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Final expenditure for associated costs for the period from 2008 to 2013

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report is submitted pursuant to part V, paragraph 44, of resolution [67/246](#), in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report on the final expenditure for associated costs for the period from 2008 to 2013 only when the final expenditure is properly ascertained.

It is also recalled that in part V, paragraph 8, the General Assembly urged the Secretary-General to make robust efforts to contain the project's associated costs and the overall cost overruns as a matter of urgency, and in paragraph 41, it urged the Secretary-General to make every effort to absorb the associated costs within the budget approved for the capital master plan.

The report presents actual expenditure in respect of activities associated with the capital master plan (associated costs) from 2008 to 2012. For 2013, actual expenditure for six months to the end of June 2013 is provided together with projections for the remaining six months of the year. As stated in the previous report ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)), no further resources for associated costs will be required beyond 2013.

Cumulative associated costs for 2008 to 2013 inclusive are expected to total \$141.4 million as compared to the estimated \$143.1 million submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session. As to the financing of the expenditure, the recommendations of the Secretary-General are submitted in the eleventh annual progress report on the implementation of the capital master plan ([A/68/352](#)).

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I. Introduction

1. During the construction period, temporary increases in staffing and operational costs are required to support the construction activities of the capital master plan. Such costs have been identified with regard to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, the Department of Public Information, the Department of Management (Office of Information and Communications Technology, and the Office of Central Support Services) and the Department of Safety and Security, and since 2011, the Office of the Capital Master Plan.

2. In 2008 the Secretary-General outlined the associated costs related to the capital master plan for the period 2008-2013 (see [A/62/799](#)). That report was not considered by the General Assembly; however, it identified \$193.8 million in associated costs for the duration of the capital master plan project, which are shown below by department or office and by corresponding sections of the programme budget:

- Section 2 (General Assembly affairs and conference management): \$2,810,900
- Section 27 (Public information): \$34,289,800
- Section 28D (Office of Central Support Services): \$92,104,200
- Section 33 (Safety and security): \$53,933,600
- Section 35, Staff assessment: \$10,613,200

3. In his subsequent report on the associated costs related to the capital master plan ([A/63/582](#)), the Secretary-General submitted revised projected associated costs for the period 2008-2013 in the amount of \$176,569,000, comprising estimated resource requirements of \$35,816,700 for the biennium 2008-2009 and a total of \$140,752,300 for the bienniums 2010-2011 and 2012-2013.

4. By its resolution [63/270](#), the General Assembly decided that the resources approved for associated costs would be financed from within the approved budget of the capital master plan unless otherwise specified by the Assembly, and also decided not to approve the overall level of associated costs at that time, bearing in mind opportunities for further cost reductions posed by the current economic circumstances as well as savings realized by the Secretary-General. In the same resolution, the Assembly recalled paragraph 50 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/63/736](#)), and requested the Secretary-General to make every effort to absorb the associated costs, totalling \$30,272,400 for the biennium 2008-2009, from within the overall budget approved for the capital master plan.

5. In his subsequent report ([A/64/346/Add.2](#)), the Secretary-General proposed to continue to finance the associated costs for 2010, in an amount of \$50,114,100, from within the approved budget of the capital master plan, in accordance with the direction from the General Assembly. In its resolution [64/228](#), the Assembly approved a reduced amount of \$42,069,695 for 2010. In the same resolution, it decided not to approve the overall level of associated costs and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly, at its sixty-fifth session, proposals for financing the costs for 2011.

6. In his report submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session ([A/65/511/Add.1](#)), the Secretary-General proposed to finance associated costs

for 2011 of \$71,871,305 from within the approved budget of the capital master plan. In its resolution [65/269](#), the Assembly approved a reduced amount of \$58,871,305 and authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount of up to \$286,300.¹

7. In his report submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session ([A/66/527/Add.1](#)), the Secretary-General proposed to finance associated costs for the year 2012 in the amount of \$46,322,200 from within the approved budget of the capital master plan. In its resolution [66/258](#) and decision [66/555](#), the Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount of up to \$135 million for the continued activities of the capital master plan, including its associated costs, through 2012, which represented approval of reduced requirements of \$43,216,200 for 2012. After allowing for the estimated unutilized balance from 2011, this represented the approval of an additional amount of \$8,259,100.

8. In his report submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)), the Secretary-General presented estimated associated costs for the year 2013 in the amount of \$15,562,600 and requested authority to enter into commitments in an amount up to \$167,773,400 in order to enable the project, including its estimated associated costs in the above amount, to continue through 2013 (see [A/67/350](#)). The Assembly agreed to the proposal of the Secretary-General of an additional amount of \$3,666,100, after allowing for the estimated unutilized balance from 2012.

9. The foregoing chronology is summarized in table 1 below.

Table 1
Chronology of associated cost requirements, 2008-2013
(United States dollars)

<i>Period</i>	<i>General Assembly resolution</i>	<i>Amount approved by the General Assembly</i>	<i>Expenditure Actual/estimate</i>
2008-2009	63/270	30 272 400	18 373 200
2010	64/228	42 069 695	13 636 800
2011	65/269	58 871 305	61 499 000
2012	66/258	8 259 100	18 950 300
2013	67/246	3 666 100	28 949 300
Total		143 138 600	141 408 600

II. Overview

10. The estimated final expenditure for associated costs for 2008 to 2013 totals \$141,408,600. This amount compares to an estimate of \$143,138,600 submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session and represents a decrease of \$1,730,000.

¹ The Department of Safety and Security was able to fulfil its 2011 security activities without recourse to this commitment authority.

11. The Secretary-General considers the projected expenditure for the remaining six months to the end of 2013 to be reasonably certain. Accordingly, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution [67/246](#), part V, paragraph 44, the Secretary-General advises that final expenditure for associated costs for the period 2008-2013 are forecast to amount to \$141,408,600.

12. Table 2 below provides a summary of the associated cost requirements with a comparison to the estimates submitted to the General Assembly in the previous report of the Secretary-General ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)).

