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## Special political missions

### Thematic cluster I

#### Special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General

Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus

Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide

Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution [1559 \(2004\)](#)

United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Horn of Africa

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar

### Thematic cluster II

#### Sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms

Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Panel of Experts on the Sudan

Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Panel of Experts on Libya

Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic

Panel of Experts on Yemen

Panel of Experts on South Sudan

Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions [1526 \(2004\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution [1904 \(2009\)](#)

Implementation of Security Council resolution [2231 \(2015\)](#)

Panel of Experts on Mali

Panel of Experts on Somalia

Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate

United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (UNITAD)

**Thematic cluster III**

**Regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions**

United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS)

United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS)

United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM)

United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia

United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission

Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon

United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA)

United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL)

United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA)\*

United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH)\*

United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)

United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)

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\* Missions established during 2019 (see para. 5 below).

## I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions (A/74/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1). During its consideration of the report, the Advisory Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses received on 1 October 2019.

2. The Secretary-General, in addendum 1 to section 3, Political affairs, of his report on the proposed programme budget for 2020 (A/74/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1), provides an overview of the proposed resource requirements for 2020 for 37 special political missions and related cross-cutting issues. Detailed information in respect of each special political mission is contained in five addenda to section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget.<sup>1</sup> The addenda cover the specific requirements for thematic clusters I to III and the two largest missions, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI). The Secretary-General also indicates that he will present to the General Assembly separate proposals for any additional requirements emanating from additional mandates or changes in mandates, including the requirements for 2020 for the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement (UNMHA) (thematic cluster III) (see A/74/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1, paras. 5 and 14). The Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that resource requirements for the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH) (thematic cluster III), established on 16 October 2019 pursuant to Security Council resolution 2476 (2019), will be presented separately. The Committee's comments and recommendations pertaining to these additional budget proposals will be contained in its related reports.

3. In the present report, the Advisory Committee addresses issues of a cross-cutting nature pertaining to special political missions for which budgetary requirements are requested by the Secretary-General for 2020 (see para. 2 above), while its specific comments and recommendations relating to the budget proposals for thematic clusters I to III, UNAMA and UNAMI are presented in separate related reports.<sup>2</sup>

### Status of mission mandates and missions established in 2019

4. Of the 37 missions for which budgetary requirements are requested by the Secretary-General for 2020 (excluding UNMHA and BINUH (see para. 5 below)), it is indicated in the report of the Secretary-General that 14 missions have open-ended mandates and the remaining 23 missions have mandates that are anticipated to be extended into 2020 by the General Assembly or the Security Council (see A/74/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1, para. 7). A list of the missions is contained in paragraph 7 of that report.

5. Since the issuance of the previous report of the Advisory Committee (see A/73/498, para. 5), two special political missions have been established by the Security Council: (a) UNMHA, by Council resolution 2452 (2019); and (b) BINUH, pursuant to Council resolution 2476 (2019) (see also para. 2 above). Information on the changes in mission mandates is provided in paragraph 8 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/74/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1).

<sup>1</sup> A/74/6 (Sect.3)/Add.2, A/74/6 (Sect.3)/Add.3, A/74/6 (Sect.3)/Add.4, A/74/6 (Sect.3)/Add.5, A/74/6 (Sect.3)/Add.5/Corr.1, A/74/6 (Sect.3)/Add.6 and A/74/6 (Sect.3)/Add.6/Corr.1.

<sup>2</sup> A/74/7/Add.2, A/74/7/Add.3, A/74/7/Add.4, A/74/7/Add.5 and A/74/7/Add.6.

## Introduction of an annual programme budget on a trial basis from 2020

### *Introduction of an annual programme budget on a trial basis*

6. The Advisory Committee recalls that the General Assembly approved the introduction of an annual programme budget on a trial basis, starting from 2020, in its resolution [72/266 A](#) (see [A/74/7](#), chap. I, paras. 2 and 3). In its review of the proposed programme budget for 2020, the Advisory Committee has indicated a number of related implications and recognized that the transition to an annual budget period presents a challenge (see [A/74/7](#), chap. I, paras. 22 and 33). The Committee has made comments and recommendations on the budget methodology, format and presentation (*ibid.*, chap. I, sect. A), which also apply to the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions for thematic clusters I to III, UNAMA and UNAMI.<sup>1</sup>

7. In addition, the Advisory Committee notes that the main report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#)) contains, to a large extent, the same format, presentation and content as those of his previous reports, which have been improving over the years and were welcomed by the Committee (see [A/73/498](#), para. 42).

### *Budgeting for special political missions*

8. With respect to the budgeting for special political missions, the Advisory Committee recalls that under the biennial programme budget, while estimates of the special political missions are submitted annually, a biennial provision for special political missions is included under section 3 of a biennial programme budget, against which annual estimates of the missions represent charges, and additional resource requirements arising in an amount over a biennial provision require additional appropriation (see [A/72/6 \(Sect. 3\)](#), para. 3.86; and [A/73/498](#), paras. 6 and 7 and annex I). The Committee notes that with the change to an annual programme budget, while estimates of the special political missions continue to be submitted annually, the total resource requirements of special political missions are now derived from the resource requirements of the individual missions (included as addenda 2–6 to section 3 of the proposed programme budget for 2020), which are included within the overall resource level proposed for 2020 by the Secretary-General (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)](#), para. 3.123; and [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), para. 4).

9. In the context of the introduction of an annual programme budget on a trial basis, the General Assembly, in its resolution [73/279 A](#), looked forward to earlier consideration of the budgets of special political missions as part of the move to annual budgeting,<sup>3</sup> and stressed the importance of the Advisory Committee considering the budgets of special political missions in sufficient time to allow the Assembly the necessary time to make considered decisions. **The Advisory Committee notes that the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to present future budget proposals for the special political missions no later than the last week of October (see resolution [73/279 A](#), sect. XIV, paras. 5 and 6).**

10. **The Advisory Committee notes that the inclusion of the actual resource estimates of the special political missions within the overall resource level of the proposed programme budget improves the budgetary accuracy of the programme budget, compared with the biennial provisions for the special political missions for**

<sup>3</sup> In its report relating to the management reform (see [A/72/7/Add.24](#), paras. 51 (d) and 59), the Advisory Committee supported the earlier submission of budget proposals for the special political missions, while it recommended against the proposal to integrate the budgets for the special political missions under a new stand-alone budget section of the programme budget. Those recommendations were endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [72/266 A](#).

recent bienniums (see [A/73/498](#), paras. 7–9; see also para. 53 below). The Committee also notes that the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions for 2020<sup>1</sup> no longer contain information on budget performance for the current period, such as projected expenditures and variances against appropriations that were available in previous budget proposals (see table 1 in documents [A/73/352/Add.1](#), [A/73/352/Add.2](#), [A/73/352/Add.2/Corr.1](#), [A/73/352/Add.3](#) and [A/73/352/Add.5](#) and table 2 in document [A/73/352/Add.4](#); see also para. 11 below). While the Committee welcomes the inclusion of the actual resource estimates of the special political missions within the overall resource level of the proposed programme budget, to ensure a more meaningful review of resource estimates for the missions, together with more updated budget performance information to be made available for the current period, the Committee intends to review the future proposals of the Secretary-General for the missions subsequent to the finalization of its first report on the proposed annual programme budget, issued under the symbol (A/\_\_/7).

## II. Overview of resource requirements for 2020

### A. Budget performance for 2019

11. The Advisory Committee recalls that the previous main reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions contained a separate subsection on budget performance, including a summary of estimated budget performance and a summary of significant variances between the appropriation and projected expenditures in two tables, when those reports were presented in the third quarter of a year (see [A/73/352](#), sect. II. A and tables 5 and 6). For the proposed estimates for 2020, the Committee notes the absence of budget performance information for 2019 in the main report of the Secretary-General, which was submitted in June 2019 ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#)). The Committee received, upon enquiry, information on the budget performance as at 30 June 2019. **The Advisory Committee trusts that the most updated information on the budget performance for 2019, including information by mission and by major component, will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.**

12. On a related matter, the Advisory Committee recalls that in its review of the proposed programme budget for 2020, it was informed that to manage the liquidity problem experienced by the Organization, the curtailment of expenditures was limited to non-post costs in 2018, and that programme managers were requested to slow down recruitment against vacant posts in 2019. The Committee has therefore indicated that, in view of the actions taken to defer expenditures in the course of the biennium 2018–2019, it considers that the practice of analysing actual expenditures from the preceding budget period to assess the proposal for the forthcoming period is not a fully reliable basis for comparison in the case of the budget proposal for 2020 (see [A/74/7](#), chap. I, para. 60).

### B. Resource requirements for 2020

13. The Secretary-General provides an overview of the proposed resource requirements of \$643,875,000 net for 2020 for 37 continuing special political missions in his report, inclusive of the provision of \$1,427,100 for the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the 2019/20 peacekeeping financial period (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), sect. II; see also para. 15 below). The resource estimates proposed for 2020 do not take into

account the requirements of UNMHA (see para. 2 above). The resource level proposed for 2020 represents a decrease of \$11,673,700 (or 1.8 per cent) compared with the approved resources for 2019 (excluding UNMHA), reflecting increases for thematic clusters I and II and decreases for thematic cluster III, UNAMA and UNAMI (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), para. 78 and table 4). Information with respect to the resource changes for 2020 by thematic cluster is discussed in paragraphs 80 to 84 of the report of the Secretary-General.

