

Draft resolution

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and 60/246 of 23 December 2005, adopted ad ref at informal informals

Reaffirming its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, and 45/248 B, Part VI of 21 December 1990, 55/231 of 23 December 2000, ~~56/253 of 24 December 2001, 58/269 of 23 December 2003 and 58/270 of 23 December 2003,~~ 60/247 of 23 December 2005 and 61/254 of 22 December 2006, adopted ad ref at informal informals

Comment [UN1]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: 60/246; 60/283; 60/260; 61/244

Reaffirming the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the consideration of the proposed programme budget, adopted ad ref at informal informals

Comment [UN2]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: 60/246

8. **Reaffirming the role of the General Assembly through the Fifth Committee in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources, as well as of human resources policies, with a view to ensuring the full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard; adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN3]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: PP6, part XI, of 59/276

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PP1 split
into two
paragraphs
as indicated

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new
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by EU

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to PP3

Recognizing the detrimental effect of the withholding of assessed contributions on the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and the ability to implement the mandates and programmes; **adopted ad ref informal informals** |

Comment [UN4]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: 56/253

~~Recognizing also that late payments of assessed contributions, bearing in mind the special situation of certain countries, adversely affect the financial situation of the Organization, deleted ad ref informal informals ||~~

Comment [UN5]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: 56/253

Comment [UN6]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: 56/253

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009¹, the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund², the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³, Chapter III B of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination⁴, and the report of the Secretary-General on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009⁵, **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Stressing that the established procedures for the formulation, implementation and approval of the programme budget must be maintained and strictly followed, **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN7]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: 56/253

~~1b. Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning posts and non-posts resources contained in Chapter II of~~

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¹ A/62/6 (Introduction) and Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sects. 1-11), A/62/6 (Sect. 12 and Corr.1), A/62/6 (Sect. 13/Add.1), A/62/6 (Sects. 14-18), A/62/6 (Sect. 19 and Corr.1), A/62/6 (Sects. 20-27), A/62/6 (Sect. 28A and Corr.1), A/62/6 (Sect. 28B and Corr.1), A/62/6 (Sect. 28C and Corr.1), A/62/6 (Sect. 28D), A/62/6 (Sect. 28E and Corr.1), A/62/6 (Sect. 28F, 28G), A/62/6 (Sect. 29 and Corr.1), A/62/6 (Sects. 30-35), A/62/6 (Income sects. 1-3) and A/62/91.

² A/62/229

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/62/7)*, A/62/7/Add.1 and Corr.1, A/62/349

⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/62/16)*.

⁵ A/62/80/Add.1

~~its report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009³³, subject to the provision of the current resolution; deleted ad ref at informal informals~~

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Comment [UN8]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³, subject of the provisions of the present resolution; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

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Comment [UN9]:
Submitted by: MEXICO

Policy issues

3. ~~*Stresses* that all Member States should fulfill their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions;~~

Comment [UN10]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP1 of 60/263

4. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN11]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 1 of 60/246

5. *Reaffirms also* rule 153 of its rules of procedure; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN12]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 2 of 60/246

6. *Reaffirms* that no changes to the budget methodology, to established budgetary procedures and practices or to the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the General Assembly, in accordance with established budgetary procedures; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN13]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP4 of 53/205

36. *Reaffirms* the established budgetary procedures and methodology, based on its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN14]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

Comment [UN15]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP4 of 53/205

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37. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strictly abide by the above-mentioned established budgetary procedures and methodology in future budget submissions; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** |||

Comment [UN16]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP4 of 53/205

Comment [UN17]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

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3. *Stresses* that all Member States should fulfill their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions, **adopted ad ref at informal informals** |||

Comment [UN18]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OPI of 60/263

[7. *Reaffirms* that the financial stability of the United Nations should not be jeopardized by arbitrary measures and stresses that that any efforts to use financial contributions to push for the adoption of certain proposals are counterproductive and violate the obligations of Member States to provide resources for the Organization, as enshrined in its Charter, and in accordance with the principle of capacity to pay;] |||

Comment [UN19]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: para. 39 of A/62/488

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Par. 8 moved
to PP3

~~[8. *Reaffirms* the role of the General Assembly in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources, as well as of human resources policies, with a view to ensuring the full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;] |||~~

Comment [UN20]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: PP6, part XI, of 59/276

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Withdrawn by
G-77 & China

~~9. *Deeply regrets* the piece-meal approach to the budget process, which undermines the budgetary discipline and limits its ability to allocate resources according to the programmatic priorities as determined by the legislative mandates;] |||~~

Comment [UN21]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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Par. 64
inserted as
new par. 9

64. *Notes with concern* the piecemeal approach to the budget process *Recalls* paragraph 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁴³, and *requests* the Secretary-General, for all future proposed programme budgets, to take the necessary steps to avoid such a piecemeal approach to the budget

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process and ensure the fullest possible picture of the Organization's requirements for the biennia ~~biennium~~; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN22]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP4 of 53/205

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011, to ensure full compliance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 55/231 of 23 December 2000 and 58/269 of 23 December 2004 and with the relevant recommendations made by the **Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions** and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, bearing in mind the intergovernmental, multilateral and international character of the United Nations; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

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Comment [UN23]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP 15 of 56/253

~~11. *Reiterates* the need for the Member States to participate fully in the budget preparation process, from its early stages and throughout the process;~~ ||

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Par. 11
Withdrawn by
G-77 & China

Comment [UN24]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP7 of 61/235

12. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing the information necessary to enable Member States to make well-informed decisions; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

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new para 9

Comment [UN25]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP1, part V, of 60/283

13. *Reiterates* the priorities of the Organization for the period 2008-2009 as outlined in its resolution 61/235; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN26]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

14. *Reiterates also* that the allocation of resources should reflect fully the priorities established in the Biennial Programme Plan; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN27]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP41 of 54/249

15. *Emphasizes* that the resources proposed by the Secretary-General should be commensurate with all mandated programmes and activities in order to ensure their full, efficient and effective implementation; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN28]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP4, part III, of 60/283

16. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as contained in Chapter III B of its report⁴; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||.....

Comment [UN29]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP3 of 60/246

17. *Approves* the changes to programme 4 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General⁵; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN30]:
Proposal of the Coordinator for consideration

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17. bis *Approves* also the changes to the programme narratives of section 6, Peaceful Uses of Outer Space; section 9, Economic and Social Affairs; section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development and section 23, Human Rights, as reflected in the reports and statements of programme budget implications of the Secretary-General⁶; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** |.....

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Par. 17bis
Submitted by
the
Coordinator

Comment [UN31]:
Proposal of the Coordinator for consideration

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~~[18. *Stresses* that a fair, transparent and effective system of administration of justice system is an essential feature of proper accountability;] deleted ad ref at informal informals~~ ||.....

Comment [UN32]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP9, part XII, of 61/244

12 Dec 2007
Par. 19 moved
to par. 38 bis

~~19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen his efforts to achieve greater transparency at all levels; adopted ad ref at informal informals~~ |.....

Comment [UN33]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP4, part XII, of 61/244

20. *Emphasizes* that programmes and activities mandated by the General Assembly must be respected and implemented fully in the most effective and efficient manner; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** |.....

Comment [UN34]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 23 of 56/253

~~[21. *Reaffirms* the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of~~

⁶ A/C.5/62/12, A/C.5/62/14, A/C.5/62/15, A/C.5/62/19 A/C.5/62/20 and A/62/125

Evaluation⁷, and ~~requests the Secretary-General to implement regulation 5.6 of the regulations and rules, and also reaffirms that the application of rule 105.6 (a) should continue to reflect the understanding that approval of the Biennial Programme Plan and the programme budget constitute the reaffirmation of the mandates reflected therein;~~
deleted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN35]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 30 of 56/253

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Par. 59 moved
to par. 21 bis

[59. ~~Requests, in this regard, the Secretary-General to apply Regulation 5.6 and Rule 105.6 of PPBME on an ongoing basis during the course of the biennium 2008-2009 and to submit the proposals on discontinuation of outputs based on those provisions in the next budget submission;~~ deleted ad ref at informal informals

Comment [UN36]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

[22. ~~Notes with concern that the majority of the 2,111 outputs that have been proposed for discontinuation in the biennium 2008-2009, constituting 80 percent of all mandates, relate to activities in the social and economic development area, in particular from the regional commissions;~~ deleted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN37]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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Par. 58
moved to
par. 22 bis
Paras
21, 22 58
and 59
deleted
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[58. ~~Notes with concern that a large number of outputs discontinued actually relates to non-recurrent items rather than based on the criteria set out in Rule 105.6 of Regulation and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspect of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Method of Evaluation (PPBME);~~ deleted ad ref at informal informals

Comment [UN38]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

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Par. 23 moved
to par. 151 bis

23. ~~Emphasizes the importance of strengthening coordination and synergy between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Political Affairs including through appropriate mechanisms;~~ deleted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN39]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: G-77 (based on SG's remarks
to G-77 on 30 November 2007)

⁷ ST/SGB/2000/8

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Par. 24
withdrawn by
G-77 & China

~~24. — Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the provisions of regulation 5.6 and the criteria set by rule 105.6 of the rules and regulations²⁷ are strictly abided by when proposing outputs for discontinuation in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and stresses that departments and regional commissions dealing with development activities should not be targeted in the review exercise;~~

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Comment [UN40]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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Par. 25
withdrawn by
G-77 & China

~~25. — Stresses the importance of effective utilization of the resources dedicated for monitoring and evaluation and requests the Secretary-General to include comprehensive information on the lessons learned as well as how they are being used in designing future activities of the Organization in the context of its programme budget for 2010-2011;~~

Comment [UN41]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[26. — Decides to maintain the resource requirements for monitoring and evaluation at the level of 13.2 million dollars after re-costing, pending the results of the review of results-based management requested in its resolution 61/245;] deleted ad ref at informal informals~~

Comment [UN42]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

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Par. 27
withdrawn by
Republic of
Korea