Table 2

Summary of associated cost requirements, 2008-2013

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Previous estimates^a</i>	<i>Current costs/estimates</i>	<i>Change</i>
2008-2011	93 509.0	93 509.0	—
2012 ^b	34 067.0	18 950.3	(15 116.7)
2013	15 562.6	28 949.3	13 386.7
Total	143 138.6	141 408.6	1 730.0

^a See [A/67/350/Add.1](#).

^b In document [A/66/527/Add.1](#), the Secretary-General proposed the amount of \$46,322,200 for the 2012 requirement. The General Assembly, in its resolution [66/258](#) and decision [66/555](#), agreed to a reduced amount of \$43,216,200, by virtue of its approval of commitment authority in the amount of \$135 million for the nine-month period from April to December 2012 for the capital master plan project and associated costs. This was equivalent to a reduction of \$17 million against the projected commitments for that period of \$152 million, of which \$3.1 million was apportioned to the associated costs to the capital master plan on a pro rata basis. As a result, the net incremental expenditure approved for associated costs for 2012 amounted to \$8,259,100 as compared to the proposed amount of \$11,365,100 (after allowing for the estimated unutilized balance at the end of 2011 of \$34,957,100).

13. Actual expenditure for the six months to 30 June 2013 totalled \$10,165,800 and estimated expenditure for the remaining six months to the end of 2013 amounts to \$18,783,500, which results in total projected expenditure for 2013 in the amount of \$28,949,300. Table 3 below summarizes the projected final expenditure for capital master plan associated costs from 2008 to the end of the current year by department and office.

Table 3

Summary of associated cost requirements, by department and office

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Department/office</i>	<i>Expenditure 2008-2011</i>	<i>Expenditure 2012</i>	<i>Expenditure January-June 2013</i>	<i>Projected expenditure July-December 2013</i>	<i>Projected total 2008-2013</i>
Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	2 272.9	638.2	—	—	2 911.1
Department of Public Information	25 772.0	287.1	—	—	26 059.1
Office of Central Support Services	21 108.6	3 746.4	1 064.6	2 485.3	28 404.9

<i>Department/office</i>	<i>Expenditure 2008-2011</i>	<i>Expenditure 2012</i>	<i>Expenditure January-June 2013</i>	<i>Projected expenditure July-December 2013</i>	<i>Projected total 2008-2013</i>
Office of the Capital Master Plan ^{a,b}	18 146.2	7 784.6	7 279.1	14 929.4	48 139.3
Office of Information and Communications Technology	2 035.5	626.8	—	—	2 662.3
Construction (Office of Information and Communications Technology)	5 446.9	81.4	492.4	89.1	6 109.8
Department of Safety and Security	18 726.9	5 785.8	1 329.7	1 279.7	27 122.1
Total	93 509.0	18 950.3	10 165.8	18 783.5	141 408.6

^a In its resolution 65/269, the General Assembly approved \$51,350,800 of resources for the Office of Central Support Services for 2011. This included an amount of \$43,858,200 for office furniture. The procurement of office furniture is being managed by the Office of the Capital Master Plan.

^b At the end of 2011, it was decided that the Office of the Capital Master Plan would assume responsibility for the completion of the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management, as the Office had managed its procurement and would be responsible for the system's installation. Accordingly, the Department of Public Information transferred the remaining balance of its provision in respect of the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system in the amount of \$4,948,400 to the Office of the Capital Master Plan. Likewise, the Office of Central Support Services transferred its remaining balance of approved resources for the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management in the amount of \$1,682,700.

III. Implementation during 2008-2011 and 2012

2008-2011

14. As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session (A/67/350/Add.1), actual expenditure for the period 2008-2011 amounted to \$93,509,000 of the \$131,213,400 approved. An analysis of the expenditure for this period is provided in table 4 below.

Table 4

Expenditure pertaining to associated costs in the period 2008-2011

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Department/office</i>	<i>Approved 2008-2011</i>	<i>Expenditure as at 31 December 2011</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Utilization (percentage)</i>
	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(a)-(b)</i>	<i>(b)/(a)</i>
Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	2 269.5	2 272.9	(3.4)	101
Department of Public Information	31 045.4	25 772.0	5 273.4	83
Office of Central Support Services	24 956.2	21 108.6	3 847.6	85
Office of the Capital Master Plan ^a	43 858.2	18 146.2	25 712.0	41
Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance ^b	7 496.8	5 446.9	2 049.9	73
Department of Safety and Security	19 140.1	18 726.9	413.2	98

	<i>Approved 2008-2011</i>	<i>Expenditure as at 31 December 2011</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Utilization (percentage)</i>
<i>Department/office</i>	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(a)-(b)</i>	<i>(b)/(a)</i>
Office of Information and Communications Technology	2 447.2	2 035.5	411.7	78
Total	131 213.4	93 509.0	37 704.4	71

^a In its resolution 65/269, the Assembly approved \$51,350,800 of resources for the Office of Central Support Services for 2011. This included an amount of \$43,858,200 for the office furniture. The procurement of office furniture is being managed by the Office of the Capital Master Plan. Accordingly, the associated costs for furniture are shown separately.

^b Funding under construction provided for (a) the archive storage expansion project; and (b) the security systems in swing spaces and the construction of the primary security command centre.

15. The unspent balance of \$37,704,400 principally comprised provisions for the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system (\$6,631,100), and furniture for the capital master plan project (\$25,712,500), which were rephased into 2012 under dedicated management of the Office of the Capital Master Plan.

16. At the end of 2011, it was decided that the Office of the Capital Master Plan would assume responsibility for completion of the system, as the Office had managed its procurement and would be responsible for the system's installation. Accordingly, the remaining unutilized resources of \$6,631,100 were transferred to the Office.

17. At the end of 2011, the Department of Public Information transferred the remaining balance of its provision in respect of the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system of \$4,948,400 to the Office of the Capital Master Plan. Likewise, the Office of Central Support Services transferred its remaining balance of approved resources for the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management of \$1,682,700. This transfer of approved resources is illustrated in table 4.1 below.