14. The Advisory Committee was also provided, upon request, with a breakdown of resource changes proposed for 2020 for special political missions, as follows:

(a) New and expanded mandates: an increase of \$7.1 million, relating primarily to: (i) the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) (\$5.4 million), owing to the deployment of an additional 95 Guard Unit personnel and the new positions to support the anticipated “one person, one vote” elections in 2020 and 2021 in Somalia; (ii) the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (\$0.5 million), for the provision of political support for the implementation of the Stockholm Agreement pursuant to Security Council resolutions [2451 \(2018\)](#) and [2452 \(2019\)](#); and (iii) the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da’esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (UNITAD) (\$1.2 million), owing to the reassessment of organizational structures, staffing levels and resource requirements on the basis of the actual experience on the ground, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution [73/279 A](#);

(b) Initiatives of the Secretary-General: an increase of \$1.1 million for: (i) the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (\$0.1 million) relating to the proposed establishment of one position of Security Officer (P-3); and (ii) the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (\$1.0 million), owing to higher costs for security services and the acquisition of armoured vehicles in relation to security requirements;

(c) Anticipated reductions: a decrease of \$19.8 million, relating primarily to: (i) UNAMI (\$5.3 million), owing mainly to reduced operational costs; (ii) UNAMA (\$4.5 million), owing to a net reduction of nine international positions, the proposed cost-sharing of seven positions with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and reduced operational costs; (iii) the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) (\$3.9 million), owing to the proposed relocation of staff to Tripoli; and (iv) the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia (\$3.9 million), owing to the projected closure of four remote field locations.

15. With respect to the proposed increase in the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, from the provision of \$595,500 approved in 2019 to the amount of \$1,427,100 included for 2020, the Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that the increase in the share, which is prorated on the basis of the proportionate size of the budgets of the client missions of the Regional Service Centre, is due to the increase in the number of special political missions serviced by the Regional Service Centre. For the budget for the 2019/20 peacekeeping financial period, the number of clients increased from 7 to 10, reflecting the addition of four special political missions (the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS), the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS), United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission and UNSMIL), offset in part by the termination of the mandate of the Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea. The Committee recalls that, in the proposed estimates for special political missions for 2019, the Secretary-General proposed, pending the approval and implementation of a global service delivery model, to expand the full-service coverage provided by the Regional Service Centre



to all special political missions based in Africa (see [A/73/498](#), para. 52 (b)), which was endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution [73/279 A](#).

16. A summary of the variances between the approved resources for 2019 and the proposed resources for 2020 by mission is provided in table 5 of the main report of the Secretary-General, and mission-by-mission estimates are presented in table 6 of that report. The Advisory Committee was provided, upon enquiry, with a list of the main factors contributing to the variances in resource requirements for 2020 and the Committee trusts that the information will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.

### **Staffing requirements for 2020**

17. The Secretary-General proposes that the number of civilian personnel be increased from 4,005 to 4,039, representing a net increase of 34 positions (0.8 per cent) for the 37 special political missions (excluding the 11 proposed general temporary assistance positions for UNSOM for electoral support in 2020). The changes under civilian personnel for 2020 reflect: (a) increases of 64 positions, comprising the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (6), the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (1), UNITAD (13), UNSOM (26) and the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia (18); and (b) decreases of 30 positions, comprising UNOWAS (1), UNIOGBIS (15), UNSMIL (5), UNAMA (7) and UNAMI (2). A summary of the proposed changes in the number and level of civilian positions for 2020 is provided in annex XI to the main report of the Secretary-General. Upon request, the Committee was provided with a table on all staffing changes by category for 2020 (see annex I). The comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the proposed staffing requirements for individual missions are contained in its related reports.<sup>2</sup>

### *Vacancy rates and vacant positions*

18. The main report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#)) contains information on vacancy rates experienced in 2018, approved for 2019 and proposed for 2020 (annex IX) and positions vacant for over two years as at 31 December 2018 (annex X). The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that managers have been instructed to delay their hiring and non-post expenditures in 2019 (see also para. 12 above). **The Advisory Committee trusts that more updated information on vacancy and recruitment status will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.**

19. In its first report on the proposed programme budget for 2020, the Advisory Committee has made comments and recommendations relating to vacancy rates, long-vacant posts and special post allowances (see [A/74/7](#), chap. I, sect. A), which, as policy matters, also apply to the special political missions under consideration. The Committee makes specific comments and recommendations relating to those matters for individual missions in its related reports.<sup>2</sup>

### *Vacancy rates for reassigned and new posts and positions*

20. In its review of the proposed programme budget for 2020, the Advisory Committee sought clarification concerning the matter of vacancy rates for new and reassigned posts and positions applied under different budget proposals and expressed its intention to revert to the matter in the context of its forthcoming addendum pertaining to the 2020 budget proposals for special political missions (see [A/74/7](#), chap. I, paras. 44 and 45). Upon enquiry, the Committee was provided with information on vacancy rates for new and reassigned posts and positions budgeted for

the programme budget, special political missions, peacekeeping operations and the support account for peacekeeping operations (see annex II).

21. With respect to posts and positions proposed for “reassignment”, the Advisory Committee recalls that for the first time under the programme budget, six posts are proposed for reassignment, a concept aligned with the practice applied in the peacekeeping operations, and that a vacancy rate of 50 per cent has been applied for the six posts for 2020 (see A/74/7, chap. I, para. 78). Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that a total of nine positions are proposed for reassignment for 2020 for special political missions, with the application of vacancy rates ranging from 8 per cent to 31 per cent for international positions and from 3 per cent to 35 per cent for national and local positions. Furthermore, the Committee notes from information contained in annex II that for the 100 reassigned posts approved in peacekeeping operations for 2019/20, vacancy rates applied ranged from 7 per cent to 15 per cent for international positions and from 2 per cent to 18 per cent for national positions, except for a vacancy rate of 50 per cent that was applied to the support account for peacekeeping operations.

22. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that for peacekeeping operations and special political missions, while a vacancy rate of 50 per cent could be applied to positions proposed for reassignment to reflect the substantial changes in function, proposed vacancy rates are adjusted to reflect mission-specific circumstances. It was indicated to the Committee that missions tend to apply a recruitment and onboarding period of shorter than 6 months (equivalent to 50 per cent), sometimes from the readily available pool of candidates following the proposed abolishment of posts, and that a significant number of those posts are being filled temporarily while long-term recruitment is being completed.

23. Concerning proposed new posts and positions, the Advisory Committee notes from information contained in annex II that: (a) for new international posts and positions, a vacancy rate of 50 per cent is generally applied under all budgets (approved for the biennium 2018–2019 and proposed for 2020 for the programme budget, and approved for the peacekeeping operations and the support account for the 2019/20 period); and (b) for new national posts and positions, a vacancy rate of 50 per cent is applied in peacekeeping budgets, while a 35 per cent rate is applied in the budgets of the support account for peacekeeping operations and special political missions. A few exceptions can be found in the proposed budgets for 2020 of UNITAD and UNSOM and the approved budget for 2019/20 of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (see annex II).

**24. The Advisory Committee notes that for new and reassigned posts and positions, various vacancy rates are proposed and applied without sufficient justification (the proposed programme budget for 2020, including special political missions, the peacekeeping operations and the support account for the 2019/20 period). The Committee is therefore of the view that, as a policy matter, vacancy rates budgeted for new and reassigned posts and positions under all of the budgets should be presented with clarity, and trusts that further information and explanation will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.**

25. Furthermore, for the new posts and positions in the proposed programme budget for 2020, the Advisory Committee notes that, in view of the annualization of the biennial programme budget period (from 24 to 12 months) on a trial basis, the financial implications arising from the continued application of a 50 per cent vacancy rate in an annual budget cycle, compared with that of a biennial programme budget period, need to be explained. The Committee trusts that

related information will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.

### **Budgeting for the positions of resident coordinators and related support capacity in special political missions**

#### *Background*

26. The Advisory Committee recalls that the General Assembly, in its resolution [72/279](#), decided to create a dedicated, independent, impartial, empowered and sustainable development-focused coordination function for the United Nations development system by separating the functions of the resident coordinator from those of the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and to provide sufficient funding for the system.<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to that resolution, a total of 129 resident coordinator posts transitioned to the United Nations Secretariat from UNDP effective 1 January 2019. Of the 129 posts, 12 posts (10 Assistant Secretary-General and 2 D-2) were part of the staffing table of peacekeeping operations, special political missions and the programme budget.<sup>5</sup> The Committee has noted that, while the Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General will no longer perform the functions of resident representative of UNDP from 2019, the functions of the resident coordinator will not be separated from those of the Deputy Special Representatives and/or humanitarian coordinators in the missions (see [A/73/498](#), paras. 21–23 and 25).

27. The Advisory Committee further recalls that, with respect to the core support capacity for the new resident coordinators at the country level, the Secretary-General proposes a minimum capacity of five substantive staff members in each resident coordinator office to cover the core functions for effective coordination (*ibid.*, para. 26). The Committee was provided, upon enquiry, with the information contained in table 1.

Table 1  
**Core substantive staff in the resident coordinator office**

<i>Number of positions</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Functional title</i>
1	P-5	Senior Development Coordination Officer, Strategic Planning/Team Leader
1	P-4 or NPO	Development Coordination Officer, Economist
1	NPO	Development Coordination Officer, Programme Communication and Advocacy
1	NPO	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Data Management and Results Monitoring/Reporting
1	NPO	Development Coordination Officer, Partnerships and Development Finance
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 –</b>	<b>–</b>

*Abbreviation:* NPO, National Professional Officer.

<sup>4</sup> The system would be funded, on an annual basis starting from 1 January 2019, through: (a) a 1 per cent coordination levy on tightly earmarked third-party non-core contributions to United Nations development-related activities, to be paid at source; (b) doubling the current United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement among United Nations development system entities; and (c) voluntary, predictable, multi-year contributions to a dedicated trust fund to support the inception period.

<sup>5</sup> One Assistant Secretary-General-level post is in the Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget.

