programme of work to programme support)	Administrative Assistant	GS (OL)	1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> From extrabudgetary funds.

# C. Office of Investment Management

Action	Title of post	Category	Number
New post	Associate Legal Officer	P-2/P-1	1
New post	Legal Officer	P-3	1
New post	Deputy Director	D-1	1
New post	Investment Officer	P-3	2
New post	Investment Officer	P-4	2
New post	Senior Accounting Assistant	GS (PL)	1
New post	Associate Risk Officer	P-2/P-1	1
New post	Compliance Officer	P-3	1
New post	Risk Officer	P-4	1
New post	Investment Officer	P-3	3
New post	Information Systems Officer	P-3	2
Total new posts			16
Conversion	Associate Investment Officer	P-2/P-1	1
Conversion	Investment Officer	P-3	1
Conversion	Investment Officer	P-4	1
Conversion	Accountant	P-4	2
Conversion	Associate Risk Officer	P-2/P-1	1
Conversion	Associate Compliance Officer	P-2/P-1	1
Conversion	Risk Officer	P-3	1
Conversion	Associate Information Systems Officer	P-2/P-1	2
Conversion	Information Systems Officer	P-3	2
Conversion	Senior Administrative Assistant	GS (PL)	1
Total conversions			13
Total net changes			29
Reclassification	Senior Information Systems Officer	P-4 to P-5	1
Reclassification	Senior Information Technology Assistant	GS (OL) to GS (PL)	1
Reclassification	Senior Accounting Assistant	GS (OL) to GS (PL)	2

Action	Title of post	Category	Number
Reclassification	Senior Administrative Assistant	GS (OL) to GS (PL)	1
Redeployment (from executive direction and management to programme of work)	Director	D-2	1
Redeployment (from executive direction and management to programme of work)	Investment Officer	P-4	1
Redeployment (from executive direction and management to programme of work)	Staff Assistant	GS (OL)	1
Reassignment	Senior Administrative Assistant	GS (PL)	1

#### D. Office of Internal Oversight Services

Action	Title of post	Category	Number
Conversion	Chief of section, Audit	P-5	1
Conversion	Auditor	P-4	3
Conversion	Auditor	P-3	1
Conversion	Audit Assistant	GS (OL)	1
Total net changes			6

Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level).

- 28. Also approves the estimates of 121,819,100 dollars for the administration of the Fund for 2022;
- 29. Further approves expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 113,514,900 dollars net for 2022;
- 30. Approves the amount of 8,304,200 dollars as the cost of the services provided by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund to the secretariat of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for 2022, of which 5,065,600 dollars would represent the share of the regular budget and the balance of 3,238,600 dollars would represent the share of the funds and programmes;
- 31. Also approves the increase of 82,900 dollars in the cost for the services provided by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund to the secretariat of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;
- 32. *Authorizes* the Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for 2022 by an amount not to exceed 112,500 dollars;

## XIV

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2021

Having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly  $^{34}$  and the related report of the Advisory Committee,  $^{35}$ 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> A/C.5/76/3.

<sup>35</sup> A/76/7/Add.10.

- 1. Recalls its resolution 76/240 of 24 December 2021;
- 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;

#### XV

# 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 and section XIV of its resolution 75/253 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>36</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>37</sup>

- 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 detailed information on the matter 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, through the Global Asset Management Policy Service, to take into account lessons learned and best practices from similar past United Nations construction and renovation projects in the planning, design and implementation of the proposed replacement of office blocks A to J;
- 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. *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;
- 9. Recalls paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to fill the vacant positions expeditiously and provide an update in the context of the next progress report;
- 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> A/76/330.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> A/76/7/Add.17.

the Secretary-General to include information on risk management and mitigation measures taken in his next progress report;

- 11. Recalls paragraph 29 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;
- 12. 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. Also 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 United Nations Office at Nairobi facilities;
- 14. Recalls paragraphs 21, 34 and 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to standardize the reporting format of the United Nations construction projects in future progress reports, 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, as appropriate;
- 15. Approves the overall full scope, maximum overall cost of 66,260,100 dollars and implementation strategy of the project;
- 16. Appropriates an amount of 11,316,300 dollars, comprising (a) 1,163,300 dollars under section 29G, Administration, Nairobi; (b) 10,069,300 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance; and (c) 83,700 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;

#### XVI

# 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 and section XI of its resolution 75/253 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>38</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>39</sup>

- 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;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> A/76/323.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> A/76/7/Add.11.