Table 4.1

Redeployment balance of approved resources for the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	<i>Balance carried forward to 2012</i>	<i>Transfer of the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system balance at the end of 2011</i>	<i>Realigned balance carried forward to 2012</i>
<i>Department/office</i>	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(a)-(b)</i>
Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	(3.4)	—	(3.4)
Department of Public Information	5 273.4	(4 948.4)	325.0
Office of Central Support Services	3 847.6	(1 682.7)	2 164.9
Office of the Capital Master Plan	25 712.0	6 631.1	32 343.1

<i>Department/office</i>	<i>Balance carried forward to 2012</i>	<i>Transfer of the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system balance at the end of 2011</i>	<i>Realigned balance carried forward to 2012</i>
	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(a)-(b)</i>
Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	2 049.9	–	2 049.9
Department of Safety and Security	413.2	–	413.2
Office of Information and Communications Technology	411.7	–	411.7
Total	37 704.4	–	37 704.4

2012

18. In its resolution [66/258](#) the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments of up to \$8,259,100 for 2012. This provision, combined with the unspent balance of \$37,704,400 brought forward from 2011, gave rise to \$45,963,500 in available resources for 2012.

19. The requirements for 2012 were revised downwards to \$34,067,000, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)), which mainly reflected the deferral from 2012 to 2013 of the procurement and installation of office furniture, and the implementation of the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system.

20. Actual expenditure for 2012 amounted to \$18,950,300 or 41 per cent of the forecast amount. The unutilized balance of approved resources of \$27,013,200 at the end of 2012 was higher than originally anticipated.

21. The majority of the unutilized balance reflects the continued deferral into 2013 of the procurement and installation of office furniture, and the implementation of the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system (\$22,708,500) by the Office of the Capital Master Plan. It also reflects the underutilization of \$2,840,800 by the Office of Central Support Services, which likewise deferred activities from 2012 into 2013 as a result of storm Sandy and requirements to coordinate with the final move plan pursuant to the schedule of the capital master plan project, as explained in the eleventh progress report ([A/68/352](#)).

22. Table 5 below sets out the closing position on expenditure as at 31 December 2012. Details on the expenditure under each department and office are provided after the table.

Table 5
Status of expenditure pertaining to associated costs in 2012

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	<i>Carried forward 2008-2011</i>	<i>2012 funding approved in resolution 66/258</i>	<i>Total funding available in 2012</i>	<i>Expenditure as at 31 December 2012</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Utilization (percentage)</i>
	(a)	(b)	(c)=(a)+(b)	(d)	(c)-(d)	(d)/(c)
Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	(3.4)	668.6	665.2	638.2	27.0	95
Department of Public Information	325.0	43.0	368.0	287.1	80.9	78
Office of Central Support Services	2 164.9	4 422.3	6 587.2	3 746.4	2 840.8	57
Office of the Capital Master Plan	32 343.1	(1 850.0)	30 493.1	7 784.6	22 708.5	26
Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	2 049.9	(744.6)	1 305.3	81.4	1 223.9	6
Department of Safety and Security	413.2	5 401.2	5 814.4	5 785.8	28.6	99
Office of Information and Communications Technology	411.7	318.6	730.3	626.8	103.5	86
Total	37 704.4	8 259.1	45 963.5	18 950.3	27 013.2	41

A. Department for General Assembly and Conference Management

23. As stated in the previous report of the Secretary-General (A/67/350/Add.1), requirements of \$665,200 were estimated for 2012, to cover the continuation of six general temporary assistance positions. This amount included requirements for two information systems officers (P-3) and four records management assistants (General Service (Other level)). Actual expenditure for 2012 amounted to \$638,200, which was \$27,000 lower than the previous projection, as one Professional-level position was vacant for two months after the resignation of the staff member and actual staff costs were lower than the standard salary costs used for calculating the reported estimates.

24. There are no further requirements for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management services in respect of associated costs to the capital master plan.

B. Department of Public Information

25. Of the total balance of \$5,273,400 remaining unutilized at the end of 2011, an amount of \$4,948,400 was transferred to the Office of the Capital Master Plan in 2012 upon the agreement that the Office would assume responsibility for the completion of the permanent broadcast facility and the media asset management system, leaving a balance of \$325,000 available for 2012.

26. In 2011 resources of \$43,000 were approved for 2012 by the General Assembly in its resolution 66/258. That provision, combined with the balance of \$325,000 carried forward from 2011, gave rise to a total of \$368,000 in resources available for

2012. However, as stated in the previous report of the Secretary-General (A/67/350/Add.1), the projected requirements for 2012 were revised downwards to \$288,100, which was budgeted for:

(a) Consultants (\$47,300), that is, one archivist and one digital media technology specialist to assist the Department in preparing for the transition to digital technologies and for the implementation of the media asset management system;

(b) Contractual services (\$93,500) for elevator operators during the renovation work on the Conference Building and the migration of the archive metadata into the media asset management system;

(c) Furniture and equipment (\$147,300) for programme management services relating to the design development and documentation phase of the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system.

27. As at 31 December 2012, total expenditure of \$287,100 had been incurred, which is consistent with the revised projections reported in 2012. Accordingly, the unutilized resources at the end of 2012 in the amount of \$80,900 represent a realized cost reduction.

28. There are no further requirements for the Department of Public Information in respect of associated costs.

C. Office of Central Support Services

29. By its resolution 66/258, the General Assembly approved resources of \$4,422,300 for 2012. That provision, combined with the unutilized balance of \$2,164,900 brought forward from 2011, excluding the resources (\$1,682,700) for the permanent broadcast facility and the media asset management system transferred to the Office of the Capital Master Plan, gave rise to a total of \$6,587,200 in available resources for 2012.

30. In the previous report of the Secretary-General (A/67/350/Add.1), projected requirements for 2012 were revised downwards to \$5,564,900 and were based upon the following activities in support of the capital master plan project:

(a) Providing technical expertise, managing the integration of new building management, asset management and records management systems, and augmenting programme coordination, information and logistics management support;

(b) Providing for engineering oversight and technical expertise in the commissioning and operation of video systems, media servers and conference audiovisual and broadcasting systems in the North Lawn Building as well as the new permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system in the renovated Conference Building;

(c) Providing expertise in the handover of building operation services and providing service contract management;

(d) Providing moving, asset management, disposal and cleaning services;

(e) Carrying out limited renovation of the main cafeteria kitchen to ensure availability of cafeteria services in the Secretariat Building and minor alterations of the postal and gift centre in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Building.