*Budgeting for the positions of support capacity in integrated missions*

28. In the six structurally integrated special political missions, namely, UNIOGBIS, UNSOM, the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon, UNSMIL, UNAMA and UNAMI, the double- or triple-hatted Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General (Deputy Special Coordinator in the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon) will continue to serve as resident coordinators and/or humanitarian coordinators. The salaries and common staff costs related to those positions are budgeted at 50 per cent of the total cost in the proposed budgets of the respective special political missions for 2020 (cost-shared with the reinvigorated resident coordinator system discussed in para. 26 above) (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), para. 89).

29. During its review of the estimates in respect of special political missions for 2019 (see [A/73/498](#), paras. 24–28), the Advisory Committee was provided with information on the resources proposed for the support capacity for the resident coordinators of UNAMA, UNAMI and the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon, and noted that the resources for the three missions appeared to be duplicative of the core support capacity to be provided under the new resident coordinator system funded from the special purpose trust fund. The General Assembly endorsed the Committee's recommendation that the Secretary-General undertake a review, in the context of the next budget submissions, to ensure that the arrangements proposed for the double- or triple-hatted Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General and the related support capacity in the six missions were consistent with the provisions of Assembly resolution [72/279](#).

30. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was provided with a summary of the proposals for 2020 relating to the support capacity for the double- or triple-hatted Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General for each of the six missions (see table 2).

Table 2

**Proposals for 2020 for positions providing support to the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (or Deputy Special Coordinator)/Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator in special political missions**

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Office/service/section/unit</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Functional title</i>	<i>Comments</i>
UNAMA	Office of DSRSG (Development) (RC/HC)/Resident Coordinator/United Nations Country Team Unit	1 P-5	Senior Mission Planning Officer	Proposed for abolishment in 2020
		1 P-4	Coordination Officer	Proposed for abolishment in 2020
		1 P-3	Coordination Officer	Support synergies between the Mission and the United Nations country team, including joint programmes, and ensure the integration and alignment of programmatic activities of the United Nations country team with the Mission's core mandated work. One NPO is proposed for abolishment in 2020
		2 NPO	Associate Coordination Officer	
		1 LL	Team Assistant	
UNAMI	Office of DSRSG for Development and Humanitarian Affairs/Development Coordination Office	1 P-5	Senior Programme Officer	Support the integration of humanitarian and development efforts with the overall mandate of the Mission, including programme and operations management, and support stabilization efforts in liberated areas and the return of displaced populations, promoting and facilitating social cohesion and reconciliation and coordinating support for recovery activities, the Government's reconstruction agenda and the national development plan
		2 P-4	Coordination Officer	
		4 P-3	Coordination Officer	
		1 P-2	Associate Coordination Officer	
		17 NPO	Associate Coordination Officer	
		2 LL	Team Assistant	

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Office/service/section/unit</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Functional title</i>	<i>Comments</i>
UNSOM	Office of DSRSG/RC/HC	1 P-5	Special Assistant, Political Affairs	Proposed to be reclassified at the P-4 level in 2020 to provide support to DSRSG/RC/HC in his day-to-day tasks
		1 FS	Administrative Assistant	
UNIOGBIS	Office of DSRSG/RC	1 NPO	Associate Coordination Officer	Supports implementation of operations in a coherent and mutually supportive manner
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	Coordination Unit	1 P-5	Senior Coordination Officer	Ensure alignment between the work of the mission and the United Nations country team and monitor activities that can have an impact on the political stability of Lebanon and implications for the Office's mandate
		1 P-4	Coordination Officer	
		1 NPO	Coordination Officer	
UNSMIL	Office of DSRSG/RC/HC	3 P-4	1 Special Assistant and 2 Political Affairs Officer	Ensure that the Mission's political priorities are fully reflected in the planning of interventions by the United Nations country team and smooth liaison between the Mission/DSRSG and, in particular, the humanitarian country team, in addition to close coordination with the Office of the Chief of Staff on United Nations policies and processes applicable Mission-wide
		1 FS	Personal Assistant	
		1 NPO	Administrative Assistant	

*Abbreviations:* DSRSG, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General; FS, Field Service; HC, humanitarian coordinator; LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; RC, resident coordinator.

31. The Advisory Committee notes from table 2 that of the six missions, only UNAMA is proposing the abolishment of three positions (1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 National Professional Officer) in the Resident Coordinator Office/United Nations Country Team Unit for 2020 (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.5](#) and [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.5/Corr.1](#), para. 46), while UNAMI is proposing to continue with all of its 27 positions in the Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Development and Humanitarian Affairs for 2020. Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that during the preparation of the 2020 budget proposal, all missions had reviewed their existing capacity and that the staffing requirements of the other five integrated missions are proposed to remain unchanged for 2020, since no duplications were identified as those staff members provide dedicated support to the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General rather than to the resident coordinator and/or the humanitarian coordinator functions.

32. The Advisory Committee recalls that it has welcomed the efforts undertaken by UNAMA to review and adjust its staffing needs as a result of the implementation of the reforms of the resident coordinator system and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) (see [A/74/7/Add.5](#), para. 14). In UNAMA, the responsibilities of the three positions proposed for abolishment for 2020 would subsequently be carried out by the capacity being established in the resident coordinator's office, to be funded by the special purpose trust fund.<sup>6</sup> Concerning UNAMI specifically, the Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that the current staffing levels enabled UNAMI to provide the necessary support to the Government of Iraq, in accordance with its mandate, and to exercise a crucial coordination function between UNAMI and the United Nations country team to ensure cohesion and coherence across the various activities, while the five core support positions to support the resident coordinator (see table 1), to be funded by the special purpose

<sup>6</sup> The Development Coordination Office, through the special purpose trust fund, is providing an amount of \$1,381,600 in funding for 2019 to support one P-5, one P-4 and three National Professional Officer positions, as well as transition staffing and coordination funding at UNAMA.

trust fund, are being recruited to support the development coordination function, which is independent from the mandate of UNAMI. **The Advisory Committee notes that the current arrangements may indicate that, with regard to UNAMI, there are two parallel coordination mechanisms with the United Nations country team, one in the Mission and one in the Office of the Resident Coordinator.**

33. The Advisory Committee notes that the reports of the Secretary-General in respect of special political missions for 2020 ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#)), [A/74/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.2](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.3](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.4](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.5](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.5/Corr.1](#), [A/74/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.6](#) and [A/74/6 \(Sect.3\)/Add.6/Corr.1](#)) contain no information on a review of the support capacity in the six structurally integrated special political missions, as requested by the General Assembly. The Committee requested, but did not receive, clear information with respect to how the review was conducted in the respective missions. Furthermore, the Committee sought, but did not receive, satisfactory responses on the division of labour and coordination of functions between the core support capacity provided under the new resident coordinator system and the overall support capacity in the offices of the Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General in the missions concerned. In addition, the Committee received an organizational chart of the resident coordinator office in one mission only. **The Advisory Committee is therefore not convinced of the continuation for the 2020 period of the existing support capacity levels in the offices of the Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General or Deputy Special Coordinator in the five missions, in particular in the case of UNAMI. The Committee trusts that more justification and clarification will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report.**

34. The Advisory Committee reiterates that the Secretary-General should ensure that the arrangements proposed for the double- or triple-hatted Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General and the related support capacity in the six missions are consistent with the provisions of General Assembly resolution [72/279](#). Considering the recent reinvigoration of the resident coordinator system, including the strengthening of the core support staff for the offices of the resident coordinators, the Committee reiterates its recommendation that the Assembly request the Secretary-General to further review and adjust the relevant organizational structures and support capacity in the offices of the Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General in the respective structurally integrated special political missions so that relevant proposals will be included in the next budget proposals. In addition, the Committee reiterates its expectation that a consistent approach will also be adopted for those positions in the peacekeeping operations concerned for 2020/21, as well as those relating to the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process in the proposed programme budget for 2021 (see [A/73/498](#), para. 27).

*Administrative support to the offices of the resident coordinator*

35. The Secretary-General indicated that UNDP would provide administrative and operational support services for premises and facilities management, general administration, finance and procurement, legal affairs and information, communication and technology to the regional and country offices on a service fee basis (*ibid.*, para. 28). In its review of the proposed budgets for 2020 for the special political missions, the Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that the Development Coordination Office established a service-level agreement with UNDP in 2019 to allow the new resident coordinator system to access operational support services in an uninterrupted manner during its first year of post delinking (see para. 26



above). The Development Coordination Office is currently identifying potential services that could be continued by UNDP and other potential service providers in 2020, including Secretariat departments and other entities and the Office itself, with examination of related cost estimates.

### Operational costs for 2020

36. Information on the resource requirements for operational costs for 2020 is provided in table 7 of the report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#)), excluding the requirements for UNMHA (see para. 2 above). The proposed resources amount to \$229.1 million for 2020, representing a decrease of \$15.6 million compared with the provision for 2019. The Advisory Committee discusses cross-cutting issues in the present section, and its specific comments and recommendations on proposed requirements under operational costs for 2020 for individual missions are provided in its related reports.<sup>2</sup>

#### *Allocations of vehicles and information technology equipment*

37. Tables 2 and 3 in the main report of the Secretary-General ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#)) provide information on the proposed allocation of vehicles and computing devices for personnel in field-based special political missions for 2020. The Advisory Committee notes that the overall allocation of vehicles proposed for 2020 is 5.1 per cent higher than the standard ratio, compared with 16.4 per cent higher proposed for 2019, while the overall allocation of information technology equipment proposed for 2020 is 5.6 per cent higher than the standard ratio, compared with 4.9 per cent higher proposed for 2019 (see [A/73/352](#) and [A/73/352/Corr.1](#), tables 3 and 4). The Committee further notes that for vehicle allocation, the reduced overall ratio for 2020 reflects decreases under thematic clusters I and III, UNAMA and UNAMI, offset in part by an increase under thematic cluster II (relating to UNITAD), and that for the allocation of information technology equipment, the increased ratio for 2020 is also due to the proposed holdings for UNITAD.