~~[27. — Notes with concern that the outcome of monitoring and evaluation is not fully taken into account in the process of determining appropriations, and requests the Secretary-General to review the impact of monitoring and evaluation on budget preparation and to include information on how to strengthen the feedback procedure in the proposals on results-based management.];~~

Comment [UN43]:
Submitted by: Republic of Korea

~~[28. — Takes note of paragraph 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²³ and decides to maintain the level of resources for monitoring and evaluation as approved in the budget 2006-2007;] deleted ad ref at informal informals~~

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Comment [UN44]:
Submitted by: MEXICO

~~[29. Decides further to revert to the issue of resources for monitoring and evaluation in the context of its consideration of the report of the Secretary General on Results based management;] deleted ad ref at informal informals~~

Comment [UN45]:
Submitted by: MEXICO

~~[30. Notes also that approximately 75 percent of the budget resources are related to salaries and common staff costs that seriously impact the substantive activities of the Organization and requests the Secretary General to seek additional resources for strengthening the capacity of Organization to implement the priorities set by the General Assembly as well as continue his efforts to achieve equitable geographic and gender distribution, especially of developing countries while recruiting for the existing and new posts;]~~

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G77 & China

Comment [UN46]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[31. Takes note of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in paragraph 40 of its report³³] ~~adopted ad ref at informal informals~~

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Comment [UN47]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[32. Reaffirms section II of its resolution 61/244] ~~adopted ad ref at informal informals~~;

Comment [UN48]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

33. Expresses its deep concern about the excessive increase in the total amount of budget proposals for 2008-2009 of nearly \$453 million, or 10 percent, over the revised appropriation for 2006-2007; ~~deleted ad ref at informal informals~~

Comment [UN49]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

34. ~~Regrets the Secretary General's failure to present a vision of the overall program and totality of activities he envisages for the biennium 2008-2009 and to incorporate totality of necessary requirements in accordance with the outline budget;~~

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Par. 34 & 35
deleted by the
coordinator
since par. 64
was adopted

Comment [UN50]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

35. ~~Notes with deep concern the piecemeal approach and submission of additional requests on ad hoc basis;~~ |

Comment [UN51]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

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Par. 36 moved
below par. 6

36. ~~Reaffirms the established budgetary procedures and methodology, based on its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211;~~ |

Comment [UN52]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

37. ~~Requests the Secretary-General to strictly abide by the above-mentioned established budgetary procedures and methodology in future budget submissions;~~ |

Comment [UN53]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

Accountability

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Par. 38
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EU

38. *Recalls its resolutions 61/245 of 22 December 2006 and 61/279 of 29 June 2006 and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to specifically define accountability as well as clear accountability mechanisms, including to the General Assembly, and to propose clear parameters for its application and the instruments for its rigorous enforcement, without exception, at all levels, during the sixty-second session; adopted ad ref at informal informals* ||

Comment [UN54]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP2, part I, of 60/260

12 Dec 2007
Par. 38 bis
moved from
par. 19

19. *Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen his efforts to achieve greater transparency at all levels; adopted ad ref at informal informals* |

Comment [UN55]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP4, part XII, of 61/244

Extrabudgetary funding

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coordinator

39. ~~Endorses paragraphs 61 and 62 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²³;~~ |

Comment [UN56]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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Par. 40
withdrawn by
G-77 & China

40. ~~Reaffirms that in the absence of clear instructions from the General Assembly for funding through extrabudgetary resources, the Secretary-General shall proceed, when~~

making proposals on the programme budget, on the basis that funding will be through the regular budget; ||

Comment [UN57]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

41. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011, to submit estimates of the total amount of resources, from all sources of financing, that he should have at his disposal to be able to implement fully the mandated programmes and activities efficiently and effectively; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN58]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 43 of 56/253

~~[42. — *Notes with concern* that the bulk of extrabudgetary funds continue to be tied to specific operations and utilized largely on the basis of donor preferences wishes; ||~~

Comment [UN59]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[42bis Notes that the bulk of extrabudgetary funds are tied to specific operations and utilised on the basis of donor wishes, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that this does not affect the nature of the program or the orientation of its mandates; ||~~

Comment [UN60]:
Submitted by: G77 and China
Citation: OP 50 of 56/253 – soft deletion
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42ter Encourages donors to continue, where appropriate, to increase their contributions to the core budgets of the Departments of the Secretariat; **adopted ad ref informal informals**; ||

Comment [UN61]:
Submitted by: Mexico
Soft adoption 19 dec

Contingency fund

43. — *Recalls* the provisions of its resolutions 41/213, 42/211 and 61/254; ||

Comment [UN62]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

44. — *Decides* to maintain the current level of 0.75 percent; ||

Comment [UN63]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

45. — *Decides* to maintain for the biennium 2008–2009 the amount of the contingency fund established in General Assembly resolution 61/254 at 31.5 million United States dollars; ||

Comment [UN64]:
Submitted by: Republic of Korea

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withdrawn,
42bis
proposed as
new language
by G-77 &
China

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Par. 43, 44
withdrawn by
Japan

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Par.45
Republic of
Korea:
Withdrawn

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Par. 46
Withdrawn by
Republic of
Korea

[46. ~~Reaffirms the basic principle, in the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/211, that the contingency fund established in General Assembly resolution 61/254 should not be exhausted before the end of the biennium 2008-2009, and requests the Secretary General, in considering the statements of programme budget implications during the biennium 2008-2009, to place the highest priority on redeployment of approved resources and modifications of existing activities, as expressed in paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 41/213.]~~

Comment [UN65]:
Submitted by: Republic of Korea

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Par. 47
Withdrawn by
Japan

47. ~~Requests the Secretary General to report on actual expenditure incurred vis à vis the resource requested against a contingency fund, in the context of the first and second performance reports for 2008-2009.~~

Comment [UN66]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

Results-based budgeting

12 Dec 2007
Par. 48
withdrawn by
G-77 &
China; last
part moved to
par. 49

48. ~~Notes that the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 has been presented in a results-based budgeting format and stresses that the Secretary General should continue to provide detailed information to Member States upon request and abide by the provisions of its resolutions on results-based budgeting and look forward to review of the results-based budgeting experiment at its future sessions.~~

Comment [UN67]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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Par. 49 text
inserted from
par. 48
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Par 49 text
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adopted

49. *Reaffirms* paragraph 28 of its resolution 55/231 and stresses the importance of **results based budgeting and the need for adequate training to ensure its full implementation and looks forward to its review at its future sessions; adopted ad ref at informal informals** |

Comment [UN68]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

12 Dec 2007
Par. 50
withdrawn by
G-77 & China

~~50. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, in presenting the programme budget, expected accomplishments and, where possible, indicators of achievement are included to measure achievements in the implementation of the programmes of the Organization and not those of individual Member States;~~

Comment [UN69]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP 9, part I, of 60/255

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Budget Presentation and methodology

12 Dec 2007
Par. 51, 52
withdrawn by
the EU. Texts
proposed to be
added as a
bullet in par.
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~~[51. Decides to include in the present and future resolutions on budget appropriations information pertaining to the maintenance base established on a section by section basis.]~~

Comment [UN70]:
Submitted by: EU

~~[52. Decides in this context that the maintenance base will consist of the approved appropriation plus additional sums relating to the full costs in subsequent biennia of any new posts approved, but deducting any provisions which are envisaged to be non-recurrent beyond the subsequent biennium.]~~

Comment [UN71]:
Submitted by: EU

[53. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget presentations include:

~~—The full cost of budgetary proposals for each section, including the delayed financial impact of budget proposals on the subsequent biennium budget;~~

Comment [UN72]:
Submitted by: CANZ

~~—Information on the links between any discontinued outputs and proposed new outputs, and/or attempts made to identify the resources released;~~

Comment [UN73]:
Submitted by: CANZ

~~—More detailed and consistent information on efficiency measures, efficiency gains and service improvements, including specific tools to measure efficiency within administrative functions;~~

Comment [UN74]:
Submitted by: CANZ

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Bullet
proposed to be
added by EU
as a result of
withdrawal of
paras. 51 and
52.

~~-Information pertaining to the maintenance base established on a section-by-section basis consisting of the approved appropriation plus additional sums relating to the full costs in subsequent biennia of any new posts approved, but deducting any provisions which are envisaged to be non-recurrent beyond the subsequent biennium.]~~

17 Dec 2007
Proposed
paragraphs
53bis and
54bis as
proposed by
EU, Japan,
Switzerland,
CANZ

[53bis. ~~Requests~~ the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget presentations include:

~~The full cost of budgetary proposals for each section, including the delayed financial impact of budget proposals on the subsequent biennium budget;~~

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~~Information on the cost of discontinued outputs and the cost of new proposed outputs, where this is possible;~~

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~~More detailed and consistent information on efficiency measures, efficiency gains and service improvements, including the development a mechanism to measure efficiency gains within administrative functions.~~

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~~Detailed information on the baseline budget, on a section-by-section basis including an explanation of the baseline staffing structure for those sections where additional posts have been requested, so as to assure that all possibilities for redeployment have been exhausted.~~

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~~In this regard, each budget section should have a breakdown table outlining the number of posts, their level, and cost, as well as a breakdown table with non-post requirements according to objects of expenditure.]~~

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[54bis. ~~Decides~~ in this context that the baseline budget will consist of the approved appropriation plus additional sums relating to the full costs of subsequent

biennia of any new posts approved, but deducting any provisions which are envisaged to be non-recurrent beyond the subsequent biennium.]