31. While the commissioning and reoccupation of the Secretariat Building was largely completed by the Office of the Capital Master Plan in 2012, there were requirements to coordinate with the final move schedule in a number of areas that had a consequential impact upon the scheduled activities of the Office of Central Support Services, including (a) the commissioning of the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system, which was further postponed from late 2012 to early 2013; (b) the migration of audio/video operations from the North Lawn Building to the Conference Building; and (c) the timeline of staff relocation from swing space to permanent locations in off-site buildings. Storm Sandy and the resulting flooding of basements in the Headquarters complex affected the schedule for the renovation of the Conference Building and hindered planned asset management and disposal activities.

32. As at 31 December 2012, actual expenditure amounted to \$3,746,400, which was \$1,818,500 lower than the revised forecast of \$5,564,900 presented in the previous report of the Secretary-General and represents utilization of 67 per cent. Of this unutilized balance, \$664,400 represents realized cost savings and the remaining \$1,154,100 relates to planned activities that were deferred to 2013. An analysis of variances of actual expenditure against the revised forecasts is detailed below.

General temporary assistance (actual expenditure \$1,489,300)

33. Requirements of \$1,566,100 were projected for the continuation of 15 general temporary assistance positions. Actual expenditure of \$1,489,300 reflects a realized cost saving of \$76,800. The underexpenditure was due to lower actual staff costs compared to standard staff costs used in projections and staff turnover.

Contractual services (actual expenditure \$584,000)

34. Requirements of \$995,000 were projected in the previous report of the Secretary-General. Actual expenditure of \$584,000 reflects underexpenditure of \$411,000. Of this balance, \$357,000 represents cost savings and \$54,000 represents 2012 planned activities deferred to 2013. Variances of actual expenditure against the revised forecast in the previous report are detailed below:

(a) Conference project engineer consultants to oversee the commissioning of the permanent broadcast facility and the migration of audiovisual equipment (requirements: \$535,000). Actual expenditure amounted to \$178,000. The underexpenditure of \$357,000 resulted from a combination of (i) the delay in the commissioning of the permanent broadcast facility, which started in early 2013, and (ii) the utilization of in-house expertise in the Broadcast and Conference Support Section;

(b) Other miscellaneous consultancy services to oversee the handover of building infrastructure and management services from the Office of the Capital Master Plan (requirements: \$460,000). Actual expenditure totalled \$406,000 and the amount of \$54,000 was rephased into 2013 to provide for services that were deferred into the following year.

General operating expenses (actual expenditure \$1,623,100)

35. Requirements of \$2,879,700 were projected in the previous report of the Secretary-General, resulting in underexpenditure of \$1,256,600. Of this balance,

\$1,100,100 represents underutilization because of 2012 planned activities that were deferred to 2013 and \$156,500 of realized cost savings. Variances of actual expenditure against the revised forecast in the previous report are detailed below:

(a) Rental of office space accommodation for temporary positions (requirements: \$429,000): requirements were fully expended as projected;

(b) Moving, asset management and disposal services (requirements: \$641,600): actual expenditure amounted to \$142,000, reflecting underutilization of \$499,600, owing to delays in the completion of the Conference Building, the scheduled relocation of staff to their permanent off-site locations and storm Sandy, which particularly affected planned asset tracking and disposal activities. These activities were rephased into 2013;

(c) Gift relocation services to the Conference Building (requirements \$400,000): no expenditure was incurred during 2012 because this activity was deferred entirely to 2013 owing to delays in the capital master plan schedule and contractual issues in the procurement of the related services. Accordingly, resources of \$400,000 were rephased into 2013;

(d) Renovation of the main cafeteria kitchen and other minor improvements to ensure availability and continued cafeteria services upon the reoccupation of the Secretariat Building (requirements: \$571,100): the resources were fully expended as projected;

(e) Cleaning services to prepare the newly renovated Secretariat Building for occupancy and restore vacated space in the 380 Madison Avenue and annex buildings (requirements: \$290,000): actual expenditure amounted to \$240,000, which reflects underutilization of \$50,000 owing to delays in the scheduled relocation of staff from swing space locations, which was rephased into 2013;

(f) Minor alteration services to reconfigure the Postal and Gift Centre in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Building (requirements: \$121,200): no expenditure was incurred during 2012 because additional coordination and review of scope were required before it could be undertaken, which delayed this activity until 2013. Accordingly resources of \$121,200 were rephased into 2013;

(g) Audiovisual supplies (requirements: \$70,000) and technical support to build new audiovisual asset records (requirements: \$50,000): no expenditure was incurred during 2012. An amount of \$29,300 was deferred to 2013 owing to delays in the commissioning of the permanent broadcast facility and the remaining balance of \$90,700 represents a realized cost saving;

(h) Miscellaneous services covering maintenance of multimedia swing space, vehicles and messenger services to swing space locations, garage administration and training (requirements \$152,000): actual expenditure amounted to \$113,600, representing underexpenditure of \$38,400 as a realized cost saving;

(i) Centralized data-processing and communications services for 15 temporary posts (requirements \$45,400): actual expenditure amounted to \$18,000, representing underexpenditure of \$27,400 as a realized cost saving;

(j) Hardware and software licences (requirements: \$79,400) and management and coordination of the new common meeting rooms during transition (requirements: \$30,000): requirements were fully expended as projected.

Furniture and equipment (actual expenditure \$50,000)

36. Requirements of \$124,100 were projected for contingency costs related to the permanent broadcast facility and the media asset management system as well as for the cabling and replacement of very-high-frequency and ultra-high-frequency radio communication systems. Actual expenditure was \$50,000, representing underexpenditure of \$74,100 as a realized cost saving.