38. The Advisory Committee observed a trend of increasingly higher allocation percentages than those specified by the Standard Cost and Ratio Manual in recent years and expressed the view that the trend should be reviewed and reversed (see [A/73/498](#), para. 36; and [A/72/7/Add.10](#), para. 42). The Committee therefore notes the reduced overall ratio for vehicle allocations proposed for 2020. However, the Committee further notes that, as in previous budget proposals, no specific justification is provided for those missions with proposed higher allocations of vehicles, except that the Secretariat has noted that the vehicle holdings of some missions are higher than the standard allocation and that there are also operating conditions to which some missions, more than others, need to adapt, which was already stated in the previous report of the Secretary-General (see [A/73/498](#), para. 36). The justification provided for the proposed higher information technology equipment allocations continues to be mainly for the need for training facilities, Internet cafés, CarLog systems and programming of the radios and other fieldwork (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), para. 65; see also [A/73/352](#) and [A/73/352/Corr.1](#), para. 60).

39. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was provided with information for each of those missions with higher vehicle allocations, and trusts that the information will be provided to the General Assembly at the time of its consideration of the present report. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure that actual allocations of vehicles and information technology equipment will be regularly reviewed and aligned with the standard ratios, and that specific justification for higher allocations by missions will be provided in the context of his future budget submissions.**

40. With respect to the acquisition of vehicles, it is indicated that the Secretariat monitors vehicle acquisition by missions to ensure efficiency gains by using cost-efficient vehicles from newly established systems contracts established by the Secretariat through a collaborative exercise with United Nations system-wide entities (see A/74/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1, para. 61). The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that a provision of \$782,800 for the acquisition of vehicles is requested for 2020 for five missions (see table 3). The Committee was also informed that total resources in the amount of \$4,025,000 are requested for 14 missions for 2020 for the acquisition of communications and information technology equipment (see annex III).

Table 3  
**Resources proposed for the acquisition of vehicles for 2020**

(United States dollars)

<i>Description of equipment</i>		<i>Cost of proposed acquisition of vehicles</i>
<b>Cluster I</b>		
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	9 light passenger vehicles to replace armoured vehicles	229 600
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	Acquisition of 3 armoured vehicles for the proposed staff for offices in Sana'a and Aden	418 500
<b>Subtotal, cluster I</b>		<b>648 100</b>
<b>Cluster III</b>		
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	Replacement of 1 minibus	19 900
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	Replacement of 2 vehicles (4x4 general purpose, heavy)	47 600
<b>Subtotal, cluster III</b>		<b>67 500</b>
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	2 vehicles (neighbourhood electric vehicle) and replacement of 1 forklift	67 200
<b>Total</b>		<b>782 800</b>

*Cost-sharing and outsourcing of services*

41. The Advisory Committee notes from the budget estimates that the proposed lower resource requirements for UNAMA and UNAMI for 2020 are attributable in part to a number of cost-sharing arrangements in place among UNAMA, UNAMI and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes (see A/74/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.1, para. 83). Upon enquiry, the Committee was provided with information on the outsourcing of services by special political missions (see annex IV). The Committee was also provided with information on cost-sharing arrangements in the missions (see annex V). **The Advisory Committee welcomes the cooperation among the special political missions and with the United Nations entities as a means to avoid duplication and maximize organizational efficiency. The Committee trusts that the cost-sharing arrangements in place will be enhanced with a view to maximizing efficient resource use and cost transparency (see also A/74/7/Add.2, para. 22).**

*Travel and compliance with the policy for advance booking of air travel*

42. Annexes V and VI to the main report of the Secretary-General provide information on the proposed official travel resources for 2020 and the annual rates of compliance with the advance booking policy, as requested by the Advisory



Committee. The Committee has discussed the persistent low rates of compliance with the 16-day advance booking policy for the purchase of air tickets by special political missions (see [A/73/498](#), paras. 32–34; [A/72/7/Add.10](#), para. 37; [A/71/595](#), para. 32; and [A/70/7/Add.10](#), para. 37). In its first report on the proposed programme budget for 2020, the Committee has made comments and recommendations on travel and compliance with the policy for advance booking of air travel (see [A/74/7](#), chap. I, paras. 98–100). The Committee also makes specific comments and recommendations relating to travel for individual missions in its related reports.<sup>2</sup>

### III. General observations and recommendations

#### Backstopping support to special political missions at Headquarters

43. Annex VII to the main report of the Secretary-General presents consolidated information on backstopping support positions at Headquarters funded from special political mission budgets approved for 2019 and proposed for 2020, including a summary of the proposed changes for 2020. A total of 41 such positions are proposed for 2020, compared with the 40 positions approved for 2019. The proposed changes for 2020 are as follows: (a) for UNSOM, the proposed establishment of a position of Electoral Officer (P-4) in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs of the Secretariat in view of the political, technical, operational and logistical support to be provided to the Federal Government of Somalia for the delivery of inclusive, peaceful, credible one-person-one-vote elections in 2020 and 2021; and (b) for UNITAD, the redeployment of one position of Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) from the Office of the Special Adviser to New York, as a backstopping position, to replace the current backstopping position of Political Affairs Officer (P-4) in New York, which will be redeployed to the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Mission (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), para. 74).

**44. The Advisory Committee reiterates its expectation that consolidated information on backstopping positions at Headquarters will continue to be provided in future budget submissions. The Committee continues to believe that the existing backstopping positions at Headquarters should be reviewed annually in order to realign the capacities when changes in the mandates of the missions occur (see [A/73/498](#), para. 46).**

45. Annex I to the main report of the Secretary-General contains information on the lead departments that would provide support to the special political missions in 2020, with information on the mandates of the missions. Information concerning the substantive and administrative support provided to the missions in 2019 and in 2020 is also provided in paragraphs 75 and 76 of that report. The Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs leads and provides substantive backstopping to 35 of the 38 special political missions, inclusive of UNMHA.

46. During its consideration of the proposed resource estimates for 2019 for the special political missions, the Advisory Committee was informed that, with the establishment of the new Departments following the peace and security and management reforms, the structures at Headquarters would be aligned to better support the special political missions in a more effective and responsive manner. The Committee expressed its expectation at the time that the Secretary-General would provide detailed information on improvements to the support provided by Headquarters to the special political missions in future budget submissions (see [A/73/498](#), para. 48). The Secretary-General indicates that the new single political-operational structure of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and the Department of Peace Operations, which took effect on 1 January 2019, has allowed

the Secretariat to develop a more integrated analysis to inform regional strategies. He also indicates that, complementary to the implementation of the peace and security architecture reform, a key element of management reform is the decentralization of authority and the empowering of managers in the field, and that heads of special political missions have received authority to implement the Financial Regulations and Rules and Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations directly from the Secretary-General (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), paras. 22–26). The Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that a self-evaluation on the implementation of the delegation of authority was expected to take place in all special political missions in 2020. **The Advisory Committee trusts that information concerning the self-evaluation on the implementation of the delegation of authority by the special political missions will be provided in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2021.**

### Nationalization of positions

47. The Advisory Committee noted the decreasing number of positions nationalized in recent years by the special political missions, compared with a total of 12 for 2016 (see [A/73/498](#), para. 56; and [A/72/7/Add.10](#), para. 59). For 2020, a total of seven positions are proposed for nationalization, compared with five positions proposed for 2019. Upon enquiry, the Committee was provided with information on the number of positions that had been nationalized since 2016 (see table 4).

Table 4

### Number of nationalized positions from 2016 to 2020

<i>Budget year</i>	<i>Mission</i>	<i>Number of positions</i>	<i>Details of positions</i>
2020 <sup>a</sup>	UNAMI	7	1 P-3 to NPO (Information Analyst); and 6 FS to LL (5 Security Assistant and 1 Supply Assistant)
2019	UNSMIL	1	FS to NPO (Assistant Political Affairs Officer)
	United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	1	Air Operations Assistant (FS) to Air Operations Officer (NPO)
	UNAMI	3	FS to LL (Administrative Assistant, Telecommunications Assistant and Information Technology Assistant)
2018	UNSMIL	1	FS to LL (Mail Assistant)
	UNAMA	–	Badakhshan (Faizabad) office: abolishment of 5 international positions, redeployment of the remaining international position to the Elections Support Office and establishment of 1 position of Political Affairs Officer (NPO) to serve as Head of Office
	UNAMI	1	Security Officer (FS) to Research Analysis Officer (NPO)
2017	UNAMI	1	FS to LL (Travel Assistant)
2016	UNIOGBIS	1	Gender Police Officer (P-3) to Security Sector Reform Officer (NPO)
	UNSMIL	7	1 P-3 to NPO (Human Resources Officer); 6 FS to LL (2 Human Resources Assistant, 1 Travel Officer, 1 Finance Officer, 1 Finance Assistant and 1 Procurement Officer)
	UNAMI	4	2 FS (Security Officer) to 1 NPO (Security Officer) and 1 LL (Security Assistant); 1 P-3 to NPO (Procurement Officer); and 1 FS to NPO (Air Operations Officer)

*Abbreviations:* FS, Field Service; LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer.

<sup>a</sup> Positions proposed for conversion.

48. The Secretary-General indicates that workforce planning guidelines on nationalization in peace operations were developed and promulgated to missions in

February 2018 (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), paras. 55–57). The Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that with regard to the approved staffing complement of UNITAD, the successful integration of National Professional Officers will be essential for the Mission to conduct its work and that nationals account for one third of its Professional staff members, which represents a good balance between the expertise of national and international staff. Furthermore, in addition to the proposal by UNAMI to nationalize seven positions for 2020, other national capacity-building efforts include the decision by UNAMA to have the functions of one provincial office be undertaken by national staff only by proposing to abolish three international positions in that office. Similarly, in 2018, UNAMA established a position of Political Affairs Officer (National Professional Officer) to serve as Head of Office in one office, with the abolishment of five international positions in that office and the redeployment of one position from the office. The Committee was informed that, as in previous years, one of the biggest challenges continues to be finding personnel with the right skill sets, which may not be available in the host country or in specific regions of the country, in particular during conflict and post-conflict phases (see [A/73/498](#), para. 56).

