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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 138 are set out in the report of the Committee contained in document [A/76/633](#).
2. During the first part of the resumed seventy-sixth session, the Fifth Committee met formally and remotely owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, during which it resumed its consideration of the item. The Committee formally resumed its consideration of the item in person at its 12th meeting, on 31 March 2022. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's formal consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹
3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Organizational resilience management system

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system ([A/76/607](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/76/7/Add.37](#))

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

Report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2022 under section 3, Political affairs, and section 36, Staff assessment ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.8](#))

¹ [A/C.5/76/SR.12](#).



Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/76/7/Add.38](#))

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-third special session

Report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-third special session ([A/76/524/Add.1](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/76/7/Add.36](#))

Review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund ([A/70/395](#))

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions ([A/70/7/Add.7](#))

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution [A/C.5/76/L.24](#)

4. At the 12th meeting, on 31 March, the representative of Ethiopia introduced a draft resolution entitled “Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-third special session” ([A/C.5/76/L.24](#)).

5. At the same meeting, the representative of France (speaking on behalf of the European Union) requested a recorded vote on draft resolution [A/C.5/76/L.24](#) and, before the vote, made a statement in explanation of vote.

6. Also at the same meeting, before the vote, the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Argentina made statements in explanation of vote.

7. Also at its 12th meeting, the Committee rejected draft resolution [A/C.5/76/L.24](#) by a recorded vote of 66 to 27, with 39 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Nicaragua, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain,

Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu.

Abstaining:

Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ghana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zambia.

B. Draft resolution [A/C.5/76/L.27](#)

8. At its 12th meeting, on 31 March, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Special subjects relating to the programme budget for 2022" ([A/C.5/76/L.27](#)), submitted by the Chair of the Committee, sections I and II of which were based on informal consultations coordinated by the representatives of Kenya and the Philippines.

9. At the same meeting, the representative of Ethiopia requested a recorded vote on section III of draft resolution [A/C.5/76/L.27](#).

10. Also at the same meeting, before the vote, the representatives of France (speaking on behalf of the European Union) and Eritrea made statements in explanation of vote.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section III of draft resolution [A/C.5/76/L.27](#) by a recorded vote of 78 to 18, with 40 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Djibouti,² Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu.

Against:

Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Philippines, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi

² The delegation of Djibouti subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote against.

Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zambia.

12. After the vote, the representative of Ethiopia made a statement in explanation of vote.
13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.5/76/L.27](#) as a whole without a vote (see para. 14).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

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

Special subjects related to the programme budget for 2022

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, section II of its resolution [70/248](#) B of 1 April 2016 and section I of its resolution [73/279](#) B of 15 April 2019,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the organizational resilience management system¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Welcomes* the positive impact of the implementation by the Secretary-General of the organizational resilience management system and the progress achieved in this regard over the years, which has contributed to an effective response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and therefore requests the Secretary-General to continuously improve the organizational resilience management system;
4. *Reaffirms* the importance of an agile and resilient workforce, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to intensify his efforts to improve the safety, security and well-being, including physical and mental health, of all United Nations personnel in all duty stations, including but not limited to Headquarters, regional commissions and field missions, through the implementation of the organizational resilience management system;
5. *Recalls* paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive list of all coordination mechanisms on the organizational resilience management system in which the Secretariat participates in the context of the next progress report on the implementation of the organizational resilience management system;
6. *Also recalls* paragraphs 14 and 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly a progress report on the implementation of the organizational resilience management system, including comprehensive information on the organizational response to the COVID-19 pandemic as an annex to the progress report, for consideration no later than at the first part of its resumed seventy-ninth session;

¹ [A/76/607](#).

² [A/76/7/Add.37](#).

II

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: special political missions – thematic cluster III (regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions) – United Nations Support Mission in Libya

Recalling its resolution 76/245, section X of its resolution 76/246, and its resolutions 76/247 A to C, of 24 December 2021,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General³ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁴

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;
3. *Takes note* of paragraph 25 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish the following positions: 1 Senior Administrative Officer (P-5), 1 Engineering Officer (P-4), 1 Procurement Officer (P-4), 4 Close Protection Officer (Field Service), 3 Field Security Assistant (Local level), 3 Security Radio Operator (Local level) and 1 Security Officer – Premises (Field Service);
4. *Decides* to establish one position of Security Operations Assistant (Local level);
5. *Underscores* the important work of the ceasefire monitoring mechanism and the need for adequate security and operational support, and encourages the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures accordingly;
6. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, regrets the high number of long-vacant posts, requests the Secretary-General to ensure that vacant posts are filled expeditiously, and also requests the Secretary-General to review the posts and positions that have been vacant for 24 months or longer and to propose in his next budget submission either their retention, with clear justification of need, or their abolishment;
7. *Takes note* of paragraph 31 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to reduce operational costs by 2,292,300 United States dollars without prejudice to construction and renovation projects;
8. *Also takes note* of paragraph 33 of the report of the Advisory Committee;
9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments with assessment in an amount not to exceed 17,945,500 dollars starting from 1 January 2023 for the United Nations Support Mission in Libya for the period from 1 April to 31 December 2022, and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated information on the use of the commitment authority during the consideration by the General Assembly of the proposed programme budget for 2023 and to report on the final expenditures of the commitment authority during the main part of the seventy-eighth session, in the context of the financial performance report on the programme budget for 2022;

³ A/76/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.8.

⁴ A/76/7/Add.38.

III

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-third special session

Recalling its resolution [76/245](#), section IX of its resolution [76/246](#), and its resolutions [76/247](#) A to C,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁵ and the related report of the Advisory Committee,⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the related conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 2,232,600 dollars, comprising 34,800 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and 2,197,800 dollars under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2022, representing a charge against the contingency fund;
4. *Also appropriates* an amount of 166,100 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 2022.

⁵ [A/76/524/Add.1](#).

⁶ [A/76/7/Add.36](#).