D. Office of the Capital Master Plan

37. The General Assembly approved resources of \$43,858,200 for the procurement of furniture during 2011, of which the amount of \$25,712,000 was deferred to 2012. Following an agreement that the Office of the Capital Master Plan would assume responsibility for the remaining implementation of the permanent broadcast facility and the media asset management system, approved resources totalling \$6,631,100 were transferred to the Office of the Capital Master Plan from the Department of Public Information (\$4,948,400) and the Office of Central Support Services (\$1,682,700). The total available resources of \$32,343,100 were then reduced by \$1,850,000 to ensure that expenditure in 2012 would not exceed the amount of the commitment authority authorized by the Assembly in its resolution [66/258](#). The total funds available for 2012 therefore amounted to \$30,493,100. In the previous report of the Secretary-General ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)), the estimated requirements for 2012 were revised to \$20,533,700, to provide for the following requirements:

Furniture (\$18,759,100)

(a) The cost of furniture for the Secretariat Building (\$500,000), seating (\$7,897,100), other furniture (\$2,874,400) and lamps for interpreters (\$17,500), amounting to \$11,289,000;

(b) Contractual services relating to the delivery and installation of furniture in the Secretariat Building in the amount of \$3,883,900;

(c) Contractual services relating to the moving of furniture (\$1,981,500), furniture design (\$200,200) and reconfiguration of basement workstations (\$495,300) in the amount of \$2,677,000;

(d) A contingency for furniture (\$909,200) in respect of (a), (b) and (c) above;

Permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system (\$1,774,600): contractual services required to support the conversion of the North Lawn Building and the transition of the Broadcast Studio H functions, previously in the General Assembly Building, to the permanent broadcast facility in the Conference Building (\$1,774,600).

38. As at 31 December 2012, total expenditure of \$7,784,600 had been incurred. Compared with the revised forecast of \$20,533,700 for 2012, this amount represents an underexpenditure of \$12,749,100. Details of actual expenditure for 2012 and explanations of variances against the foregoing categories are as follows:

(a) Cost of furniture for the Secretariat Building, seating, other furniture and lamps for interpreters: actual expenditure for the year totalled \$1,089,400 against an estimated amount of \$11,289,000, representing underutilization of \$10,199,600. The underutilization reflects the deferral of activities into 2013 because of a series of delays in the capital master plan schedule (see [A/68/352](#)), including changes owing

to storm Sandy, requirements to coordinate with the final move plan and adjusted procurement strategy, where furniture was procured through multiple-targeted contracts in contrast to one large-scale long-term contract;

(b) Contractual services for delivery and installation of furniture: expenditure for these services was fully incurred by 31 May 2012, as reported in document [A/67/350/Add.1](#), in the amount of \$3,883,900;

(c) Contractual services for moving furniture, furniture design and reconfiguration of basement workstations: actual expenditure amount to \$498,600, which represents underutilization of \$2,178,400. The variance was due primarily to a delay in the conclusion of the contract related to the moving of furniture, which occurred in the first part of 2013 instead of October 2012 as anticipated. Therefore, these requirements were phased into 2013. In the meantime, existing contracts for moving services were used for management of scheduled moves;

(d) Contingency for furniture: given that the vast majority of activities planned for 2012 were deferred to 2013, the Office of the Capital Master Plan maintained the full estimated contingency of \$909,200 and rephased it for activities anticipated in 2013;

(e) Permanent broadcast facility and the media asset management system: actual expenditure for 2012 amounted to \$2,312,700, which was greater than the estimated amount of \$1,774,600, owing to advanced procurement of system design elements to cover the full scope of construction, including some activities initially planned for 2013. These elements would serve activities in the Conference Building as well as the portion of construction to be carried out in the General Assembly Building.

39. As described above, the total approved resources available to the Office of the Capital Master Plan for 2012 amounted to \$30,493,100, whereas actual expenditure for the year was \$7,784,600, giving rise to an unutilized balance of \$22,708,500, all of which was rephased into 2013 because it resulted from the deferral of planned activities stemming from delays in the schedule of the capital master plan project during 2012 and the impact of storm Sandy, as explained in the eleventh progress report ([A/68/352](#)).

E. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

40. As previously reported ([A/67/350/Add.1](#), para. 41), no additional resources were requested for 2012 in the report of the Secretary-General ([A/66/527/Add.1](#)). Resources of \$2,049,900 were brought forward from 2011 and an amount of \$546,600 was used to offset resource requirements for other associated costs in 2012. A further reduction of \$198,000 was identified, as resources previously required for the ongoing support of supplementary equipment being moved from the security command centre in the Conference Building to the North Lawn Technology Centre had proven to be unnecessary. Taking these adjustments into consideration gave rise to \$1,305,300 of unutilized available resources for 2012.

41. In the previous report of the Secretary-General ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)), the projected requirements for 2012 were revised downwards to \$580,000, for the following items:

(a) Acquisition of equipment for the campus-wide security network (\$440,000): this equipment supports deployment of access-control and closed-circuit

television systems in the Secretariat, Conference and General Assembly Buildings, which was a phased roll-out throughout the Headquarters campus;

(b) Maintenance support services for swing spaces (\$140,000): such services were required because of the lack of a service-level agreement attached to the arrangements, which had proven to be burdensome on both the Office of Information and Communications Technology and the Department of Safety and Security owing to the poor response time for urgent repairs on critical components of the security systems.

42. As at 31 December 2012, total expenditure amounted to only \$81,400 because the procurement of network equipment (\$440,000) that was scheduled for 2012 was postponed in order to align the delivery date of the equipment with the readiness of the technology rooms (in which the equipment would be installed) that were to be constructed under the capital master plan within the General Assembly Building.

43. An amount of \$81,400 was incurred for the on-call maintenance and repair services of the SSP physical security installations for capital master plan swing spaces, which was needed as the warranty contract had expired (\$20,000). An additional amount of \$61,400 covered the replacement of access control panels for the super-swing space which were damaged as a result of storm Sandy and were needed to restore critical perimeter cameras.

44. As at the end of 2012, an unutilized balance of \$1,223,900 was available for 2013 (\$1,305,300 less \$81,400 actual expenditure for 2012).

45. As explained above, of the unutilized balance, \$440,000 was deferred to 2013 to cover the cost of the network equipment to be installed in the General Assembly technology rooms. The remaining unutilized balance of \$783,900 comprised (a) an amount of \$230,000 carried forward to 2013 to cover projected construction requirements in that year, (b) an amount of \$495,300 of resources carried forward to 2013 to cover projected associated costs for other departments and offices, and (c) an amount of \$58,600, which is a realized cost saving.