49. **While recognizing that circumstances on the ground may limit the possibility of nationalizing some positions, the Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary to ensure that Assembly resolutions 61/276 and 66/264 are properly implemented (see [A/73/498](#), para. 57; [A/72/7/Add.10](#), para. 59; and [A/71/595](#), para. 43).**

#### **Support services provided by the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, and the Kuwait Joint Support Office**

50. The Advisory Committee has discussed the provision of support services to the special political missions by the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe and the Kuwait Joint Support Office over the years (see [A/73/498](#), paras. 49–55). Related information is also provided in the main report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.1](#), paras. 48–54).

51. Concerning the status of the Kuwait Joint Support Office, the Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that, as it is not a funded operating entity in its own right (unlike the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe), the Office operates on the basis of staffing contributions from UNAMA (39 posts) and UNAMI (33 posts), a contribution model that has been in place since the inception of the Office in 2012. Based on a similar approach, the operating costs of the Office are also apportioned accordingly between the two largest special political missions. The Committee recalls that the General Assembly, in its resolution [73/279 A](#), decided not to establish or abolish any posts or positions in the Kuwait Joint Support Office, as proposed by the Secretary-General in the budget estimates for 2019 for special political missions (see [A/73/498](#), para. 52 (a)). **The Advisory Committee reiterates that the Kuwait Joint Support Office is not a shared service centre approved by the General Assembly. Furthermore, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/248 A, any changes to the existing and future service delivery model must be approved by the Assembly (see [A/73/498](#), paras. 54 and 55; [A/72/7/Add.10](#), paras. 56 and 58; and [A/71/595](#), para. 55).**

#### **Other matters**

##### *Planning assumptions*

52. The Advisory Committee notes that the planning assumptions presented for two missions operational in one country appear to be contradictory (see [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/](#)

[Add.2](#), para. 100; and [A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.4](#), para. 167). **The Advisory Committee trusts that the missions will refine the formulation of the planning assumptions to ensure more consistency in the reflection of their operational environment.**

## IV. Conclusion

53. As indicated in paragraph 8 above, the total resource requirements of the special political missions are now derived from the resource requirements of the individual missions (included as addenda 2–6 to section 3 of the proposed programme budget for 2020), which are included within the overall resource level proposed for 2020 by the Secretary-General. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the General Assembly takes action and approves the programme budget on the basis of the entirety of the proposed programme budget. Consequently, the budget proposals for the special political missions no longer include a section on the actions requested of the General Assembly (see also [A/73/352](#), para. 85). **The Advisory Committee therefore notes that its recommendations pertaining to the budget proposals for 2020 for the individual missions under thematic clusters I to III, UNAMA and UNAMI, which are presented in separate related reports,<sup>2</sup> would require adjustments to the overall resource level of the proposed programme budget for 2020 by the Secretary-General (see [A/74/6 \(Introduction\)](#)).**

## Annex I

## Summary of staffing changes by mission for 2020

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Approved for 2019</i>	<i>Proposed for 2020</i>	<i>New positions</i>	<i>Abolishment</i>	<i>Conversion</i>	<i>Reclassification</i>	<i>Reassignment</i>	<i>Redeployment/ relocation</i>
<b>Cluster I</b>								
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	21 (1 USG, 1 D-1, 3 P-5, 5 P-4, 1 P-3, 4 FS, 1 GS and 5 LL)	21 (1 USG, 1 D-1, 3 P-5, 5 P-4, 1 P-3, 4 FS, 1 GS and 5 LL)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	10 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 P-5, 3 P-4, 2 P-3 and 2 GS)	10 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 P-5, 3 P-4, 2 P-3 and 2 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Office of the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	2 (1 USG and 1 P-3)	2 (1 USG and 1 P-3)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	3 (1 USG, 1 P-4 and 1 GS)	3 (1 USG, 1 P-4 and 1 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Office of the United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	7 (1 ASG, 1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3 and 1 GS)	7 (1 ASG, 1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3 and 1 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	1 P-3
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	91 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 D-2, 3 D-1, 8 P-5, 16 P-4, 12 P-3, 1 P-2, 10 FS, 7 GS and 31 LL)	91 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 D-2, 3 D-1, 8 P-5, 14 P-4, 14 P-3, 10 FS, 8 GS and 31 LL)	–	–	–	3 (2 P-4 to P-3 and 1 P-2 to GS (OL))	1 LL	–
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan/ Horn of Africa	9 (1 USG, 1 D-1, 2 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 NPO and 2 LL)	9 (1 USG, 1 D-1, 2 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 NPO and 2 LL)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	27 (1 USG, 1 D-2, 1 D-1, 4 P-5, 6 P-4, 4 P-3, 1 FS, 1 GS, 1 NPO and 7 LL)	27 (1 USG, 1 D-2, 1 D-1, 4 P-5, 6 P-4, 4 P-3, 1 FS, 1 GS, 1 NPO and 7 LL)	–	–	–	–	–	1 P-3
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	95 (1 USG, 1 D-2, 1 D-1, 6 P-5, 15 P-4, 11 P-3, 25 FS, 1 GS, 8 NPO and 26 LL)	101 (1 USG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 6 P-5, 15 P-4, 12 P-3, 26 FS, 1 GS, 8 NPO and 29 LL)	6 (1 P-5, 1 P-3, 1 FS and 3 LL)	–	–	1 P-5 to D-1	1 P-5	7 (2 P-4, 3 FS, 1 NPO and 1 LL)

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Approved for 2019</i>	<i>Proposed for 2020</i>	<i>New positions</i>	<i>Abolishment</i>	<i>Conversion</i>	<i>Reclassification</i>	<i>Reassignment</i>	<i>Redeployment/ relocation</i>
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	30 (1 USG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 4 P-5, 5 P-4, 2 P-3, 7 FS, 1 GS, 2 NPO and 5 LL)	30 (1 USG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 4 P-5, 5 P-4, 2 P-3, 7 FS, 1 GS, 2 NPO and 5 LL)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar	5 (1 USG, 1 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 LL)	5 (1 USG, 1 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 LL)	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Cluster II</b>								
Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 P-3	2 P-3	1 P-3	—	—	—	—	—
Panel of Experts on the Sudan	1 P-3	1 P-3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	6 (1 P-4, 2 P-3 and 3 GS)	6 (1 P-4, 2 P-3 and 3 GS)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panel of Experts on Libya	2 (1 P-3 and 1 GS)	2 (1 P-3 and 1 GS)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	2 (1 P-3 and 1 GS)	2 (1 P-3 and 1 GS)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panel of Experts on Yemen	8 (1 P-3, 5 FS and 2 LL)	8 (1 P-3, 5 FS and 2 LL)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panel of Experts on South Sudan	3 (1 P-3 and 2 GS)	3 (1 P-3 and 2 GS)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions <a href="#">1526 (2004)</a> and <a href="#">2253 (2015)</a> concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	19 (1 P-5, 4 P-4, 6 P-3 and 8 GS)	19 (1 P-5, 4 P-4, 6 P-3 and 8 GS)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution <a href="#">1904 (2009)</a>	2 (1 P-4 and 1 GS)	2 (1 P-4 and 1 GS)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Implementation of Security Council resolution <a href="#">2231 (2015)</a>	9 (1 P-5, 3 P-4, 3 P-3 and 2 GS)	9 (1 P-5, 3 P-4, 3 P-3 and 2 GS)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panel of Experts on Mali	1 P-3	1 P-3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Panel of Experts on Somalia	6 (1 P-3, 1 GS and 4 LL)	6 (1 P-3, 1 GS and 4 LL)	—	—	—	—	—	—

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Approved for 2019</i>	<i>Proposed for 2020</i>	<i>New positions</i>	<i>Abolishment</i>	<i>Conversion</i>	<i>Reclassification</i>	<i>Reassignment</i>	<i>Redeployment/ relocation</i>
Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	5 (1 P-5, 2 P-3 and 2 GS)	5 (1 P-5, 2 P-3 and 2 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	50 (1 ASG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 9 P-5, 19 P-4, 7 P-3, 3 P-2 and 8 GS)	50 (1 ASG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 9 P-5, 19 P-4, 7 P-3, 3 P-2 and 8 GS)	–	–	–	–	–	–
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	135 (1 ASG, 2 D-1, 5 P-5, 15 P-4, 13 P-3, 42 FS, 21 NPO, 29 LL and 7 UNV)	148 (1 ASG, 2 D-1, 5 P-5, 15 P-4, 17 P-3, 4 P-2, 44 FS, 23 NPO, 29 LL and 8 UNV)	16 (5 P-3, 4 P-2, 4 FS, 2 NPO and 1 UNV)	3 (1 P-3 and 2 FS)	–	–	–	20 (1 P-5, 5 P-4, 3 P-3, 2 FS, 4 NPO, 2 LL and 3 UNV)
<b>Cluster III</b>								
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	63 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 2 D-1, 7 P-5, 13 P-4, 7 P-3, 7 FS, 6 NPO and 19 LL)	62 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 2 D-1, 7 P-5, 13 P-4, 7 P-3, 7 FS, 6 NPO and 18 LL)	–	1 LL (discontinued)	–	–	–	–
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	136 (1 USG, 1 D-2, 2 D-1, 6 P-5, 12 P-4, 9 P-3, 27 FS, 25 NPO, 42 LL and 11 UNV)	121 (1 ASG, 1 D-2, 1 D-1, 6 P-5, 12 P-4, 8 P-3, 27 FS, 22 NPO, 39 LL and 4 UNV)	–	15 (1 P-5, 1 P-3 as of 1 July 2019, 3 NPO, 3 LL and 7 UNV)	–	2 (1 USG to ASG and 1 D-1 to P-5)	–	–
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	325 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 1 D-2, 7 D-1, 31 P-5, 48 P-4, 35 P-3, 1 P-2, 57 FS, 84 NPO, 45 LL and 13 UNV)	362 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 1 D-2, 7 D-1, 30 P-5, 50 P-4, 36 P-3, 57 FS, 84 NPO, 45 LL, 38 UNV and 11 GTA (3 P-3 and 8 NPO))	37 (1 P-4, 25 UNV and 11 GTA)	–	–	2 (1 P-5 to P-4 and 1 P-2 to P-3)	–	–
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	30 (1 ASG, 1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3, 2 FS, 4 NPO and 18 LL)	30 (1 ASG, 1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3, 2 FS, 4 NPO and 18 LL)	–	–	–	–	–	–
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	11 (2 P-5, 6 P-4, 1 FS and 2 LL)	11 (2 P-5, 6 P-4, 1 FS and 2 LL)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	82 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 D-1, 2 P-5, 6 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2, 7 FS, 4 NPO and 58 LL)	82 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 D-1, 2 P-5, 6 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2, 7 FS, 4 NPO and 58 LL)	–	–	–	–	–	–