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Paras 56,62
and 63 moved
to under para
53. Language
is being
prepared to
combine the
elements of
53,56,62,63

[56. — Requests the Secretary General to include the following information to improve the presentation of the proposed programme budget, and to exclude non-recurrent items from the budget baseline:]

Comment [UN75]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

(a) Full cost of budgetary proposals for each section, including for newly established posts;

Comment [UN76]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

(b) Full costs relating to the non-post category;

Comment [UN77]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

(c) More complete justifications relating to requests for budget increases as well as the existing resources;

Comment [UN78]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

(d) Cost information relating to both to individual outputs included for the budget period for which recourses are requested as well as for outputs that have been deleted from the request;

Comment [UN79]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

[62. — Requests the Secretary General to include in future budget presentations for each budget section a breakdown table containing information about the category and cost of each post and about all post related costs together.]

Comment [UN80]:
Submitted by: SWITZERLAND

[63. — Requests the Secretary General to include in future budget presentations for each budget section a breakdown table containing information about all non-post requirements according to objects of expenditure.]

Comment [UN81]:
Submitted by: SWITZERLAND

~~{54. — Recalls paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³ and requests the Secretary General, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, to provide a justification of all existing posts contained in the budget.}~~

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Comment [UN82]:
Submitted by: CANZ

~~{55. — Re-affirms that the first recourse to meet new requirements is through the re-deployment of resources, and in this context decides that future requests for new resources should identify how opportunities for redeployment have been exhausted.}~~

Comment [UN83]:
Submitted by: CANZ

~~{56. — Requests the Secretary General to include the following information to improve the presentation of the proposed programme budget, and to exclude non-recurrent items from the budget baseline:~~

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Para 56,
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under para 53.

Comment [UN84]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~(a) Full cost of budgetary proposals for each section, including for newly established posts;~~

Comment [UN85]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~(b) Full costs relating to the non post category;~~

Comment [UN86]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~(c) More complete justifications relating to requests for budget increases as well as the existing resources;~~

Comment [UN87]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~(d) Cost information relating to both to individual outputs included for the budget period for which recourses are requested as well as for outputs that have been deleted from the request;~~

Comment [UN88]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~{57. — Requests the Secretary General in future to propose measures to offset the budget increases when he submits proposals that would increase budget;}~~

Comment [UN89]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

57 bis Requests the Secretary-General in future budget submissions to propose measures to offset the budget increases, wherever possible, without affecting the implementation of mandated programmes. adopted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN90]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

12 Dec 2007
Par. 58 moved
to par. 22 bis

[58. — *Notes with concern that a large number of outputs discontinued actually relates to non recurrent items rather than based on the criteria set out in Rule 105.6 of Regulation and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspect of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Method of Evaluation (PPBME);*]

Comment [UN91]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

12 Dec 2007
Par. 59 moved
to par. 21 bis

[59. — *Requests, in this regard, the Secretary-General to apply Regulation 5.6 and Rule 105.6 of PPBME on an ongoing basis during the course of the biennium 2008-2009 and to submit the proposals on discontinuation of outputs based on those provisions in the next budget submission;*]

Comment [UN92]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

12 Dec 2007
Par. 60
withdrawn by
EU

60. — *Decides to establish the inflation level used in the recosting methodology at 2.1% for Headquarters for the biennium 2008-2009;*

Comment [UN93]:
Submitted by: EU

[61. — *Decides not to include inflation in the re-costing of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.*]

Comment [UN94]:
Submitted by: CANZ

16 Dec 2007
Para 62,
moved to
under para 53.

[62. — *Requests the Secretary-General to include in future budget presentations for each budget section a breakdown table containing information about the category and cost of each post and about all post-related costs together.*]

Comment [UN95]:
Submitted by: SWITZERLAND

16 Dec 2007
Para 62,
moved to
under para 53.

~~[63. — Requests the Secretary General to include in future budget presentations for each budget section a breakdown table containing information about all non-post requirements according to objects of expenditure.]~~

Comment [UN96]:
Submitted by: SWITZERLAND

12 Dec 2007
Replaces par.
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~~64. — Notes with concern the piecemeal approach to the budget process. Recalls paragraph 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹³, and requests the Secretary General, for all future proposed programme budgets, to take the necessary steps to avoid a piecemeal approach to the budget process and ensure the fullest possible picture of the Organization's requirements for the biennium.~~

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Comment [UN97]:
Submitted by: SWITZERLAND

[65. Decides that supplementary financial information being presented to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, including, inter alia, detailed explanations of requirements by component and source of funds and by object of expenditure should also be made available to Member States, including through the Fifth Committee website]. **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN98]:
Submitted by: Russian Federation – See
amendment proposed by Andrey

Vacancy rates and staffing

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Language
edited by
Portugal and
Pakistan

66. *Expresses* *Reiterates* its concern at the perennial high vacancy rate, especially at the Professional category of posts, in certain areas of the Organization, particularly in some duty stations and regional commissions, and *emphasizes* in this regard **its negative impact on that a high vacancy rate hampers** the effective delivery of mandated programmes and activities and requests the Secretary-General to recruit staff expeditiously through proper planning and by streamlining personnel practices and procedures to undertake necessary measures to **reduce** ~~address~~ the vacancy rates; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN99]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

67. *Reaffirms* that the vacancy rate is a tool for budgetary calculations and should not be used to achieve budgetary savings; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN100]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 53 of 56/253

68. *Also reaffirms* that deliberate management decisions should not be taken to keep a certain number of posts vacant, as this action makes the budget process less transparent and management of human and financial resources less efficient; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN101]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 54 of 56/253

~~69. *Reiterates its requests to the Secretary General to recruit staff expeditiously through proper planning and by streamlining personnel practices and procedures, in accordance with the provisions of relevant General Assembly resolutions, in order to avoid any adverse impact of a high vacancy rate on the effective and efficient implementation and delivery of mandated programmes and activities;* ||~~

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Withdrawn by
G-77 & China

Comment [UN102]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 57 of 56/253

~~[70. *Requests the Secretary General to [explore the] review the possibility of introducing an incentive system according to which staff members can be rewarded financially if they make proposals to save costs by improving working methods without negative impact on the outcomes of activities, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty third session.*] ||~~

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EU to work on
language

Comment [UN103]:
Submitted by: Republic of Korea –
Withdrawn 19 December

71. *Takes note* of paragraph 21 in chapter I of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ; ||

Comment [UN104]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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New 72. *Notes* the practice of incremental budgeting where only new requirements are justified and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that whenever new proposals lead to requests for additional resources, sufficient effort is made to meet the new requirements using existing resources; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**; ||

Comment [UN105]:
Submitted by: Coordinator

72. *Recalls* its resolution 35/217 and *reaffirms* the role of the General Assembly with regard to the structure of the Secretariat, including the creation, conversion, suppression and redeployment of posts, and *requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the General Assembly with comprehensive information on all decisions involving established and temporary high-level posts, including equivalent positions financed from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN106]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 41 of 56/253

73. ~~*Also reaffirms* the relevant provisions of its resolutions on human resources management regarding the level of representation of nationals of developing countries especially at the senior and decision-making levels, which has declined further as noted in the Secretary-General's report⁸, and requests the Secretary-General to recruit staff to fill the posts approved in the budget for the biennium for 2008-2009 in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical representation, and to report thereon in the context of the report on the composition of the Secretariat at its 62nd session; ||~~

Comment [UN107]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP 5 and OP 14, part X, of 61/244

74. *Reiterates* that any transfer of resources between posts and non-post objects of expenditures would require the approval of the General Assembly; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN108]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 17 of 55/231

75. *Requests* the Secretary General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to include in its report on the evaluation of Human Resources Management as requested in its resolution 61/235 of 22 December 2006, a ~~for an evaluation and~~ comprehensive review of the implementation of the recruitment, promotion and mobility policies of United Nations staff over the last five years and report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of human resources management at its 63rd Session; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN109]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: 61/235, 61/257???

⁸ A/62/315

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Withdrawn by
CANZ

76. ~~Encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to fill vacant posts on an ongoing and systematic basis.~~

Comment [UN110]:
Submitted by: CANZ

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Par. 77
Language
edited by
Pakistan and
Guatemala

77. *Recalls* paragraph VIII.85 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²³ and ~~encourages requests~~ the Secretary-General to ensure uniformity of performance targets in the Secretariat **taking into account the unique circumstances of each duty station and regional commission** with regard to the filling of vacant posts and to apply lessons learned as a means to improve performance in timely recruitment; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

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Comment [UN111]:
Submitted by: CANZ

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CANZ

78. ~~Decides from the biennium 2010-2011 to abolish posts that have been vacant longer than 12 months, unless a re-justification of the continued need for those posts can be provided.~~

Comment [UN112]:
Submitted by: CANZ

~~[79. Notes the projected number of staff expected to retire during 2008-2009, requests the Secretary-General to review the function, classification and utility of the posts, authorises the Secretary-General to downgrade or remove such posts from the staffing table and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the reports on human resources management at its sixty third session.]~~

Comment [UN113]:
Submitted by: CANZ Withdrawn 19
December

80. *Notes the need for more with great concern little* justification to substantiate the creation of new posts or the reclassification of existing posts ~~in the proposed programme budget for 2008-2009~~; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN114]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

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Withdrawn by
Japan

81. ~~Requests, in this regard, the Secretary-General to provide information on what efforts have been made to redeploy posts before new ones are created and on why the responsibilities to be covered could not be taken on by the incumbent, in the case of reclassification requests, or existing staff, in the case of requests for new posts;~~

Comment [UN115]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~[82. Decides not to approve the establishment of new posts as well as the conversion to regular budget posts proposed by the Secretary-General in sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28A, 28B, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F, 29, 33, of the proposed programme budget and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to meet through redeployment the functional requirements related to those new posts proposed;]~~

Comment [UN116]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
Withdrawn 19 December

~~83. Recalls its decision, in resolution 60/283, to authorize the Secretary-General to have limited discretion for budgetary discretion implementation for the biennia 2006-2007 and 2008-2009, in accordance with section III of resolution 60/283; and encourages the Secretary-General to utilize this discretionary authority fully for the biennium 2008-2009, in accordance with the principles in paragraph 8 of part III of General Assembly resolution 60/283.] adopted ad ref at informal informals~~

Comment [UN117]:
Submitted by: Republic of Korea

~~[84. Notes with disappointment that the Secretary-General has not taken full advantage of the limited budgetary discretion flexibility provided to him by its resolution 60/283 to reallocate up to 20 million dollars to meet the evolving needs of the Organization;]~~

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Japan

Comment [UN118]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~[85. Also requests, in this regard, the Secretary-General to make additional efforts to fully utilize existing resources through redeployment and limited budgetary discretion flexibility clause in the biennium 2008-2009;]~~

Comment [UN119]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~[86. Recognizes the importance of rejuvenating the top-heavy post structure of the Secretariat, notes the projected number of staff to retire in 2008-2009 and requests the Secretary-General to review, inter alia, the level and job description of posts that will become vacant during the biennium 2008-2009 with a view to reviewing the~~

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~~post structure of the organization and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its 64th session]~~ |

Comment [UN120]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

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New Par 86

New language
proposed by
the EU to
possibly
replace
86,87,88,89 -
86-89 deleted
ad ref 19 Dec
(ad ref) work
on new 86

[New 86 *Recognizes* the importance of an organization wide assessment of posts on an ongoing basis and *requests* the Secretary-General to review, inter alia, the level and job description of posts that will become vacant during the biennium 2008-2009 with a view to revitalizing the post structure of the organization and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its 64th session.]

