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Agenda item 136

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 15 April 2019

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/73/686/Add.1)]

73/279. Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

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The General Assembly,

I

Organizational resilience management system

Recalling section II of its resolution [64/260](#) of 29 March 2010, section I of its resolution [66/247](#) of 24 December 2011, sections II and IV of its resolution [67/254 A](#) of 12 April 2013, section III of its resolution [68/247 B](#) of 9 April 2014 and section II of its resolution [70/248 B](#) of 1 April 2016,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system² and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;²
2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;³
3. Welcomes the progress achieved thus far in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system, and requests the Secretary-General to integrate the organizational resilience management system within the overall risk management framework of the Organization;
4. Recalls paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to clarify further the structure, roles and responsibilities between

¹ Resolution [73/279](#), in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/73/49)*, vol. I, becomes resolution [73/279 A](#).

² [A/73/666](#).

³ [A/73/775](#).



the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance and the Department of Operational Support of the Secretariat in order to ensure a full and effective response to critical situations as they arise in the context of his next report;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to encourage all entities in the United Nations system to participate in the inter-agency community of practice;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of a holistic and coordinated approach to emergency management across the United Nations system, and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the coordination and planning functions across the system, including the resident coordinator system, noting the importance of involving the host country to ensure adequate coordination and planning;

7. *Reiterates* paragraph 5 of section II of its resolution 70/248 B, in which it underlined the importance of the full implementation of the organizational resilience management system at offices away from Headquarters, regional commissions, field missions of the Department of Peace Operations and the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs of the Secretariat and the participating specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve the crisis management capabilities of special political missions;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to provide an update regarding the actual cost of the organizational resilience management system initiative in his next report;

10. *Notes* the efforts of the Secretary-General with respect to the consideration of means of risk mitigation, including the requests for proposals for brokerage services, and encourages him to continue efforts to negotiate competitive insurance coverage, with a view to securing adequate coverage at a reasonable cost for all United Nations installations and premises exposed to natural hazards and emergencies, and to report thereon in his next progress report;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, no later than at the first part of its resumed seventy-sixth session, a progress report on the implementation of the organizational resilience management system;

II

Managing after-service health insurance

Recalling its resolution 58/249 A of 23 December 2003, section III of its resolution 60/255 of 8 May 2006, its resolution 61/264 of 4 April 2007, its resolution 64/241 and section XI of its resolution 64/245 of 24 December 2009, section IV of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010, its resolution 68/244 of 27 December 2013, its resolution 69/113 of 10 December 2014, section III of its resolution 70/248 B and section IV of its resolution 71/272 B of 6 April 2017,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary General;⁴
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,⁵ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

⁴ A/73/662.

⁵ A/73/792.

3. *Acknowledges with concern* the importance of after-service health insurance liabilities, and welcomes the efforts of the Secretary-General to propose measures to address the issue, while highlighting the potential important impact of the proposals on future budgets and the future entitlements of concerned staff;

4. *Notes* that the proposed payroll charge would entail an assessment on Member States;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further explore options for the improvement of efficiency and the containment of costs, including liabilities associated with current and future staff, with a view to reducing the Organization's expenditure on health insurance plans and its after-service health insurance obligations, and to report thereon at its seventy-fifth session;

6. *Notes with appreciation* the proposal for an entitlement accrual mechanism;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly, at its seventy-fifth session, comprehensive proposals to be applied after 1 January 2022, incorporating the following elements:

(a) Further details about the proposed change to the funding model for future recruits, including medium- and long-term budgetary projections for the regular and peacekeeping budgets;

(b) A mechanism that would associate the after-service health insurance premiums paid by the agency and the staff member's period of service within the system and information with respect to how such an entitlement accrual mechanism would be applied to staff members;

(c) Projections regarding the proportion of staff in peacekeeping operations who will be entitled to after-service health insurance benefits;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 32 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to maintain the pay-as-you-go funding of the United Nations after-service health insurance obligations at the present time;

III

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

Recalling section XXII of its resolution [72/262 A](#) of 24 December 2017, section II of its resolution [72/262 C](#) of 5 July 2018, section XIV of its resolution [73/279 A](#) and its resolution [73/280 A](#) of 22 December 2018 and its decision 72/558 of 5 July 2018,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁶ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁶

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;⁷

3. *Approves* resources in the amount of 1,914,300 United States dollars (net of staff assessment) for the Panel of Experts on Somalia for the period from 14 November 2018 to 31 December 2019;

⁶ [A/73/352/Add.7](#).

⁷ [A/73/498/Add.7](#).

4. *Decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution [41/213](#) of 19 December 1986, an additional amount of 1,914,300 dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

5. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 62,700 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

IV

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council concerning the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement

Recalling section XXII of its resolution [72/262](#) A, section II of its resolution [72/262](#) C, section XIV of its resolution [73/279](#) A and its resolution [73/280](#) A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁸ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁸
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,⁹ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Recalls* paragraphs 8 and 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to present a full budget proposal to the General Assembly for its consideration in the context of his next report;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his ongoing efforts to ensure the expeditious filling of vacant positions, including the greater use of national staff, in his next budget submission;
5. *Stresses* the need to ensure close coordination between the Government of Yemen and the United Nations on all aspects of the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement;
6. *Also stresses* that the decisions contained in the present resolution shall not preclude future amendments to structure, staffing and resources when the Secretary-General formally introduces the budget of the Mission;
7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Mission in an amount not to exceed 17,640,800 dollars (net) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2019;

V

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 under sections 27, Humanitarian assistance, and 36, Staff assessment: United Nations Monitoring Mechanism for the Syrian Arab Republic

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,¹¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁰

⁸ [A/73/352/Add.8](#).

⁹ [A/73/498/Add.8](#).

¹⁰ [A/73/729](#).

¹¹ [A/73/799](#).

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;¹¹

3. *Approves* the resources for the United Nations Monitoring Mechanism for the Syrian Arab Republic for the period from January to December 2019 in the amount of 2,926,200 dollars net (3,188,400 dollars gross);

4. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 2,700,300 dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

5. *Also appropriates* an additional amount of 259,200 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019.

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