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Approved for 2019</i>	<i>Proposed for 2020</i>	<i>New positions</i>	<i>Abolishment</i>	<i>Conversion</i>	<i>Reclassification</i>	<i>Reassignment</i>	<i>Redeployment/ relocation</i>
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	41 (1 USG, 2 D-1, 4 P-5, 11 P-4, 4 P-3, 7 FS, 3 NPO and 9 LL)	41 (1 USG, 2 D-1, 4 P-5, 11 P-4, 4 P-3, 7 FS, 3 NPO and 9 LL)	–	–	–	–	–	–
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	318 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 7 D-1, 13 P-5, 35 P-4, 29 P-3, 2 P-2, 120 FS, 1 GS (OL), 14 NPO, 88 LL and 6 UNV)	313 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 7 D-1, 13 P-5, 35 P-4, 29 P-3, 2 P-2, 120 FS, 1 GS (OL), 13 NPO, 84 LL and 6 UNV)	–	1 LL and absence of 4 LL positions	–	1 NPO to LL (to be relocated)	3 (1 FS and 2 LL) (to be relocated)	1 FS (to be redeployed) and 1 LL (to be relocated)
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	428 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 D-2, 6 D-1, 21 P-5, 39 P-4, 46 P-3, 1 P-2, 41 FS, 1 GS (OL), 77 NPO, 80 LL and 113 UNV)	446 (1 USG, 1 ASG, 1 D-2, 6 D-1, 22 P-5, 38 P-4, 46 P-3, 1 P-2, 41 FS, 1 GS (OL), 77 NPO, 80 LL and 131 UNV)	18 UNV	–	–	1 (P-4 to P-5)	–	–
<b>UNAMA and UNAMI</b>								
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	1 211 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 1 D-2, 7 D-1, 28 P-5, 57 P-4, 61 P-3, 7 P-2, 145 FS, 1 GS (OL), 124 NPO, 709 LL and 68 UNV)	1 204 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 1 D-2, 7 D-1, 28 P-5, 55 P-4, 58 P-3, 6 P-2, 142 FS, 1 GS (OL), 125 NPO, 710 LL and 68 UNV)	4 (1 P-5, 2 NPO and 1 LL)	11 (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 3 P-3, 1 P-2, 3 FS and 1 NPO)	–	–	1 LL	11 (1 P-3, 3 FS, 4 LL and 3 UNV)
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	810 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 1 D-2, 6 D-1, 18 P-5, 51 P-4, 55 P-3, 5 P-2, 174 FS, 108 NPO, 387 LL and 2 UNV)	808 (1 USG, 2 ASG, 1 D-2, 6 D-1, 19 P-5, 51 P-4, 54 P-3, 4 P-2, 167 FS, 109 NPO, 392 LL and 2 UNV)	2 (1 P-5 and 1 FS)	4 (1 P-2, 2 FS and 1 LL)	7 (1 P-3 to NPO and 6 FS to LL)	–	2 (1 P-4 and 1 LL)	183 (1 P-5, 6 P-4, 7 P-3, 32 FS, 6 NPO and 131 LL)

*Abbreviations:* ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; FS, Field Service; GS, General Service; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GTA, general temporary assistance; LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; UNV, United Nations Volunteers; USG, Under-Secretary-General.



## Annex II

## Vacancy rates for new and reassigned posts and positions

(Percentage)

Mission	Category	New posts/positions			Category	Reassigned posts/positions		
		Approved 2018–2019 (RB) <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2020 (RB)	Approved 2019/20 (PKOs)		Proposed 2020 (RB)	Approved 2019/20 (PKOs)	Approved 2018/19 (PKOs)
<b>Regular budget</b>	Posts (21 posts in 2020)	50.0	50.0	–	Posts (5 posts in 2020)	50.0	–	–
	Temporary posts (4 posts in 2020)	50.0	50.0	–				
<b>Special political missions</b>								
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	International staff (1 position in 2019)	50.0	–	–	International staff (1 position in 2020)	31.0	–	–
					National staff (1 LL position in 2020)	6.0	–	–
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	International staff (1 position in 2019 and 3 positions in 2020)	50.0	50.0	–	International staff (1 position in 2020)	15.0	–	–
	National staff (3 LL positions in 2020)	–	35.0	–				
Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	International staff (1 position in 2020)	–	50.0	–				
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	International staff (78 positions in 2019 and 13 positions in 2020)	60.0	50.0	–				
	National staff (21 NPO positions in 2019 and 2 positions 2020)	40.0	76.0	–				
	National staff (29 LL positions in 2019)	40.0	–	–				
	UNV (7 positions in 2019 and 1 position in 2020)	60.0	20.0	–				
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea- Bissau	International staff (6 positions in 2019)	50.0	–	–				
	National staff (5 NPO positions in 2019)	35.0	–	–				
	UNV (3 positions in 2019)	35.0	–	–				

Mission	Category	New posts/positions			Category	Reassigned posts/positions		
		Approved 2018–2019 (RB) <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2020 (RB)	Approved 2019/20 (PKOs)		Proposed 2020 (RB)	Approved 2019/20 (PKOs)	Approved 2018/19 (PKOs)
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	International staff (14 positions in 2019 and 1 position in 2020)	50.0	50.0	–				
	National staff (7 NPO positions in 2019)	35.0	–	–				
	National staff (1 LL position in 2019)	35.0	–	–				
	UNV (9 positions in 2019 and 25 positions in 2020)	50.0	50.0	–				
	International staff (3 GTA positions in 2020)	–	25.0	–				
	National staff (8 NPO GTA positions in 2020)	–	25.0	–				
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	National staff (2 LL positions in 2019)	35.0	–	–				
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	International staff (13 positions in 2019)	50.0	–	–	International staff (1 position in 2020)	13.3	–	–
	National staff (4 NPO positions in 2019)	35.0	–	–				
	National staff (22 LL positions in 2019)	35.0	–	–	National staff (2 LL positions in 2020)	35.0	–	–
	UNV (1 position in 2019)	50.0	–	–				
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	International staff (9 positions in 2019)	50.0	–	–				
	National staff (5 NPO positions in 2019)	35.0	–	–				
	National staff (3 LL positions in 2019)	35.0	–	–				
	UNV (29 positions in 2019 and 18 positions in 2020)	8.0	50.0	–				

Mission	Category	New posts/positions			Reassigned posts/positions			
		Approved 2018-2019 (RB) <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2020 (RB)	Approved 2019/20 (PKOs)	Category	Proposed 2020 (RB)	Approved 2019/20 (PKOs)	Approved 2018/19 (PKOs)
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	International staff (1 position in 2019 and 1 position in 2020)	50.0	50.0	—				
	National staff (2 NPO positions in 2020)	—	50.0	—				
	National staff (2 LL positions in 2019 and 1 position in 2020)	35.0	35.0	—	National staff (1 LL position in 2020)	3.0	—	—
	UNV (1 position in 2019)	7.0	—	—				
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	International staff (3 positions in 2019 and 2 positions in 2020)	50.0	50.0	—	International staff (1 position in 2020)	8.0	—	—
	National staff (2 NPO positions in 2019)	35.0	—	—	National staff (1 LL position in 2020)	6.0	—	—
	National staff (4 LL positions in 2019)	35.0	—	—				
<b>Peacekeeping operations</b>								
United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara	International staff (3 posts)			7.0	International staff (2 posts)		7.0	10.0
					National staff (5 NGS posts)		2.0	6.0
					UNV (1 position)		20.0	20.0
United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic	International staff (14 posts)			50.0				
	National staff (5 NGS posts)			50.0	National staff (2 NGS posts)		15.4	15.0
	UNV (17 positions)			50.0	UNV (3 positions)		2.0	2.0
United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali	International staff (9 posts)			50.0				
	National staff (3 NPO posts)			50.0				
	National staff (2 NGS posts)			50.0				
	UNV (8 positions)			50.0				