Comment [UN121]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

[87. *Notes* the projected number of staff expected to retire during 2008-2009;]

[88. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this context, to make an organization wide assessment, on an ongoing basis, of necessity and appropriate level of all posts where the incumbent is due to retire during the course of the biennium;]

Comment [UN122]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

[89. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ~~{achieve overall balance of classification of...}~~ downgrade the posts in response to upgrade posts so that the overall distribution of grades remains the same, and to report thereon to its 63rd session;]

Comment [UN123]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

[89bis. *Encourages* the SG to strive to achieve an overall balance in the classification of all upgraded and downgraded posts;]

Comment [FIFTHCOM124]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[89ter. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the overall balance of upward and downward reclassifications of posts and to report to the General Assembly at its 63rd Session.];

Comment [FIFTHCOM125]:
Submitted by: Russian Federation

90. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the recruitment filling of P-2 posts, in accordance with established procedures, and report thereon at its 63rd session; adopted ad ref at informal informals |

Comment [UN126]:
Submitted by: JAPAN -

[91. *Requests*, in this context, the Secretary-General to implement fully the paragraph 51 of its resolution 58/270 ~~{to seek} to improve the geographic distribution and to~~

~~reduce the level of underrepresentation of Member States and the number of unrepresented Member States, and report thereon to its 63rd session;]~~

Comment [UN127]:
Submitted by: JAPAN- amended G77 and EU
- withdrawn

~~[92. Notes that the average vacancy rate for 06-07 was 7% for the Professional category and 3.7% for the General Service category;] ||~~

Comment [UN128]:
Submitted by: EU - withdrawn 19 December

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EU

~~93. Decides to set the rate for the biennium 2008-2009 at 7% for the Professional category and 4% for General Service category;]~~

Comment [UN129]:
Submitted by: EU

94. Decides that a vacancy rate of 6.5 per cent for Professional staff and 3.5 for General Service staff and _ for field security staff shall be used as a basis for the calculation of the budget for the biennium 2008-2009 **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ; ||

Comment [UN130]:
Submitted by: JAPAN -

Comment [UN131]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[95. Decides that a vacancy rate of 7.0 per cent for Professional staff and 4.0 per cent for General Service staff shall be used as a basis for the calculation of the budget for the biennium 2008-2009;]~~

Comment [UN132]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~[96. Decides to use the average actual vacancy rates for the Professional and the General Service levels over the last 4 years, from December 2003 to November 2007, as the basis for the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, bearing in mind that the vacancy rate used in budgeting has no negative impact on filling both new and continuing posts.]]~~

Comment [UN133]:
Submitted by: Republic of Korea

~~[97. Decides that all posts vacant for more than 12 months should be re-justified in the context of the first and second performance reports for 2008-2009;]~~

Comment [UN134]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
Withdrawn 19 December

Non-post costs

~~[98. *Decides to maintain the resources proposed by the Secretary-General for allocation for specific operational requirements such as consultants and experts, travel of representatives, travel of staff, contractual services, general operating expenses at the 2006-2007 level after recosting;*]~~

98 new. *Decides to maintain the resources for travel of staff, contractual services and general operating expenses at the 2006-2007 level after recosting, and also decides that the relevant adjustments should not be applied to travel provisions of the regional commissions; adopted ad ref at informal informals*

Comment [UN135]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~[99. *Requests the Secretary-General to pursue fiscal discipline in non-post resources, and decides to absorb the additional costs caused by inflation in non-post items of all sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.*]~~ ||

Comment [UN136]:
Submitted by: Republic of Korea

99 new *Decides to reduce non-post resources by 2%, other than travel of staff, contractual services and general operating expenses; adopted ad ref at informal informals*

Consultants

100. *Requests the Secretary-General to select consultants and experts, as well as staff charged against general temporary assistance, on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in accordance with the principles of the Charter and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 53/221 of 7 April 1999; adopted ad ref informal informals* ||

Comment [UN137]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 51 of 56/253 Adopted 19 December

~~101. *Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, in future programme budget proposals, requests for consultants and experts groups are clearly and separately identified in the programme narratives;*~~ ||

Comment [UN138]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 52 of 56/253

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Withdrawn by
G-77 & China

~~[102. Reaffirms section V of its resolution 57/305 on consultants;] ||~~

Comment [UN139]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Travel

~~[103. Emphasizes the need to allocate adequate travel resources to enable the regional commissions to reach out to sub-regional and local level in fulfilling their legislative mandates;] ||~~

Comment [UN140]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[104. Decides to maintain the appropriation for travel at the 2006-2007 level after reestimating;] ||~~

Comment [UN141]:
Submitted by: EU – withdrawn by EU
19 December in context of discussion of
overall package

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Proposal for
withdrawal by
EU

Information technology and conference servicing

105. Affirms the importance of compatibility of all information technology resources within and across duty stations and stresses that the resources requested for this purpose in the current budget would be fully integrated in the **future** enterprise resource system; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN142]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP 4, section III, of
61/236
Adopted 19 December

106. Stresses that the information and communication technology strategy should be implemented in a manner that will benefit all Headquarters departments, **field missions**, duty stations and regional commissions and their sub-regional offices, bearing in mind the different operational needs and environments that they function within; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN143]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[107. Decides to maintain the resource requirements for information and communication technology at the level of 249 million dollars after reestimating, pending the~~

~~results of the consideration on enterprise resource planning system, business continuity and disaster recovery and the envisaged information and communications technology structure requested in its resolution 60/283;~~ |

Comment [UN144]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

108. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring that there is no discriminatory treatment among the Principal Organs of the United Nations and the Main Committees and subsidiary bodies, and that they are provided with adequate and quality conference servicing and support. ~~[and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 includes adequate provisions for conference servicing, including for the full provision of services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States;]~~ **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN145]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[109. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States receive full conference services during the biennium 2008-2009, and report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the performance reports;]~~ ||

Comment [UN146]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 4 and OP 5, section III, of 61/236
Withdrawn 19 December – G77

Training

~~110. Emphasizes the importance of providing staff with more specific training opportunities, with a view to preparing them for diverse responsibilities, working in different departments, offices, duty stations or peacekeeping missions and moving across occupational groups;~~ ||

Comment [UN147]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP 22, part IV, of 61/244

111. *Requests* the Secretary-General to allocate the **approved** resources for training on the basis of needs and in an equitable manner, throughout the Secretariat, including for duty stations and regional commissions, and in this context *stresses* that equal training

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opportunities should be available for all staff, in accordance with their functions and categories; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN148]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 6, part V, of 61/244

112. *Stresses* that workshops, seminars and training courses should take advantage of the diverse sources of training opportunities available throughout the regions of the world ~~[in particular of developing countries;]~~ **adopted ad ref at informal informals**||

Comment [UN149]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP 8, part V, of 61/244

Part I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

Section 1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

113. *Reaffirms* Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**||

Comment [UN150]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

114. *Stresses* the importance of strengthened accountability in the Organization and of ensuring greater accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States, *inter alia*, for the effective and efficient implementation of legislative mandates and the use of human and financial resources; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**||

Comment [UN151]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 1, part I, of 60/260

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117. *Stresses Reaffirms* the importance of accountability and responsiveness of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

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~~115. *Deeply regrets* the lack of progress in the full implementation of its relevant resolutions on gender balance and equitable geographic distribution in particular of developing countries; ||~~

Comment [UN152]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

116. *Emphasizes* that the Executive Office of the Secretary-General should ~~lead set an example to~~ the entire Organization in the context of reflection of geographic distribution and gender balance **in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and in particular of developing countries as well as deployment of human resources, and efficient utilization of non-post resources; adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN153]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[116bis. — *Emphasizes* that the Executive Office of the Secretary-General should lead the entire Organization in the context of achieving a more balanced geographic distribution and gender balance including developing countries as well as in the deployment of human resources, and in the efficient utilization of non post resources;]~~ ||

Comment [FIFTHCOM154]:
Submitted by: EU

~~117. — *Stresses/Reaffirms* the importance of accountability and responsiveness of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly; adopted ad ref at informal informals~~ ||

Comment [UN155]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

118. *Stresses* that members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions shall discharge their duties in full independence and in the sole interest of the Organization and its entire membership; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN156]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

119. *Recognizes* the increase in the workload, as well as the increased diversity and complexity of the questions examined by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions without a commensurate increase in the staffing of the Advisory Committee's secretariat; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN157]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

120. *Decides* to approve ~~the one P-5 post and~~ one P-4 post for strengthening the staffing of the Advisory Committee's secretariat and requests the Secretary-General to review the functions of the post in the context of his next budget submission; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN158]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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G-77 & China
withdraws
request for P-5
post