F. Department of Safety and Security

46. In its resolution [66/258](#), the General Assembly approved resources of \$5,401,200 for associated costs of the Department of Safety and Security for 2012. A reduction of \$483,800 had been identified from the \$5,885,000 of requirements in the previous report of the Secretary-General ([A/66/527/Add.1](#)) to ensure that expenditure would not exceed the amount of the commitment authority approved by the Assembly. This provision, combined with the balance of \$413,200 brought forward from 2011, gave rise to \$5,814,400 of available resources for 2012. In the previous report of the Secretary-General ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)) the projected requirements for 2012 were revised downwards to \$5,804,000.

47. As at 31 December 2012, total expenditure of \$5,785,800 had been incurred. Compared with the revised forecast for 2012, this amount represents underexpenditure of \$18,200. Details of actual expenditure for 2012 and explanations of variances are as follows:

(a) General temporary assistance: an amount of \$5,643,800 was projected in the previous report of the Secretary-General ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)). Actual expenditure

amounted to \$5,637,800, resulting in underexpenditure of \$6,000 owing to the unanticipated vacancy of one position;

(b) Contractual services: actual expenditure amounted to \$14,300, equal to the projected requirements;

(c) General operating expenses: against the previously projected requirements of \$115,400, actual expenditure amounted to \$109,800, reflecting underexpenditure of \$5,600. The underutilization results from lower than estimated charges for the rental of photocopiers;

(d) Supplies and materials: against the previously projected requirements of \$30,500, actual expenditure amounted to \$23,900, reflecting underexpenditure of \$6,600.

G. Office of Information and Communications Technology

48. In 2011 resources of \$318,600 for 2012 were approved by the General Assembly in its resolution [66/258](#). That provision, combined with the balance of \$411,700 carried forward from 2011, gave rise to a total of \$730,300 in resources available for 2012.

49. As stated in the previous report of the Secretary-General ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)), requirements of \$631,100 were projected for associated costs of the Office of Information and Communications Technology for 2012, comprising (a) \$453,100 for contractual services to provide technology infrastructure support, in particular to resolve the remaining problems related to the basement swing space, and (b) \$178,000 to provide for two contractors for the period from July to December 2012 to support the technology component of relocating approximately 3,000 staff from swing spaces and annex buildings to the Secretariat Building.

50. As at 31 December 2012, total expenditure of \$626,800 had been incurred, which represents a realized saving of \$2,000.

51. There are no further requirements for the Office of Information and Communications Technology in respect of associated costs.

IV. Status of implementation and forecast expenditure for 2013

52. In his previous report ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)) the Secretary-General estimated that associated cost requirements for 2013 would amount to \$15,562,600. On the basis of the estimated unutilized balance at the end of 2012 of \$11,896,500, the General Assembly, in its resolution [67/246](#), approved net additional resource requirements for 2013 in the amount of \$3,666,100.

53. The actual balance of approved but unutilized resources at the end of 2012 was higher, at \$27,013,200, principally because of the deferred procurement and installation of furniture for the Conference and General Assembly Buildings, and the implementation of the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system from 2012 to 2013 owing to requirements to coordinate with the final move plan.

54. The balance of \$27,013,200, brought forward from 2012, combined with the approved additional resource requirements of \$3,666,100, gave rise to a total of

\$30,679,300 in available resources for 2013. A detailed breakdown by department is provided in table 6 below.

Table 6
Summary of available funding for 2013

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	<i>Balance carried forward from 2012</i>	<i>2013 funding approved in General Assembly resolution 67/246</i>	<i>Total funding available in 2013</i>
Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	27.0	—	27.0
Department of Public Information	80.9	(79.9)	1.0
Office of Central Support Services (without furniture)	2 840.8	1 367.5	4 208.3
Office of the Capital Master Plan	22 708.5	—	22 708.5
Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	1 223.9	(495.3)	728.6
Department of Safety and Security	28.6	2 973.0	3 001.6
Office of Information and Communications Technology	103.5	(99.2)	4.3
Total	27 013.2	3 666.1	30 679.3

55. A summary of revised projected requirements for 2013 is provided in table 7 below. Further details by each department are provided after the table.

Table 7
Summary of expenditure and revised requirements for 2013

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	<i>Available funding for 2013^a</i>	<i>Expenditure as at 30 June 2013</i>	<i>Projected expenditure July to December 2013</i>	<i>Revised requirements for 2013</i>	<i>Balance at end of 2013</i>
	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	<i>(d)=(b)+(c)</i>	<i>(e)=(a)-(d)</i>
Department for General Assembly and Conference Management	27.0	—	—	—	27.0
Department of Public Information	1.0	—	—	—	1.0
Office of Central Support Services	4 208.3	1 064.6	2 485.3	3 549.9	658.4
Office of the Capital Master Plan ^b	22 708.5	7 279.1	14 929.4	22 208.5	500.0
Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	728.6	492.4	89.1	581.5	147.1
Department of Safety and Security	3 001.6	1 329.7	1 279.7	2 609.4	392.2
Office of Information and Communications Technology	4.3	—	—	—	4.3
Total	30 679.3	10 165.8	18 783.5	28 949.3	1 730.0

^a Comprising funding approved for 2013 by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/246 and the unspent balance carried forward from 2012 (see table 4).

^b Comprising requirements for furniture as well as the completion of the permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system.

A. Office of Central Support Services

56. In its resolution 67/246, the General Assembly noted projected expenditures of \$2,389,800 for associated costs of the Office of Central Support Services. On the basis of the estimated unutilized balance of \$1,022,300 at the end 2012, the Assembly approved additional expenditure of \$1,367,500. This provision, combined with the actual balance of unutilized approved resources at the end of 2012, which was higher at \$2,840,800, gave rise to \$4,208,300 of available resources at the start of 2013.

57. As explained above, of the unutilized balance at the end of 2012, \$1,154,100 relates to activities deferred to 2013. In addition, the previous estimated requirements of \$2,389,800 have been increased by a net amount of \$6,000 to \$2,395,800. Accordingly, the revised forecast for total expenditure for 2013 is \$3,549,900.

General temporary assistance (requirements: \$897,500)

58. Requirements of \$897,500 were projected for the continuation of six positions to provide support for the latter phase of the project and to ensure the smooth transition of operations, thereby mitigating handover risks. As at 30 June 2013, expenditure amounted to \$385,000. On the basis of current expenditure patterns and taking into account staff turnover, the full provision is expected to be utilized by the end of the year.