- 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 Caribbean;
- 5. Recalls paragraph 4 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, 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;
- 6. 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;
- 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. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the project delivers renovation works that conform to relevant building codes and standards, including provisions for persons with disabilities concerning accessibility, technology and workplace safety;
- 9. Recalls paragraph 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee, 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;
- 10. Also recalls paragraphs 7, 9, 17 and 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to standardize the reporting format of the United Nations construction projects in future progress reports, 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, as appropriate;
- 11. 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;
- 12. Encourages the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to include the use of locally sourced and manufactured materials, as well as local labour and expertise, throughout the implementation of the construction project, and requests the Secretary-General to include activities pursuant to this matter in the next progress reports;
- 13. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the annual review of the role and funding ratio of the position of Project Coordinator (P-3) jointly funded by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and to provide detailed information in his next report;
- 14. Appropriates an amount of 5,590,100 dollars for project activities in 2022, comprising 431,300 dollars under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 5,158,800 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

#### XVII

## Request for a subvention to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon

Recalling section IV of its resolution 75/253 B,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the use of the 2021 subvention and request for a subvention to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon for 2022<sup>40</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>41</sup>

- 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. Underscores the high priority accorded to the work of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, recalls paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Tribunal to properly complete the judicial mandate in a transparent, accountable, cost-effective and the most expeditious manner;
- 4. 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 Tribunal, 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;
- 5. Expresses appreciation to the donors for the Tribunal, and 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 2022;
- 6. *Urges* the Tribunal to ensure that no resources will be needed after 2022 beyond residual activities, if any;
- 7. Notes with appreciation the efforts taken by the Tribunal to reduce its costs and enhance its efficiency as well as the timeliness of its activities, and encourages the Tribunal to continue their implementation, 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 judicial activities and the commencement of the residual functions in 2022, in a transparent, accountable and cost-effective manner;
- 8. Requests the Secretary-General to provide additional and detailed information on the final expenditures and unencumbered balance, as well as its return to Member States, in the context of the financial performance report on the programme budget for 2021 during the main part of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly;
- 9. *Welcomes* the significant reduction in the Tribunal's budget requirements for 2022 compared with 2021;
- 10. Appropriates an amount of 6 million dollars under section 8, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Tribunal by way of a subvention;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> A/76/522.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> A/76/7/Add.21.

#### **XVIII**

## Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Recalling part XI of its resolution 64/243, section VII of its resolution 66/247, section V of its resolution 68/247 A, sections III and VII of its resolution 69/262, 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 resolution 74/263 and section IX of its resolution 75/253 A,

Having considered the eighth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva, 42 the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, 43 the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report for the year ended 31 December 2020 on the United Nations 44 and the related report of the Advisory Committee, 45

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan, the report of the Board of Auditors and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;
- 2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
- 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. Reiterates its request to preserve the historical heritage of the Palais des Nations;
- 8. Regrets that the project started suffering delays and cost escalation before the onset of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, resulting in successive delays in the overall project;
- 9. 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;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> A/76/350.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5, vol. I (A/76/5 (Vol. I)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> See A/76/307.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> A/76/7/Add.15.

- 10. 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;
- 11. Also requests the Secretary-General to explore options to increase potential savings and ensure additional cost-efficiency in the renovation of building E;
- 12. Further requests the Secretary-General to present his future progress reports on the strategic heritage plan in a standardized format that is in line with other ongoing capital projects;
- 13. 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;
- 14. *Recalls* its resolution 73/279 A, and reiterates its decision not to approve the installation of ventilation and cooling at the Palais des Nations in the strategic heritage plan project;
- 15. Also recalls the project's objective to lower energy consumption of the Palais des Nations by at least 25 per cent compared with the 2010 baseline;
- 16. 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;
- 17. Reaffirms the proposed project scope, schedule and estimated cost of the strategic heritage plan in the maximum amount of 836,500,000 Swiss francs;
- 18. 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;
- 19. *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;
- 20. 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 2022;
- 21. 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-seventh session, and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated detailed information on these issues;
- 22. 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-seventh session;
- 23. *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;
- 24. Recalls paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee, approves the establishment of the position of Architect (P-4) in the project team, affirms that necessary staffing adjustments to the project team are met within the staffing

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resources approved for the project, and notes that such changes are reported to the General Assembly for approval in the context of the annual progress report of the Secretary-General;

- 25. Takes note of paragraph 27 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
- 26. Notes paragraph 34 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and further decides to consider the possibility of allocating proposed requirements for a valorization consultancy in the amount of 55,800 dollars during the main part of its seventy-seventh session;
- 27. Decides not to approve proposed requirements for a valorization consultancy in the amount of 55,800 dollars for 2022, and adjust the amount of income section 2, General income, accordingly;
- 28. Appropriates the amount of 66,971,800 dollars (equivalent to 61,848,500 Swiss francs) for 2022, under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;

#### XIX

## Gross jointly financed budget of the Joint Inspection Unit

Approves the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2022 in the amount of 8,145,300 dollars;

#### XX

#### Gross jointly financed budget of the International Civil Service Commission

*Approves* the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for 2022 in the amount of 11,631,800 dollars;

#### XXI

# 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 2022 in the amount of 3,964,300 dollars;

## XXII

#### 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 2022 in the amount of 163,257,200 dollars, broken down as follows:

- (a) Field Security Operations: 147,630,300 dollars;
- (b) Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 15,626,900 dollars;

#### XXIII

## 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 inflation<sup>46</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee,<sup>47</sup>

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

#### **XXIV**

## Contingency fund

- 1. Recalls its resolution 75/253 A, in which the level of the contingency fund for the year 2022 was set at 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2021, or 24,060,600 dollars;
- 2. *Notes* that, after a charge of 20,547,800 dollars, a balance of 3,512,200 dollars remains in the contingency fund for 2022;
- 3. *Decides* that the contingency fund for the year 2023 shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2022.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> A/76/593.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> A/76/7/Add.32.