~~[121. Recalls paragraph 12 of its resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976, and decides to discontinue, for an experimental period and subject to a future review by the General Assembly, the payment out of United Nations funds of travel and subsistence expenses of one representative of each Member State on the Committee for Programme Coordination;]~~

Comment [UN159]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
withdrawn

~~[122. Decides to decline immediately budgetary appropriations to the Office of the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict under the Section 1, bearing in mind its resolution 51/77;]~~

Comment [UN160]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
withdrawn

Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

123. Requests the Secretary-General ensure that all duty stations are given equal treatment in respect of the application of modern technologies; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN161]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~124. Emphasizes the paramount importance of ensuring the equality of the six official languages of the United Nations; "soft deletion" ad ref at informal informals~~ ||

Comment [UN162]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP1 of section IV, of 61/236

124bis. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all language services are given equal treatment and are provided with equally favorable working conditions and resources, with a view to achieving maximum quality of those services, with full respect for the specificities of the six official languages and taking into account their respective workloads; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [FIFTHCOM163]:
Submitted by: Russia
Citation OP4 of 61/266

~~125. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the highest quality of interpretation and translation services in all official languages; "soft deletion" ad ref at informal informals~~ ||

Comment [UN164]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 1, section V, of 61/236

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G-77 & China

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G-77 & China

~~[126. Requests the Committee on Conferences to consider and analyze, the rules and measures in place for accountability and responsibility in the Secretariat for the submission, processing, and issuance of documentation, and to report thereon along with its recommendations at its 63rd session and requests to the General Assembly for allocation of adequate resources in future programme budgets;] “soft deletion” ad ref at informal informals ||~~

Comment [UN165]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 4 and OP5, section IV, of 61/236
Withdrawn 19 December

127. Notes the critical importance of the services provided by the Department of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs and Conference Management and, in this regard, ~~requests~~ Requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to expedite the filling of all vacant posts in the Department of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs and Conference Management in accordance with established procedures; adopted at informal informals ||

Comment [UN166]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

128. Takes note of paragraph I.25 of section 2 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³; adopted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN167]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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129. Decides to approve 7 P-5 positions for senior revisers at the United Nations Headquarters in New York; adopted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN168]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

130. Requests the Secretary-General to improve the submission of documents in time and to institute measures for the accountability of the author departments for late submission of the documents in the context of the report requested by its resolution 62/xx of December 2007*; adopted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN169]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

* Sec A/C.5/62/L4

~~[131. Approves the establishment of seven P-5 posts requested for senior revisers in translation services in New York;]~~ |

Comment [UN170]:
Submitted by: Russian Federation
Citation: A/62/6 (Sect. 2) para. 2.41

OR

~~[132. Decides not to approve five new P-4 reviser posts proposed for Translation Service and six new P-5 posts proposed for the Interpretation Service in the United Nations Office at Vienna;]~~ ||

Comment [UN171]:
Submitted by: Russian Federation
Citation: A/62/6 (Sect. 2), paras. 2.80 and 2.84

~~[133. Recalls paragraph I.18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³ and emphasizes the accountability of the Under Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management for all resources under section 2 of the budget, and re-iterates the authority of the Under Secretary-General for their management globally;]~~ |

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~~[133bis. Takes note of paragraph I.18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³ and emphasizes the accountability of all Under Secretary-Generals while reiterating the authority of the Under Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management for the management of all resources under section 2 of this budget globally;]~~ ||

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Comment [UN172]:
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Comment [FIFTHCOM173]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

134. Decides not to approve a D-2 post proposed for the Director of the Central Planning and Coordination Division in New York; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** |

Comment [UN174]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

135. Decides to defer the establishment of a P-4 post proposed for the position of Deputy Chief of the Information Management and Technology Unit of the Central Planning and Coordination Division in New York until the implementation of the

Information and Communication Technology reform plan will start; adopted ad ref at informal informals |

Comment [UN175]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

[136. ~~Decides not to establish seven new P 5 posts proposed for senior revisers through the conversion of temporary assistance resources;~~ |

Comment [UN176]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

[137. ~~Decides not to establish seven new posts proposed for the United Nations Office in Nairobi;~~ |

Comment [UN177]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
Withdrawn

[138. ~~Decides to defer the consideration of five new P 4 posts proposed for the United Nations Office at Vienna, pending the provision of information on the workload related to quality control for contractual translation in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011;~~ |

Comment [UN178]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

[139. ~~Authorizes the Secretary General to reclassify downward posts to the P 1, P 2 or P 3 levels from the posts that become vacant due to retirement, after review of the function and utilities of the posts in response to changes in the workload of those posts;~~ |

Comment [UN179]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
Withdrawn japan 19 Dec

[140. ~~Requests, in this regard, the Secretary General to submit his proposals on posts to be downgraded when the incumbent retires in the context of 2010-2011 budget proposals;~~ |

Comment [UN180]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
Withdrawn japan 19 Dec

[141. ~~Invites all inter-governmental organs and other committees with allocated calendar meetings urgently to review their proposed meeting schedules for 2008-2009 in terms of length and frequency with the objective of securing a sustainable reduction of five per cent per biennium in numbers of meetings allocated to their respective activities;~~ |

Comment [UN181]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

17 Dec 2007
Par. 141
withdrawn by
Japan

17 Dec 2007
Par. 142
withdrawn by
Japan

~~[142. Requests the Secretary General to convey this invitation to the Secretariats of the relevant bodies, to monitor their responses and to report thereon to its 63rd session;]~~

Comment [UN182]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

15 Dec 2007
Par. 143
Withdrawn by
Japan but may
come back

~~143. Decides that any department or committee issuing a document longer than 16 pages shall be responsible for all costs incurred from processing additional pages through direct reimbursement by the authoring department or committee to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management;~~

Comment [UN183]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

17 Dec 2007
Par. 144
withdrawn by
Japan

~~[144. Requests the Secretary General to set out methods and indicators, including benchmarking as appropriate, for assessing the performance of conference services, in particular their quality, efficiency and productivity, to its 63rd session;] soft deletion~~

Comment [UN184]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

145. Welcomes the efforts made in workload sharing among the duty stations and requests the Secretary-General actively to pursue efficiencies to be gained through possible workload sharing in conference services among the United Nations Headquarters and duty stations, in particular between the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the Economic Commission for Africa; adopted at informal informals

Comment [UN185]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
Ref ACABQ 1.45

~~[146. Encourages the Secretary General to develop further ways of application of cost-accounting principles in this Department;]~~

Comment [UN186]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
Withdrawn Japan 19 December

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new paragraph
147
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para. 124-bis

~~147. Requests the Secretary General to ensure that all language services are given equal treatment and are provided with equally favourable working conditions and resources, with a view to achieving maximum quality of those services, with full respect for the specificities of the six official languages and taking into account their respective workloads;~~

Comment [P187]:
New language
Submitted by: Russian Federation
Citation: OP4 A/RES/61/266
12/12/07 AM Session

Part II. Political affairs

Section 3. Political affairs

~~[147 bis. — Takes note of paragraph 11.3, section 3 of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions report²².] ||~~

Comment [UN188]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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China:
Withdrawn
(Pakistan)

148. ~~Decides to keep the functions and the resources requested for the Peacebuilding Support Office under review and requests the Secretary-General to continue with the maintenance and functions of the Office as proposed in resolution 60/255;~~ ||

Comment [UN189]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[149. Recalling resolution 60/255 in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit proposals for the Peacebuilding Support Office in the appropriate section of the program budget, commencing with the proposed program budget for the Biennium 2008-2009, to ensure sustainable and reliable long term financing of the office.] |~~

Comment [UN190]:
Submitted by: African Group

~~[150. Decides to endorse the proposals of the Secretary-General and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the posts and non-posts resource requirements of Peacebuilding Support Office from 2008-2009; on the basis of equitable geographical distribution; and requests the Secretary-General to submit further recommendations for the 2010-2011 biennium budget, on the basis of the responsibilities and work load of the office.] ||~~

Comment [UN191]:
Submitted by: African Group

151. *Regrets* the high vacancy rate in authorized posts for the United Nations Register of Damage caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

and urges the Secretary-General to expedite filling these posts as a matter of priority and to report thereon in the 62nd session; adopted at informal informals |

Comment [UN192]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

151 bis.
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~~[151bis. — Emphasizes the importance of strengthening coordination and synergy between the across the organization and requests the Secretary-General to ensure systemic cooperation so as to prevent duplication between the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, especially with respect to special political missions for which the Department of Peacekeeping Operations has the lead Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Political Affairs including through appropriate mechanisms;] |~~

Comment [UN193]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: G-77 (based on SG's remarks to G-77 on 30 November 2007)
Deleted 19 Dec

152. ~~Notes with concern lack of~~ *Emphasizes the need for* collaboration between the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support with respect to special political missions, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure systemic cooperation so as to prevent duplication between the three departments; adopted ad ref informal informals, especially with respect to special political missions for which Department of Peacekeeping Operations has the lead; |

Comment [UN194]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
Adopted 19 Dec

~~[153. Express concerns about the unclear reporting lines of the special political missions, lack of the corresponding responsibility and unity of command;] |~~

Comment [UN195]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
Withdrawn 19 dec Japan

~~[154. Recalls its resolution 48/259 of 14 July 1994, and decides to review the functions, responsibilities and financing method of Special Representatives of the Secretary-General or other high level positions, as well as their related activities in Special Political and other Missions, to consider a possibility of consolidating their functions with a view to avoiding duplication and enhancing efficient functioning and to report thereon to its 63rd session;] |~~

Comment [UN196]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
Withdrawn 19 dec Japan

155. Takes note of paragraph II.18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³ and *decides* to approve the positions referred to under general temporary assistance; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

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Comment [UN197]:
Submitted by: MEXICO

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~~{156. Takes note of the of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions recommendation II.17 and II.18;}~~