Mission	New posts/positions			Reassigned posts/positions				
	Category	Approved 2018–2019 (RB) <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2020 (RB)	Approved 2019/20 (PKOs)	Category	Proposed 2020 (RB)	Approved 2019/20 (PKOs)	Approved 2018/19 (PKOs)
United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	International staff (3 posts)			50.0				
					National staff (1 NPO position)		18.0	18.0
	UNV (7 positions)			50.0				
United Nations Disengagement Observer Force	International staff (1 post)			50.0	International staff (2 posts)		8.0	9.0
					National staff (3 NGS positions)		5.0	6.8
United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus	International staff (1 post)			50.0	International staff (1 post)		7.0	10.0
	National staff (2 NGS posts)			50.0				
United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon	International staff (1 post)			50.0				
United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei	International staff (5 posts)			50.0	International staff (3 posts)		15.0	15.0
	UNV (1 position)			50.0				
United Nations Mission in South Sudan	International staff (2 posts)			50.0	International staff (14 posts)		7.0	9.0
					National staff (2 NPO posts)		5.0	8.0
					National staff (33 NGS posts)		5.0	5.0
	UNV (4 positions)			50.0	UNV (15 positions)		11.0	10.7
United Nations Support Office in Somalia	International staff (19 posts)			50.0	International staff (5 posts)		8.0	11.6
	National staff (3 NPO posts)			50.0				
					National staff (1 NGS post)		8.0	13.9

Mission	Category	New posts/positions			Reassigned posts/positions			
		Approved 2018–2019 (RB) <sup>a</sup>	Proposed 2020 (RB)	Approved 2019/20 (PKOs)	Category	Proposed 2020 (RB)	Approved 2019/20 (PKOs)	Approved 2018/19 (PKOs)
United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy	International staff (1 GTA position)			50.0				
Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda					International staff (1 post)		13.0	14.9
					National staff (4 NGS posts)		10.0	15.0
Support account for peacekeeping operations	International staff (2 posts)			50.0	International staff (2 posts)		50.0	50.0
	National staff (1 GS post)			35.0				

*Abbreviations:* GS, General Service; GTA, general temporary assistance; LL, Local level; NGS, national General Service; NPO, National Professional Officer; PKO, peacekeeping operation; RB, regular budget; UNV, United Nations Volunteers.

<sup>a</sup> A vacancy rate of 50 per cent was applied for new posts as a basis for the calculation of the budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (24 months) for the regular budget.

## Annex III

## Proposed resources for the acquisition of information technology equipment for 2020

(United States dollars)

		<i>Cost of proposed acquisition of computing equipment</i>
<i>Description of equipment</i>		
<b>Cluster I</b>		
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	Replacement of desktop and notebook computers, and computer printers	14 900
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	Network service equipment, fixed network equipment and components	56 000
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	Notebook computers	14 300
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	Network security equipment, telephony equipment, fixed network equipment and computer printers	90 000
<b>Subtotal, cluster I</b>		<b>175 200</b>
<b>Cluster II</b>		
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	Electronic and communication measuring and testing instruments, network service equipment, computer servers, fixed network equipment and components, camera accessories, communications devices and accessories, and notebook, desktop and tablet computers	736 200
<b>Subtotal, cluster II</b>		<b>736 200</b>
<b>Cluster III</b>		
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	Telephony equipment, computer servers, media storage devices and computer displays	26 000
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	Network security equipment, network service equipment, phone and videoconference equipment and hardware and controllers, and fixed network equipment and components, as well as replacement of computer displays, computer printers and desktop and notebook computers	161 500
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	Phone and videoconference equipment and hardware and controllers, and fixed network equipment and components, as well as replacement of notebook and tablet computers and personal communication devices	489 300
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	Computer and audio presentation equipment and hardware and controllers	32 500
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	Network security equipment, phone and videoconference equipment and hardware and controllers, fixed network equipment and components, media storage devices, communications devices and accessories, and personal communication devices	42 600
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	Datacom and network connectivity installation devices and equipment, network security equipment, computer equipment and accessories, computer printers, notebook computers, audiovisual equipment accessories, camera accessories, and cameras	1 082 200
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	Uninterruptible power supplies	57 000
<b>Subtotal, cluster III</b>		<b>1 891 100</b>

		<i>Cost of proposed acquisition of computing equipment</i>
	<i>Description of equipment</i>	
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Datacom and network connectivity installation devices and equipment, network security equipment, phone and videoconference equipment and hardware and controllers, fixed network equipment and components, and telephony equipment	1 110 200
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	Audio and visual presentation and composing equipment: laptop, desktop, notebook and tablet computers	112 300
<b>Subtotal, UNAMA and UNAMI</b>		<b>1 222 500</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>4 025 000</b>

## Annex IV

## Outsourced services for special political missions in 2019

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Costs</i>
<b>Cluster I</b>		
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	Consultants	48.4
	Utilities and waste disposal services	26.3
	Office refurbishments	6.9
	Rental of ground vehicles	32.2
	Repairs and maintenance of ground vehicles	4.6
	Individual contractors/translation services	54.1
	Consultants	48.4
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>172.5</b>
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	Rental of premises	159.0
	Rental of ground vehicles	3.6
	Interpretation services and meeting planning	27.8
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>190.4</b>
Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	Consultants	29.6
	Rental of premises	26.9
	Utilities and waste disposal services	12.4
	Rental of ground vehicles	1.0
	Individual contractual services	6.0
	Meeting planning and special events	22.0
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>97.9</b>
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution <a href="#">1559 (2004)</a>	Rental of premises	31.8
	Rental of vehicles	2.0
	Interpretation services	1.8
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>35.6</b>
United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	Rental of premises	67.1
	Security services for meetings outside the Palais des Nations	7.0
	Rental of ground vehicles	10.0
	Repairs and maintenance of ground vehicles	4.3
	Translation services	19.6
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>108.0</b>
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	Rental of premises	3 416.8
	Utilities and waste disposal services	9.0
	Security services to support intra-Syrian talks	936.7
	Rental of ground vehicles	99.4
	Repairs and maintenance of ground vehicles	50.0
	Support for intra-Syrian negotiations	700.0
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>5 211.9</b>



<i>Mission</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Costs</i>
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan/Horn of Africa	Utilities and waste disposal services	5.0
	Repairs and maintenance of ground vehicles	3.5
	Medical services	3.3
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>11.8</b>
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	Consultants	68.0
	Rental of premises	105.0
	Utilities and waste disposal services	11.2
	Security services	2.3
	Rental of ground vehicles	17.9
	Repairs and maintenance of ground vehicles	35.2
	Aviation services	51.8
	Medical services	7.8
	Individual contractors/office support, logistics	137.3
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>436.5</b>
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	Rental of premises	1 254.1
	Utilities and waste disposal services	43.2
	Security services	393.6
	Alteration and renovation services	120.6
	Rental of ground vehicles	72.0
	Repairs and maintenance of ground vehicles	100.0
	Medical services	107.5
	Individual contractors/translation services, logistics	62.2
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2 153.2</b>
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	Rental of premises	941.2
	Utilities and waste disposal services	10.8
	Security services	21.6
	Rental of ground vehicles	15.0
	Repairs and maintenance of ground vehicles	42.5
	Medical services	48.6
	Individual contractors	140.4
	Rental of premises	941.2
	Utilities and waste disposal services	10.8
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1 220.1</b>
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar	Rental of premises	63.9
	Rental of ground vehicles	12.0
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>75.9</b>

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Costs</i>
<b>Cluster II</b>		
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	Explosive detection dog	40.9
	Villa cleaning	63.6
	Garbage collection	3.0
	Rental of premises	221.7
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>436.7</b>
<b>Cluster III</b>		
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS)/United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	Unarmed security services for the UNOWAS Dakar office	28 002.7
	Supply of electricity for the UNOWAS Dakar office	26 127.0
	Gardening services for the UNOWAS Dakar office	5 700.0
	Unarmed security services at the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	4 320.0
	Cleaning and gardening services at the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	23.5
	Repair and maintenance of UNOWAS generators	4 232.5
	Customs clearance and logistics services	6 000.0
	Cleaning services for the UNOWAS Dakar office	19 551.0
	Provision of cleaning services and supplies	8 046.4
	Lease of premises for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission in Calabar, Nigeria	4 500.0
	Lease of premises for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission in Yaoundé	14 400.0
	Provision of security services for the UNOWAS Yaoundé office	10 921.4
	Provision of Internet services to senior staff residences	3 112.8
	Provision of cleaning services and supplies	120.7
	Supply of fuel for the UNOWAS Dakar office	2 605.2
	Lease of premises for UNOWAS liaison cell in Nouakchott	500.0
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>138 163.2</b>
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	Cleaning and janitorial services	69.0
	Gardening services	16.6
	Generator maintenance services	7.5
	Unarmed security services	165.0
	Vehicle body repair services	15.6
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>303.7</b>
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	Facilities and infrastructure	5 266.2
	Air operations	3 480.9
	Ground transportation	1 923.5
	Communications and information technology	1 923.2
	Medical	525.9
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>13 119.7</b>

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Costs</i>
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	Cleaning services	2.6
	Heating, ventilation and air conditioning services (heating/cooling equipment maintenance) in Turkmenistan	5.5
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>8.1</b>
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	Provision of 250 kVA Volvo generator maintenance and repair services	1.4
	Provision of maintenance and repair services for the closed-circuit television system	10.5
	Maintenance services for water well at the Office	1.6
	Provision of maintenance for the retractable bollards	4.1
	Provision of cleaning and pest control services	50.5
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>68.1</b>
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	Individual consultants	558.6
	Rental of premises	12 950.8
	Utilities and waste disposal services	24.0
	Maintenance services	4 663.2
	Security services	480.5
	Rental of vehicles	68.0
	Repairs and maintenance	44.6
	Liability insurance	14.5
	Fixed-wing contract	2 749.8
	Liability insurance	8.5
	Mine detection and mine clearance	2 000.0
	Other freight and related costs (other supplies, services and equipment)	334.9
	Individual contractual services (other supplies and services)	1 043.7
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>24 941.1</b>
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Waste disposal services	131.7
	Cleaning services	1 095.2
	Pest control/extermination	72.0
	Generator maintenance services	399.6
	General maintenance services	358.8
	Operational maintenance services of wastewater treatment plant	18.0
	Minor construction works, including security upgrade	180.0
	Supply and installation of T-walls and Jersey barriers	20.0
	Rental of premises	3 350.0
	Armed and unarmed private security guards	7 169.3
	Canine units	700.9
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>13 495.5</b>

