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66/263. Special subjects and questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013

The General Assembly,

I

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

Recalling section IX of its resolution 66/247 of 24 December 2011 and its resolution 66/248 A, also of 24 December 2011,

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 concerning the Office of the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States to Syria, the Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan, the United Nations Support Mission in Libya and the United Nations Political Office for Somalia,¹ as well as the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that all special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council are administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

¹ A/66/354/Add.7 and 8.

² A/66/7/Add.24 and 25.



4. *Recalls* the provisions of section XIII, paragraph 7, of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010 and section B of its decision 66/556 of 24 December 2011;

5. *Acknowledges* the significant degree of complementarity that exists among the mandates of the Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur and the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei;

6. *Takes note* of paragraphs 13, 15 to 19, 22, 27, 39 and 40 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³

7. *Decides* to approve the additional requirements for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia for 2012 in the amount of 2,996,200 United States dollars;

8. *Acknowledges* paragraph 32 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the United Nations Political Office for Somalia,³ and urges the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to secure voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund in Support of United Nations Peacebuilding Activities in Somalia;

9. *Approves* the total amount of 47,806,500 dollars for the budgets of the four special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council included in the reports of the Secretary-General;

10. *Also approves* a charge totalling 47,806,500 dollars net against the provision appropriated for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013;

II

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2011

Having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the addendum to the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2011,⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁵

1. *Recalls* its resolution 66/235 A of 24 December 2011, section X of its resolution 66/247 and its resolution 66/235 B of 21 June 2012;

2. *Takes note* of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General;⁴

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;⁵

³ A/66/7/Add.25.

⁴ A/66/394/Add.1.

⁵ A/66/7/Add.26.

III**Revised estimates under section 29A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013 and under the support account for peacekeeping operations (enterprise resource planning project (Umoja)) for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013**

1. *Recalls* the third progress report of the Secretary-General on the Umoja enterprise resource planning project;⁶
2. *Also recalls* paragraphs 78 to 93 and 101 to 107 of its resolution 66/246 of 24 December 2011, and requests the Secretary-General to fully implement those provisions as a matter of priority;
3. *Reaffirms* section II, paragraph 4, of its resolution 65/259, in which it urged the Secretary-General to make every effort to fill the vacancies in the Umoja enterprise resource planning project team as a matter of priority and to explore all possibilities for expediting the process, so as to minimize any adverse impact on project implementation;
4. *Decides* that the position of Umoja Project Director shall be at the level of Assistant Secretary-General, with effect from 1 July 2012;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to meet the related resource requirements from within the projected cost of the Umoja enterprise resource planning project.

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⁶ A/66/381.