Contractual services (requirements: \$503,500)

59. Requirements of \$715,300 were projected for 2013, comprising:

(a) Conference project engineers to oversee the commissioning of the permanent broadcast facility and the migration of the audiovisual systems from the General Assembly Building to the North Lawn Building, and to finalize the commissioning of the Conference and General Assembly Buildings (\$635,300);

(b) Continuation of handover services to provide support for the commissioning process in relation to building infrastructure and management systems installed in the General Assembly Building (\$80,000).

60. In addition, \$54,000 was deferred from 2012 in respect of handover services, giving rise to available resources of \$769,300. Actual expenditure at 30 June 2013 amounted to \$111,700. On the basis of planned activities for the remainder of the year, the estimated cost for the full year is now \$503,500. This amount represents a realized cost saving of \$265,800, as discussed below.

61. Despite delays in the completion of the Conference Building, the requirements for 2013 in respect of the contractual broadcasting services will decrease by \$291,800, to \$343,500. This cost saving arises because the technical support for the commissioning and operation of the permanent broadcast facilities is being provided by in-house staff of the Broadcast and Conference Support Section, rather than external contractors. The installation and testing of equipment, related training and migration of audiovisual operations coincided with the renewal of the contract for broadcasting services and it was more advantageous to the Organization to build and later retain system knowledge by employing staff for this commissioning work. This operational change was made possible by the reorganization of the Broadcast and

Conference Support Section in the Facilities Management Service, which was initiated in the autumn of 2012.

62. The realized cost saving of \$291,800 was offset in part by an increase of \$26,000 in requirements under handover services, from \$80,000 to \$106,000. When combined with deferred resources from 2012 of \$54,000, the estimated cost of this activity is now forecast to be \$160,000. These cumulative resources will provide for the development of a preventive maintenance programme and management of as-built drawings and other documentation.

General operating expenses (requirements: \$1,846,900)

63. Requirements of \$475,000 originally projected for 2013 and resources in the amount of \$1,100,100 deferred from 2012 will be required, as explained above. In addition, increased requirements of \$271,800 were identified to complete the budgeted activities. These amounts give rise to cumulative estimated general operating expenses for 2013 of \$1,846,900.

64. As at 30 June 2013 actual expenditure amounted to \$529,700. On the basis of current trends and anticipated activities for the remainder of the year, the requirements for 2013 have been revised as follows:

(a) The cost of asset management and disposal services to provide support for the renovation of the General Assembly Building remains as originally projected (\$100,000). In addition, resources deferred from 2012 (\$499,600) for asset tracking, moving and disposal services related to the Conference Building and the vacation of swing space will be incurred. Actual expenditure as at 30 June 2013 was \$6,000;

(b) Gift relocation services for the General Assembly Building (\$300,000) upon its completed renovation and to be procured at the end of 2013, continue to be required. In addition, resources (\$400,000) for gift relocation services in respect of the Conference Building, which were deferred from 2012, will be incurred. Actual expenditure as at 30 June 2013 was \$208,400;

(c) Cleaning services prior to the occupancy of the Conference Building (\$75,000) remain as projected. Resources deferred from 2012 (\$50,000) in respect of staff relocation from swing space and additional requirements (\$160,900) owing to the compressed schedule of the capital master plan for the preparation of the General Assembly relocation and early termination of floors in the Madison Avenue building will also be incurred. Actual expenditure as at 30 June 2013 was \$60,000;

(d) Minor alteration costs for the temporary visitor centre deferred from 2012 in the amount of \$121,200 and additional expenditure of \$66,100 for the project will be incurred during the year for a total of \$187,300. This follows consultations on design and coordination with the Department of Public Information and the Department of Safety and Security, which identified additional scope requirements. Actual expenditure as at 30 June 2013 was \$181,400;

(e) Miscellaneous service costs, including resources deferred for audiovisual supplies (\$29,300) and additional requirements (\$44,800), such as for messenger and logistic services in the first quarter of 2013 owing to delays in the capital master plan schedule, training and data-processing standard costs for temporary positions, will be incurred.

Furniture and equipment (\$302,000)

65. Requirements of \$302,000 were originally projected to provide for (a) catering equipment, furniture and fixtures not covered by the capital master plan for the Delegates Dining Room, the North and South Delegates Lounges, the coffee shop in the visitors area and Café Austria (\$262,000), and (b) maintenance and replacement of very-high-frequency and ultra-high-frequency radio communication systems (\$40,000). Actual expenditure as at 30 June 2013 was \$38,200, but in light of anticipated procurement for the remainder of the year, the estimate remains valid.

66. In summary, available resources for 2013 amount to \$4,208,300 as compared to final estimates for expenditure for the full year of \$3,549,900, representing realized cost savings of \$658,400.

B. Office of the Capital Master Plan

67. The General Assembly did not approve additional expenditure for 2013 in respect of the associated cost activities managed by the Office of the Capital Master Plan because all of the planned activities for 2013 were provided for by previously approved resources that had been rephased into future periods. As stated in the previous report of the Secretary-General ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)), it was anticipated that \$9,959,400 would be rephased into 2013 for activities in that year. As explained above, the actual approved resources available to the Office of the Capital Master Plan for 2013 amount to \$22,708,500.

68. Actual expenditure as at 30 June 2013 amounted to \$7,279,100, which related to the following:

(a) Contractual services for delivery, storage and installation of campus-wide furniture (\$2,060,800);

(b) Furniture for the Secretariat Building (\$234,700), seating for the Secretariat and Conference Buildings (\$2,528,200), and other furniture (\$64,600) in the total amount of \$2,827,500;

(c) As-built system design and installation (\$420,800) and contract administration (\$1,970,000) related to the public broadcast facility of the Conference Building and the media asset management system.