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Costs</i>
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	Operations and maintenance services	2 257.1
	Cleaning services	1 862.5
	Laundry services	1 326.2
	Construction and renovation services	490.2
	Garbage collection services	461.0
	Rental of office space	144.0
	Sewage removal services	140.8
	Supply and delivery of bulk water	40.0
	Gym maintenance services	32.7
	Satellite dish services	16.5
	Newspaper supply services	9.0
	Courier services	8.8
	Advertisement in local newspaper services	5.8
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>6 794.5</b>

## Annex V

### Cost-sharing arrangements in special political missions

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Areas of cost-sharing arrangements</i>	<i>Entities</i>
<b>Cluster I</b>		
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	Cost-sharing agreement with UNAMI to share the rental and operational costs of the fixed-wing aircraft with a share of 40 per cent, while remaining 60 per cent is covered by UNAMI.	UNAMI
<b>Cluster II</b>		
Panel of Experts on Yemen	The mission's budget includes only its share of one or more types of agreed services shared among a number of participating entities, which is paid to UNDP, the entity providing the shared services. The services include the rental of office space and accommodation, security services and medical services.	UNDP
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	UNITAD has benefited from support provided by UNAMI during the start-up phase of its work. The cooperation and support have spanned a number of areas, including the provision of temporary working premises prior to the completion of the UNITAD offices and the provision of advice and guidance regarding the logistical and security challenges posed by field-based activities in Iraq.	UNAMI
<b>Cluster III</b>		
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electricity distribution fees</li> <li>• Water distribution fees, garbage, waste disposal and fumigation service</li> <li>• Gardening service</li> <li>• Maintenance and repair for generator</li> <li>• Maintenance and repair (main security gate)</li> <li>• Others (if needed or emergency)</li> </ul>	UNOWAS and Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	<p>Air operations: 20 per cent share of fixed-wing aircraft cost-shared with UNOWAS and the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission.</p> <p>The Joint Medical Services and common security are cost-shared between UNIOGBIS and all United Nations entities in Guinea-Bissau for their respective population in line with signed memorandums of understanding.</p> <p>UNIOGBIS has no cost-sharing arrangement pertaining to the rental of premises.</p>	

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United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	<p>Logistical and related support for UNSOM is provided by UNSOS and the related costs are included in the UNSOM budget.</p> <p>The range of services that are provided by UNSOS include office and residential accommodation, medical support, fuel, travel on UNSOS aircraft on a seat-available basis, airport security services and grounds passes.</p>	
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	<p>Under a cost-sharing arrangement, the Regional Centre rents office space from UNDP in the four Central Asian capitals: Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Dushanbe (Tajikistan) and Tashkent (Uzbekistan). The cost-sharing arrangement is based on an existing memorandum of understanding between the Regional Centre and UNDP. Premises of the Regional Centre's headquarters in Ashgabat (Turkmenistan) are provided free of charge. The increase in rental costs from \$14,300 in 2018 to \$39,600 in 2019 and \$30,000 in 2020 is attributable mainly to the renovation and upgrade of the United Nations common premises in Nur-Sultan, as well as the change of office arrangements in Bishkek and Tashkent.</p>	UNDP
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost recovery arrangements are in place between the Office and UNIFIL through a memorandum of understanding, which covers support in such areas as property management, fuel, supply and air operations.</li> <li>• The Office has been maintaining a cost-sharing arrangement with the Department of Safety and Security of the Secretariat since 2011 for the rental of office space, insurance and other facility services, such as cleaning services, maintenance of the building and utilities. The yearly reimbursement amount is almost \$100,000.</li> <li>• Also, the Office maintains office space in the ESCWA premises to support the mobility of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon and his political team, for which the Office reimburses ESCWA for the facility services only for the area occupied by its staff.</li> <li>• The yearly rental of premises cost is \$580,800. The rental amount has not changed for the past five years.</li> </ul>	Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon, UNIFIL, Department of Safety and Security and ESCWA
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	<p>UNSMIL cost-sharing arrangements, subject to capacity and the prevailing security environment, comprise ground and air transportation, medical services and medical evacuation, other support (usage of radio network, telephone service, videoconference and printer and security support (personnel and property). Details are contained in the Mission's memorandums of understanding for common services.</p>	WFP, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UNHCR and Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

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	From 2019 and going forward, UNSMIL and other United Nations agencies, funds and programmes share an office in Benghazi. UNSMIL contributes with a share of the total costs of the Benghazi premises to the World Food Programme, which is the entity that signed the lease for the office.	
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	<p>1. Co-location of United Nations compound in Kabul, which has been cost-shared with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes since 2006:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compound security (private security company and 43 UNAMA Guards (Local level))</li> <li>• Rental and maintenance (rental, liquid and solid waste removal, cleaning, gardening and maintenance of common areas)</li> </ul> <p>2. Joint medical services in Kabul: cost-sharing of staff costs and equipment, supplies and pharmaceuticals.</p> <p>3. United Nations Medical Emergency Response Team in the regions: cost-sharing of staff costs and equipment, supplies and pharmaceuticals.</p> <p>4. Security for Field Radio Room Operators in the regions: cost-sharing for 39 Local level positions.</p>	<p>UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, UN-Women, UNOPS and UNFPA</p> <p>UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, UN-Women, UNOPS, UNFPA, UNESCO, UN-Habitat, ILO, IOM, UNHCR and UNIDO</p> <p>ILO, UNESCO, WHO, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, UNHCR, UNEP, IOM, Mine Action Service, UNOPS, Department of Safety and Security, UN-Habitat, WFP and UNCTAD</p> <p>UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, UN-Women, UNOPS, UNFPA, UNESCO, UN-Habitat, ILO, IOM, UNHCR, UNIDO, UNEP, Mine Action Service, UNODC, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, UNCTAD, WFP and IMF</p>

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United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	<p>1. Baghdad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security: compound security (premises guard force), escorted movements and staff tracking, security training, security infrastructure support and United Nations Guard Unit</li> <li>• Medical services</li> <li>• Ground transportation services</li> <li>• Office and accommodation space management services: cleaning services, garbage collection, utilities, service and maintenance of fuel facilities and dispensing units, building and other maintenance services, petrol, oils and lubricants (for generator), sanitation and cleaning material, ICT services and fire extinguisher maintenance</li> <li>• Telephone and other ICT support services</li> <li>• Aviation (two fixed-wing assets)</li> <li>• Visa processing</li> </ul>	FAO, IOM, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, UNICEF, Mine Action Service, UNOPS, UN-Women, WFP and WHO
	<p>2. Baghdad International Airport, cost-shared up to 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security: compound security (premises guard force), escorted movements and staff tracking, security training, security infrastructure support and United Nations Guard Unit</li> <li>• Medical services</li> <li>• Ground transportation services</li> <li>• Office and accommodation space management services: cleaning services, sewage removal, garbage collection, utilities, service and maintenance of fuel facilities and dispensing units, building and other maintenance services, petrol, oils and lubricants (for generator), sanitation and cleaning materials, ICT services and fire extinguisher maintenance</li> <li>• Telephone and other ICT support services</li> <li>• Aviation (two fixed-wing assets)</li> <li>• Visa processing</li> </ul>	
	<p>3. Erbil compound:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security: compound security (premises guard force), escorted movements and staff tracking, security training, security infrastructure support and United Nations Guard Unit</li> <li>• Medical services</li> <li>• Ground transportation services</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office and accommodation space management services: cleaning services, garbage collection, utilities, service and maintenance of fuel facilities and dispensing units, building and other maintenance services, supply of bulk water, petrol, oils and lubricants (for generator), sanitation and cleaning materials, ICT services and fire extinguisher maintenance</li> <li>• Telephone and other ICT support services</li> <li>• Aviation (two fixed-wing assets)</li> <li>• Visa processing</li> </ul>	
	<p>4. Kirkuk compound:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security: compound security (premises guard force), escorted movements and staff tracking, security training, security infrastructure support and United Nations Guard Unit</li> <li>• Medical services</li> <li>• Ground transportation services</li> <li>• Office and accommodation space management services: cleaning services, garbage collection, utilities, service and maintenance of fuel facilities and dispensing units, building and other maintenance services, petrol, oils and lubricants (for generator), sanitation and cleaning materials, ICT services and fire extinguisher maintenance</li> <li>• Telephone and other ICT support services</li> <li>• Aviation (two fixed-wing assets)</li> <li>• Visa processing</li> </ul>	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and UNHCR
	<p>5. Kuwait compound:</p> <p>Utilities, maintenance services, security services, petrol, oil and lubricants, commercial communications, information technology services and surface transport shuttle services</p>	Kuwait Joint Support Office and UNAMA

*Abbreviations:* ESCWA, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; FAO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; ICT, information and communications technology; ILO, International Labour Organization; IMF, International Monetary Fund; IOM, International Organization for Migration; UNAMA, United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan; UNAMI, United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq; UNDP, United Nations Development Programme; UNCTAD, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; UNEP, United Nations Environment Programme; UNESCO, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund; UN-Habitat, United Nations Human Settlements Programme; UNHCR, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; UNICEF, United Nations Child's Fund; UNIDO, United Nations Industrial Development Organization; UNIFIL, United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon; UNIOGBIS, United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau; UNITAD, United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant; UNODC, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; UNOPS, United Nations Office for Project Services; UNOWAS, United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel; UNSMIL, United Nations Support Mission in Libya; UNSOM, United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia; UNSOS, United Nations Support Office in Somalia; UN-Women, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; WFP, World Food Programme; WHO, World Health Organization.