Comment [UN198]:
Submitted by: PAKISTAN

~~{157. *Decides* that the future head of the Peace Building Support Office would be a representative of from a developing country, in particular from Africa countries;}~~

Comment [UN199]:
Submitted by: PAKISTAN
Addition from: Morocco

{157 bis. Decides that the Assistant Secretary General of the Peace Building Support Office shall be appointed by the Secretary-General following consultations with Member States. For this purpose, the Secretary-General shall appoint the Assistant Secretary General for the Peacebuilding Support Office with due regard for geographic rotation and in so doing shall be guided by the provisions of paragraph 3 (e) of General Assembly resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992 whereby the Assembly decided, in particular, that, as a general rule, no national of a member state should succeed a national of that state in a senior post and that there should be no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any state or group of states. **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

{157 ter. The Assistant Secretary General for the Peace Building Support Office shall serve for one fixed term of 5 years without possibility of renewal. **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Section 5. Peacekeeping operations

158. *Deeply regrets* **Regrets** the slow progress in the recruitment of the posts approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/279 on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations and **urges the Secretary-**

General to fill the vacant posts as a matter of priority; adopted ad ref at informal informals; ||

Comment [UN200]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[159. *Deeply regrets* that the post of Under-Secretary-General has not been filled and welcomes the Secretary General's assurance that the post of Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Field Support would go to a qualified candidate from a developing country; ~~decides that the post of the Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Field Support shall belong to the representative of a developing country and requests the Secretary-General to fill this post as a matter of priority;~~ ||

Comment [UN201]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Part IV. International cooperation for development

Section 9. Economic and social affairs

New 160 *Recalls* its resolution 60/1, and recognizes the need for strengthening of the development pillar of the Secretariat and the importance of strategic planning and requests the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive proposal at its first resumed 62nd session for its consideration with a view to improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development and related activities of the United Nations including DESA, UNCTAD, Regional Commissions and the Development Account.

adopted ad ref at informal informals

~~[160. *Reaffirms* the commitment of the 2005 World Summit to strengthen the development pillar of the United Nations to help realize the agreed development goals that have emerged from the major United Nations conferences and summits including the Millennium Development Goals and *emphasizes* that the United Nations should work to fill the implementation gap between the promises and the results at the global, regional and country levels;~~ ||

Comment [UN202]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: G-77 (based on the Secretary-General's remarks to G-77 on 30 November 2007)

~~[161. *Emphasizes* that the leadership of the Secretary-General is crucial to advancing the United Nations development agenda and ensuring the parity among the core areas of work of the Organization and to reposition the capacity of the United Nations to better~~

serve the member states in their efforts to achieve the internationally development goals, especially the Millennium Development Goals;] ||

Comment [UN203]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: G-77 (based on the Secretary-General's remarks to G-77 on 30 November 2007)

~~[162. Notes with concern the diminishing resources for development budget and in accordance with the Secretary General's declared commitment to strengthen the United Nations capacity to better support efforts of developing countries to deal with economic challenges, and requests the Secretary General to provide a comprehensive proposal by 31 December 2007 for its consideration at the 62nd session for the increase in the resources to the various United Nations entities working on development issues, especially the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Regional Commissions, with a view of strengthening their analytical work particularly in areas where capacity has been diminished, in order to ensure the full and faithful implementation of the internationally agreed development goals including those contained in the Millennium Declaration;] ||~~

Comment [UN204]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[162bis. Notes the Secretary General's declared commitment to strengthen the United Nations capacity to meet the evolving challenges of the development agenda and requests him to provide a comprehensive report by __date TBA__ to strengthen the various UN entities working on development issues, including DESA, UNCTAD and the regional commissions with a view to enhancing their analytical work in order to ensure the full and faithful implementation of the internationally agreed development goals including those contained in the Millennium Declaration and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the resources requirements of the regional commissions are strengthened to ensure that they are able to fulfill these mandates and contribute to the implementation of development priorities and mandates of the Organisation] ||~~

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Comment [FIFTHCOM205]:
Submitted by: Portugal (EU)

~~[163. Recognizes the importance of strategic planning and urgent need for the strengthening of the analytical capacity of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs;] ||~~

Comment [UN206]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[164. Affirms the need for strengthening of the United Nations capacity to provide comprehensive analysis of major emerging issues, promoting strategic integration and planning for coherent responses to major issues, supporting regional dimension of the United Nations development work in close coordination with General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, understanding, monitoring and promoting changes in the new landscape of development cooperation, supporting intergovernmental processes especially the new Annual Ministerial Review and the Development Cooperation Forum of the Economic and Social Council and supporting country level implementation and international cooperation for development;]~~ ||

Comment [UN207]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[165. Requests the Secretary General to present proposals for strengthening the Department of Economic and Social Affairs as proposed in preceding paragraphs;]~~ ||

Comment [UN208]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

166. Requests the Secretary-General to fill 1 P-3 post for indigenous issues expeditiously; **adopted at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN209]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[167. Notes with concern the decrease in the extrabudgetary resources for this section;]~~ ||

Comment [UN210]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Section 10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing States

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Withdrawn by
G-77 & China

~~168. Notes with concern that the estimated extrabudgetary resources for the biennium 2008-2009 have decreased by 61 per cent compared to the biennium 2006-2007;]~~ ||

Comment [UN211]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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Alternative
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proposed by
EU

169. Urges the Secretary-General to ~~[ensure optimal use of resources]~~ develop a concrete strategic action plan to achieve greater mobilization of resources and to ensure that programme delivery can continue effectively, ~~effective programme delivery;~~ **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN212]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

170. *Notes with concern* the designation of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the activities of the New York Office of UNCTAD without the approval of the General Assembly and *requests* the Secretary-General to restore the mandate independence of the New York Office of UNCTAD; **adopted ad ref informal informals** ||

Comment [UN213]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Adopted 19 Dec

171. *Emphasizes* the crucial importance of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States established as the follow-up mechanism to ensure the timely and effective implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010, the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries, and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN214]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

172. *Notes with concern* a decrease of the 61 percent reduction of estimated extrabudgetary resources for the biennium 2008-2009 as compared for the biennium 2006-2007 for this programme and its detrimental impact on the overall programme delivery of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developing Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and *requests* the Secretary-General to mobilize adequate resources from all sources to support the mandates related to this programme during the biennium 2008-2009; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN215]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Section 11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

173. ~~Recalls that the development of Africa that the 'special needs of Africa'~~ is an established priority of the United Nations and *reaffirms* the commitment to address the 'special needs of Africa'; adopted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN216]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Ref - 61/235, 61/254

174. *Further recalls* General Assembly resolution 57/300 and other resolutions calling for the strengthening of mechanisms to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development; adopted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN217]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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Withdrawn by
G-77 & China

175. ~~Notes with concern the vacancy rate under the United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development programme and regrets that the post of the Under-Secretary-General/Special Advisor on Africa remains unfilled;~~ ||

Comment [UN218]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

176. *Recalls* paragraph IV.18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³; adopted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN219]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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G-77 & China

177. ~~Emphasizes that the vacancy at the Under-Secretary-General level has a negative impact on programme delivery, including the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources and requests the Secretary-General to fill urgently all vacant posts;~~ ||

Comment [UN220]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[178. ~~Expresses concern that the 2008-2009 extrabudgetary resources for the United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development programme have significantly decreased and requests the Secretary-General to mobilize extrabudgetary~~

resources for this programme and to ensure that the special needs for Africa are fully addressed;} ||

Comment [UN221]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

178bis. *Notes* with concern decrease in estimated that extrabudgetary resources for the biennium 2008-2009 represents a significant drop when compared to the biennium 2006-2007 and United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development programme and requests the Secretary-General to make greater efforts to mobilize extrabudgetary resources for this programme and to ensure that the special needs for Africa are fully addressed; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [FIFTHCOM222]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[179. *Notes* the completion of activities of the Panel on International Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and invites the Secretary-General to consider reinstating the Panel with the view to find ways to strengthen international support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development as well as support for the aims and programmes of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;} ||

Comment [UN223]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

180. *Calls* on the Secretary-General to urgently fill the position of the Under-Secretary-General/Special Adviser for Africa as a matter of priority; in order to direct international efforts to ensure that African issues remain a priority on the global development agenda, and to mobilize support for capacity, resources and to align funds, agencies and programmes to the New Economic Partnership for African Development objectives that underpin the consolidation of peace and democracy on the continent; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN224]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Section 12. Trade and development

181. *Takes note* with serious concern the Secretary-General's decision to temporarily loan relegate the post of Assistant-Secretary-General from this programme to the United Nations Office at Geneva and its adverse implications on programme delivery and requests the Secretary-General to restore the post to this programme and to undertake

urgent measures to fill this post as a matter of priority; adopted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN225]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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G-77 & China

~~182. Urges the Secretary General to fill the post of the Assistant Secretary General at the earliest possible;~~ ||

Comment [UN226]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[183. Decides to enhance the level of resources for travel of representatives by an amount of \$250,000 US dollars to accommodate the travel of experts from developing countries to the expert meetings convened by the three commissions of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;]~~ ||

Comment [UN227]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[184. Decides to establish 1 P5 and 1 P4 posts to strengthen the research capacity of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;]~~ ||

Comment [UN228]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Withdrawn 19 December

~~[185. Requests the Secretary General to present a comprehensive proposal on strengthening the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in its three pillars, at its 63rd session, taking into account the outcome of the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;]~~ ||

Comment [UN229]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Section 13. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

~~[186. Decides to establish one P4 post for a Senior Results-based Management and Evaluation Officer to design and implement processes to monitor and report results and performance at the organizational level and support managers and staff;]~~ ||

Comment [UN230]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Resolution on this section will be adopted in context of special subjects resolution

Section 15. Human settlements

~~187. Notes that the activities undertaken by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) continue to depend heavily on extrabudgetary resources for their implementation, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure stability and predictability in funding the activities of the Programme, and in this regard reiterates paragraph 114 of its resolution 54/249; ||~~

