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## Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

### Report of the Fifth Committee

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#### I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 130 are set out in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/67/677 and Add.1 and 2.
2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 30th and 35th meetings, on 10 May and 27 June 2013. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/67/SR.30 and 35).
3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, containing the budget proposals for 2013 for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel (A/67/346/Add.8);
  - (b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/67/604/Add.3).

#### II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.55

4. At its 35th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council" (A/C.5/67/L.55), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Netherlands.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.55 without a vote (see para. 6).



### III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* section IX of its resolution 66/247 of 24 December 2011, its resolution 66/248 A, also of 24 December 2011, section I of its resolution 66/263 of 21 June 2012, section I of its resolution 67/246 of 24 December 2012 and its resolution 67/247 A, also of 24 December 2012,

*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 Council concerning the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel<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;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>2</sup> subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Recalls* paragraphs 11, 12 and 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to consider alternative locations for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel, while taking full advantage of the opportunities for realizing synergies with the other United Nations entities present in the region and avoiding all duplicative activity;
4. *Takes note* of paragraphs 16, 21, 24, 25 and 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
5. *Decides* to establish one Senior Political Affairs Officer position at the P-5 level, one Political Affairs Officer position at the P-4 level and one Reporting Officer position at the P-3 level in the Political Team in Rome;
6. *Also decides* to establish one Senior Political Affairs Officer position at the P-5 level and one Political Affairs Officer position at the P-4 level in the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat at Headquarters;
7. *Further decides* to approve a budget for consultancy services in the amount of 590,700 United States dollars;
8. *Decides* to approve the 2013 budget for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel in the amount of 3,624,000 dollars net (3,808,000 dollars gross);

<sup>1</sup> A/67/346/Add.8.

<sup>2</sup> A/67/604/Add.3.

9. *Also decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 3,624,000 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, and an amount of 184,000 dollars under section 37, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

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