69. Activities scheduled for the first half of 2013 were delayed owing to the impact of storm Sandy. As a result, the Office of the Capital Master Plan will incur significant expenditure during the latter half of 2013. In this regard, requirements of \$14,929,400 are projected for the period from July to December 2013, comprising:

Furniture (requirements: \$14,197,800)

(a) Contractual services in the total amount of \$4,460,600, composed of:

(i) Moving of reused furniture in the Secretariat, Conference and General Assembly Buildings (\$2,527,000);

(ii) Furniture layout and space planning for the General Assembly Building (\$80,000) and coordination (\$140,000);

(iii) Project-wide programme management costs related to all furniture acquisitions, layout, refurbishment, moving, storage, delivery and installation (\$1,713,600);

(b) Furniture requirements in the total amount of \$9,737,200 composed of:

(i) Refurbishment of historic furniture of the General Assembly Building (\$4,258,200);

(ii) New and refurbished furniture for the Conference Building (\$3,355,900);

(iii) Remaining furniture requirements, including systems furniture, interpreter booths and meeting room case goods (\$853,200);

(iv) Seating requirements to procure new lounge seating and meeting room chairs for new conference rooms in the General Assembly Building (\$164,600);

(v) Other furniture, comprising miscellaneous case goods for the General Assembly Building, such as lockers, credenzas, tables and bookcases (\$1,105,300);

Permanent broadcast facility and media asset management system (requirements: \$731,600): Following the conclusion of the major construction contract for renovation of the General Assembly Building in the summer of 2013, requirements of \$581,600 have been established for the permanent broadcast facility and the media asset management system to ensure that the audiovisual, interpretation and broadcast-related systems of the renovated General Assembly Building are fully integrated into the permanent broadcast facility and the media assets management system. The Office of the Capital Master Plan has concluded the contract for this scope of work and will enter into commitments in August 2013. In addition, it has been determined that there is a requirement to implement redundancy in the recording of Security Council meetings and other conferences. The redundancy feature could be implemented by utilizing the IPTV (Internet protocol television) platform already installed for audio and video recordings at a cost of \$150,000.

70. In summary, available resources for 2013 amount to \$22,708,500 as compared to final estimates for expenditure for the full year of \$22,208,500, representing realized cost savings of \$500,000.

C. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

71. No additional resources were requested for 2013 because the projected balance that would be carried forward to 2013 (see [A/67/250/Add.1](#), table 6) would have been sufficient to meet the projected requirements for 2013 of \$230,000. As it transpired, the delay in procurement of network equipment and a realized cost saving of \$58,600 in 2012 meant that the actual unutilized balance at the end of 2012 was higher, at \$728,600.

72. In paragraph 56 of his last report ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)), the Secretary-General presented estimated requirements for 2013 as follows:

(a) The acquisition of additional network equipment to provide connectivity between eight new security distribution frames currently under construction, the

security operations centre and access control and closed-circuit television systems (\$80,000);

(b) Contractual services for the decommissioning of access-control and closed-circuit television systems at 380 Madison Avenue (\$150,000). Prior to the cancellation of the lease, all security assets will need to be tagged, decommissioned, uninstalled and moved into storage for reuse in other buildings.

73. As at 30 June 2013, actual expenditure was \$492,400, which reflected the acquisition of the network equipment for the Secretariat, Conference and General Assembly Buildings, and the costs of decommissioning security systems at swing site locations.

74. As to network equipment, procurement was originally estimated at \$670,000, comprising 2012 deferred expenditure of \$440,000 and 2013 estimated costs of \$230,000. Actual expenditure was \$492,400, with a further \$89,100 of expenditure for the rest of 2013. This amount represents a realized cost saving of \$153,800, which reflects a deep discount provided to the United Nations by the vendor, Diebold.

75. Regarding decommissioning costs, in the first six months expenditure of \$53,000 was incurred for decommissioning the security systems. No further costs are anticipated for 2013.

76. In summary, available resources for 2013 amount to \$728,600 as compared to final estimates for expenditure for the full year of \$581,500, representing realized cost savings of \$147,100.

D. Department of Safety and Security

77. In its resolution 67/246, the General Assembly noted projected expenditures of \$2,983,400 for associated costs of the Department of Safety and Security for 2013. On the basis of the estimated unutilized balance at the end of 2012 of \$10,400, the Assembly approved additional expenditure of \$2,973,000. This provision, combined with the actual balance of unutilized approved resources at the end of 2012, which was marginally higher at \$28,600, gave rise to \$3,001,600 of available resources for 2013.

78. Actual expenditure for the first six months to 30 June 2013 was \$1,329,700. On the basis of this experience and planned activities for the rest of the year, it is estimated that resources of \$2,609,400 will be expended in 2013, comprising:

(a) General temporary assistance (\$2,528,300): requirements of \$2,893,800 were projected in the previous report of the Secretary-General ([A/67/350/Add.1](#)). The current projected requirements of \$2,528,300 would provide for the continuation of 57 of the 61 temporary security positions, 4 of the 5 Professional positions (1 position at the P-5 level, 1 at the P-4 level and 2 at the P-3 level) and the 3 General Service (Other level) positions. The projected requirements have been reduced because the four vacant positions will not be filled, as the capital master plan support activities carried out by the Department of Safety and Security will draw to a close;

(b) Contractual services (\$7,200): requirements of \$8,000 were projected in the previous report of the Secretary-General. The current projected requirements of

\$7,200 would provide for random drug testing and laundry services for security personnel. The reduction in the projected requirements is due to the lower than anticipated cost of the laundry contract;

(c) Operating expenses (\$56,900): requirements of \$64,600 were projected in the previous report of the Secretary-General. The current projected requirements of \$56,900 would provide for (i) communications costs, such as telephone and BlackBerry charges (\$5,400), (ii) maintenance of office automation equipment, webmail accounts and service-level agreements with the Office of Information and Communications Technology (\$25,600), and (iii) veterinarian and kennel services for nine dogs in the canine unit and the renewal of pistol permits (\$25,900). The projected requirements have been reduced because the rental cost for photocopiers was lower than anticipated and the maintenance contract for the firearm simulator system was no longer required owing to damage caused by storm Sandy;

(d) Supplies and materials (\$17,000): the resources would provide for office and canine supplies, and uniforms for security officers.

79. In summary, available resources for 2013 amount to \$3,001,600 as compared to final estimates for expenditure for the full year of \$2,609,400, representing realized cost savings of \$392,200.

V. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

80. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are contained in section XVI of the eleventh annual progress report on the implementation of the capital master plan [A/68/352](#).