Comment [UN231]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 100 of 56/253; OP 4 and
OP 7 of 61/206

187. **Recalls** paragraph 114 of its resolution 54/249 and **requests** the Secretary-General to continue to make every effort to ensure stability and predictability in funding the activities of the Programme United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) including through sufficient human and financial resources within the regular budget of the United Nations; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

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G-77 & China

~~188. Reiterates the request to the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 111 of its resolution 54/249, in accordance with paragraph 229 of the Habitat Agenda and in consultation with the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to continue to ensure more effective functioning of the programme by, *inter alia*, providing sufficient human and financial resources within the regular budget of the United Nations; ||~~

Comment [UN232]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 102 of 56/253; OP 6 of
61/206

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Withdrawn by
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~~189. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all the necessary means are provided for full implementation of all subprogrammes and their respective activities; ||~~

Comment [UN233]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[190. Decides to reclassify the post of the Director of the New York Office of UN-HABITAT from D1 to D2;] ||~~

Comment [UN234]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Section 16. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice

[191. ~~Requests the Secretary-General to ensure appropriate steps to avoid overlap and duplication between the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate;~~] ||

Comment [UN235]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Withdrawn 19 December

Part V. Regional cooperation for development

[192. *Notes with concern* the high vacancy rate and decline in the extrabudgetary resources for the regional commissions and *requests* the Secretary-General to initiate appropriate measures to address these issues and report on the progress achieved under the relevant agenda items;] **soft deletion** ||

Comment [UN236]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[193. ~~Takes note of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in paragraph V.3 of its report³³;~~] ||

Comment [UN237]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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194. *Emphasizes* the important contribution that regional commissions are making towards the implementation of the Development Agenda and other mandates given to them arising from the outcome of the Millennium Summit and other major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, **adopted ad ref at informal informals** [~~and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the resources requirements of the commissions are strengthened to ensure that they are able to fulfill these mandates and contribute to the implementation of development priorities and mandates of the Organisation;~~] ||

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Comment [UN238]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

195. *Reiterates* its requests to the Secretary-General to ensure a more balanced proportion of staff costs devoted to programme support in comparison with those devoted

to the programme of work in all the regional commissions, in particular in the Economic Commission for Africa; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN239]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 71, part IV, of 56/253

~~[196. Notes with concern the fact that almost half of the regular budget resources are allocated for administrative support costs of each regional commission;]~~ ||

Comment [UN240]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~[197. Requests the Secretary-General to reduce the relative weight of administrative support costs to XX per cent with the resources allocated to the substantive activities of the programme of work and report thereon in the first performance report;]~~ ||

Comment [UN241]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
Withdrawn 19 December

Section 17. Economic and social development in Africa

198. Welcomes the Secretary-General's plan of action to enhance the role of the sub-regional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN242]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

199. ~~Recognizing~~ **Recognizes** that the repositioning of the Economic Commission for Africa is a crucial element of reform shaping the work of the Commission for the biennium 2008-2009 and beyond, and further notes that the repositioning will enhance the role of the Commission in strengthening coordination and collaboration among United Nations agencies and other agencies; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN243]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[200. Emphasizes the role of the Economic Commission for Africa as a regional arm of the United Nations charged with the responsibility to coordinate the activities of the United Nations agencies within the region;]~~ ||

Comment [UN244]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

200bis. *Emphasizes* the key role of the Economic Commission for Africa in strengthening coordination and collaboration among UN agencies and other entities within the region; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Section 17B. Regional Commissions New York Office

201. *Takes note* of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph V.25, section 17B, of its report³³; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

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Comment [UN245]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

202. *Decides* to establish 1 P-3 post for the Regional Commissions New York Office as of 2009, and to abolish one General Service (Principal level) post; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN246]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Section 20. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

203. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for more productive utilization of the allocated resources and the policy of recruiting national officers; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN247]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

204. *Notes with concern* the difficulties experienced by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in finalizing agreements for extrabudgetary funding of its projects with certain international financial institutions; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN248]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Section 21. Economic and social development in Western Asia

~~[205. Takes note of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in paragraph V.54 V.55 of its report³³;~~ ||

Comment [UN249]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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~~[206. Decides to reclassify the post of the Secretary of the Commission to the D-1 level;]~~ ||

Comment [UN250]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Section 22. Regular programme of technical cooperation

~~[207. Requests the Secretary General to make proposals for further strengthening, including of the management, of the regular programme of technical cooperation;]~~ ||

Comment [UN251]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[207bis. Reiterates the need to continue strengthening the programme management of this section, particularly through enhanced oversight, evaluation and reporting practices;]~~ ||

Comment [UN252]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

208. Requests the Secretary-General to streamline in accordance with budgetary guidelines, the use of long-term advisers consultants in the execution of projects under the regular technical cooperation programme and to report thereon in the next budget submission; adopted ad ref at informal informals ||

Comment [UN253]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

15 Dec 2007
Par. 209
Withdrawn by
CANZ

~~209. Recalls paragraph V.65 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³ and requests the Secretary General to make proposals to the General Assembly at its 63rd session on efforts to reduce the reliance on high-cost international positions, in favour of nationally and regionally recruited experts, and decides to appropriate resources required for 2008, pending consideration of this report.~~ |

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Comment [UN254]:
Submitted by: CANZ

210. Welcomes the introduction of result-based budgeting at the sub-programme level; adopted ad ref at informal informals |

Comment [UN255]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

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207bis

[211. ~~Reiterates the need to continue strengthening the programme management of this section, particularly through enhanced oversight, evaluation and reporting practices;~~]

Comment [UN256]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

15 Dec 2007
Par. 212
Withdrawn by
Japan

212. ~~Expresses its concern that the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation still embodies an outdated, high cost model, that costs \$20,000 per person-month of available advisory services, and even more for those actually delivered are detriment to the developing countries;~~

Comment [UN257]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

15 Dec 2007
Par. 213
Withdrawn by
Japan

213. ~~Requests the Secretary General to streamline the use of long-term advisors in the execution of projects under the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation and to report thereon in the next budget submission;~~

Comment [UN258]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 23. Human Rights

214. ~~Recalling paragraph 132 of its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001;~~

Comment [UN259]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[215. *Notes with deep concern the poor representation of **developing underrepresented** countries in the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights and Office of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs;*]

Comment [UN260]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[216. *Recalls resolution 61/244 and requests the Secretary-General to implement urgent measures to **improve the balance in the geographical distribution** representation of developing countries in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights as well as in the Office of Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs **including through recruitment of newly established posts** and report on the results achieved at its 63rd session under the relevant agenda item;* adopted ad ref at informal informals

[217. *Notes* the importance of **[having information on]** monitoring the utilization of extrabudgetary resources for the activities of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and *requests* the Secretary-General to present comprehensive analysis on the utilization of these resources in the presentation of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011;] |

Comment [UN261]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

218. *Recognizes* that the overall amount appropriated for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for the biennium 2006-2007 represents a 36.6 per cent increase over the revised appropriation for the biennium 2004-2005 and *decides* to use the revised estimates for 2004-2005 as the baseline for the agreed doubling of resources for the Office; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** |

Comment [UN262]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[218bis. — *Decides* to adopt the initial appropriation for 2004-2005 as the baseline for the agreed doubling of regular budget resources;] —

[219. — *Stresses* that the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights should follow a balanced approach in **the allocation of resources for the promotion and protection of all human rights by according emphasis to the promotion of economic, social and cultural rights as well as the right to development, equal to the emphasis given to civil and political rights;**] |

Comment [UN263]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[220. — *Requests* the Secretary-General to present a comprehensive report on the efforts of the Office of the High Commissioner in promoting the right to development and economic, social and cultural rights during the implementation of the programme budget 2008-2009⁴⁴ and to include this information in his programme budget for 2010-2011;] |

Comment [UN264]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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[221. *Decides* that the budget for the human rights is inclusive of the budgetary allocations both for the activities of and the implementation of the decisions of the Human Rights Council;] |

Comment [UN265]:
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[222. *Requests the Secretary General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake a comprehensive review of the human resources management in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the implementation of its mandate and to report thereon to the General assembly at its 63rd Session;*] |

Comment [UN266]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~223. *Decides to adopt the initial appropriation for 2004-2005 as the baseline for the agreed doubling of regular budget resources;*~~ |

Comment [UN267]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

[224. *Recalls its resolution 60/1, and decides not to approve resources that exceed the level of the doubling of the regular budget resources;*] |

Comment [UN268]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~[225. *Requests the Secretary General to reduce the level of under-representation of member states based on its resolution 60/1 and report thereon to its 63rd session;*]~~ |

Comment [UN269]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

226. *Notes with great concern the late submission of revised estimates based on the Human Rights Council decision 3/104 against a contingency fund rather than being included in the original budget proposals for 2008-2009; adopted ad ref at informal informals* |

Comment [UN270]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~[227. *Recalls its resolution 60/251 deciding that the Human Rights Council shall apply the rules of procedure established for main committees of the General Assembly, as applicable, and requests the Council to follow established budgetary resolutions, regulations and rules of the General Assembly to that its expenditures of a perennial character will be treated within the regular budget and not within the contingency fund;*]~~ |

Comment [UN271]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

[227 bis *Recalls* paragraph 11 of resolution 60/251.]

[228. *Requests, in this regard, the Council to minimize expenditures, with due regard to Regulation 5.6 of PPBME²⁷, through endeavors such as seeking the most cost-effective*

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measures to implement its mandates as a means to absorb additional expenditures within existing resources;] |

Comment [UN272]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~[229. Reaffirms the recommendations of the Management review of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights contained in the report of the Office for Internal Oversight Services⁹ and decides to establish the post for the Director of the Special Procedures Division at the D-2 level.] |~~

Comment [UN273]:
Submitted by: SWITZERLAND

~~[230. Requests the Secretary General to ensure each appointment of junior professional officers from developed countries in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is matched by an appointment from developing and Islamic countries as a measure to address the poor representation of developing and Islamic countries in that Office;] ||~~

Comment [UN274]:
Submitted by: PAKISTAN

New 230. Encourages Member States participating in the Junior Professional Officer program to increase sponsorship of Junior Professional Officers from developing countries; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

~~[231. Notes with concern that the new posts requested by the Secretary General for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights do not conform to any legislative mandate and accordingly decides not to approve these posts;] ||~~

Comment [UN275]:
Submitted by: PAKISTAN

[231 new. Requests the Secretary-General in proposing posts for the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights to ensure their conformity with relevant legislative mandates of the Human Rights Council.] **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Section 24. International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees

~~[232. Recalls section III of its resolution 59/276 and requests the Secretary-General to continue to include progressive increases for contributions from the regular budget to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in future programme budget proposals with a view to fully implement article 20 of the statute of the Office.]~~

Comment [UN276]:
Submitted by: SWITZERLAND

Section 25. Palestinian refugees

[233. Reaffirms its resolution 3331B (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 that expenses for salaries of international staff in the service of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which would otherwise be a charge on voluntary contributions, should be financed by the regular budget of the United Nations for the duration of the Agency's mandate;] ||

Comment [UN277]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[234. Notes with concern the significant reduction in the resources for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency over the last few decades ten years while the overall workload and responsibilities of the programme have continued to increase;] ||

Comment [UN278]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[235. Decides to approve the establishment of the following posts for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency: 1 D-2 for regional fundraising, 1 P-5 for senior Protection and Policy Advisor; 1 P-4 for assessment, monitoring and evaluation and 1 P-4 as Gender Advisor; ~~and would Requests the Secretary-General to~~ requests the Secretary-General to provide justification for the establishment of the following posts in his revert to the following remaining posts in the context of the proposed programme budget 2010-2011 with a view to establishing them in the next budget submission: 1 D-1 for Director of Human Resources; 1 D-1 as Spokesperson; 1 P-5 Deputy Director Relief and Social Services and Senior Poverty Advisor; 1 P-4 as special assistant to the Commissioner-

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General and Deputy Commissioner-General and 1 P-4 for Senior Assessment and Planning;] adopted ad ref at informal informals

Comment [UN279]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Section 26. Humanitarian assistance

[236. *Request* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake a comprehensive review of the composition of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, its recruitment, promotion and selection processes especially its policies to improve the geographic distribution;] ||

Comment [UN280]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[237. *Calls* on the international support of African regional organizations to respond to natural disasters in the continent by promoting the participation of the African states' civil protection services to United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) decisions as well as promoting capacity building skills in multilateral approach by training allocated to a regional organization like the Economic Commission of West African States (ECOWAS);] ||

Comment [UN281]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[238. *Calls* on the international community to empower African union and regional organizations for immediate a strong response to the emergency by creating reserves in the African countries where appropriate;] ||

Comment [UN282]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~239. *Decides* that the contributions to the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) should remain optional and not an obligation for the African countries or countries in need;] ||~~

Comment [UN283]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[240. *Calls* for the allocation of these funds to improve dialogue at the community-based level and to reinforce the local appropriation of the peace process;] ||

Comment [UN284]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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Part VII. Public information

Section 27. Public information

[241. *Notes with concern* the frequency of negative reports against the United Nations and their damaging impact on the reputation and status of the United Nations and urges the Secretary-General to pay special importance to address this issue and report on the measures promulgated in this context at its 63rd Session;] ||

Comment [UN285]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[241bis. *Stresses* the importance of the status and image of the United Nations to enable effective implementation of its mandates and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the highest priority is given, in the context of the United Nation's communication strategy, to the promotion and advocacy of the United Nation's image in the face of frequent damaging reporting on the United Nation's activities;] ||

Comment [FIFTHCOM286]:
Submitted by: Portugal (EU)

246. *Stresses* the importance of creating a robust capacity in the Department of Public Information to respond effectively and in timely manner to all unsubstantiated allegations of misconduct against peacekeepers and report thereon at its 63rd session;] ||

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Comment [UN287]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[242. *Stresses* the publication of United Nations information materials and the translation of important documents in languages other than United Nations official languages, with a view to reaching the widest possible spectrum of audiences and extending the United Nations message to all the corners of the world in order to strengthen international support for the activities of the Organization;] ||

Comment [UN288]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: partly OP 29 of 61/121 B

[243. *Requests* the Secretary-General to promote public awareness of and mobilize support for the work of the United Nations at the local level through all possible

communication means, including publications, broadcasting of news, and the network of United Nations information centers, bearing in mind that information in local languages has the strongest impact on local populations;] ||

Comment [UN289]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: OP 38 of 61/121 B

244. *Recognizes* the vital role of the United Nations Information Centres in promoting the awareness about the United Nations, **adopted ad ref at informal informals** [and *requests* the Secretary-General to mobilize adequate resources for strengthening the architecture of United Nations Information Centres in developing countries;] ||

Comment [UN290]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[245. *Requests* the Secretary General, within the context of rationalization of the United Nations Information Centers, to take all necessary measures to establish a United Nations information centre in Luanda to address the special needs of Portuguese-speaking African countries, and, in this context, welcomes the offer made by the Government of Angola to provide rent-free premises;] ||~~

Comment [UN291]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[245. *Requests* the Secretary General to explore the feasibility of establishing a National Information Centre in Luanda to address the special needs of Portuguese-speaking African countries, and to report thereon to the General Assembly, through the Committee on Information at its 63rd Session, and in this context, welcomes the offer made by the Government of Angola to provide rent free premises;] ||~~

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[246. *Stresses* the importance of creating a robust capacity in the Department of Public Information to respond effectively and in timely manner to all unsubstantiated allegations of misconduct against peacekeepers and report thereon at its 63rd-session;] ||

Comment [UN293]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[247. *Reaffirms* the need to achieve full parity among the six official languages on the United Nations web site;] ||

Comment [UN294]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
Citation: PP 3, part IX, of 59/276

248. *Notes* the gap among different official languages on United Nations web sites; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** |

Comment [UN295]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~249. *Recognizes* that some official languages use non-Latin and bi-directional scripts and that the technological infrastructure and supportive applications in the United Nations are based on Latin scripts, which leads to difficulties in processing non-Latin and bi-directional scripts; |~~

Comment [UN296]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

250. *Notes with concern* that three out of four established posts are still vacant in the United Nations web-services Arabic Unit and in this regard *requests* the Secretary-General to fill the three vacancies as a matter of priority in the Arabic Unit and to inform the General Assembly and the Committee on Information at its 2008 session; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** |

Comment [UN297]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[251. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present in his next budget submission a proposal for conversion of General Service posts to Professional categories of those posts which require professional skills in the Graphic Design Unit; |

Comment [UN298]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[251bis. *Notes* the lack of career development perspective in the Graphic Design Unit and requests the Secretary-General to make proposals to address this in his next budget submission;]

[252. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve the scope of press releases in addition to the existing languages in order to widen the United Nations message, assuring their comprehensiveness and up-to-date nature; |

Comment [UN299]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[253. *Notes with concern* the lack of career development perspectives in the Graphic Design Unit and *requests* to establish a P-2 officer in it, as well as the reclassification of all G6 level to G7 level; |~~

Comment [UN300]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
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~~[259. Decides that the administrative support costs in New York based United Nations departments and the regional commissions should be limited to their respective averages.] ||~~

Comment [UN306]:
Submitted by: EU

Section 28C. Office of Human Resources Management

[260. *Regrets* that a post of P-5 as requested for enhancing the outreach activities of the Office of Human Resources Management may not be sufficient to achieve the balance in recruitment as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/244;] ||

Comment [UN307]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[261. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reduce the level of under-representation of member states and the number of unrepresented member states and to report thereon to its 63rd session;] |

Comment [UN308]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~[262. Decides not to approve a P-5 post proposed for outreach activities;] |~~

Comment [UN309]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

Section 28D. Office of Central Support Services

~~[263. Notes with concern that the guidelines on space management established by the Secretariat in the report¹⁰ and recalled by the OIOS in its report¹¹ are not followed;] ||~~

Comment [UN310]:
Submitted by: EU

~~[264. Requests the Secretary General to improve space management to align the provision of office space more closely to the guidelines' average of 180 square foot per official;] ||~~

Comment [UN311]:
Submitted by: EU

¹⁰ A/9854
¹¹ A/60/682

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~~254. Affirms the critical importance of a strategic and coherent approach to the dissemination of information to the public about the activities and concerns of the United Nations.~~

Comment [UN301]:
Submitted by: CANZ

~~[255. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust to the OIOS, present to the General Assembly at its 64th session, in the context of his presentation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, a review of the Secretariat's public information organisational framework, including detailed explanation and analysis of its resources in all Secretariat departments in Headquarters, other duty stations and in field missions with a view to increased coordination and efficiencies in the allocation of resources across the Secretariat.]~~

Comment [UN302]:
Submitted by: CANZ

256. Recalls paragraph VII.6 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³, decides not to approve resources requested for special conferences, and requests the Secretary-General to utilize the existing staff and resources of the Department of Public Information to support the special conferences.
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Comment [UN303]:
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Part VIII. Common support services

Section 28. Management and support services

~~[257. Notes with concern that the administrative support cost ratios differ substantially between (a) the New York based United Nations departments and (b) the regional commissions.]~~

Comment [UN304]:
Submitted by: EU

~~[258. Notes that the average administrative support cost ratio is 4.5% in New York and 34.5% in the regional commissions.]~~

Comment [UN305]:
Submitted by: EU

265. *Decides* to reduce ~~provisions the appropriation~~ under section 28D by 18 30 million ~~United States~~ dollars and requests the Secretary-General to report on its impact in the context of the performance report; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN312]:
Submitted by: EU

~~[266. Stresses the importance of redeploying resources that may be released through investment in information technology and requests the Secretary-General to report on the specific resources released by such investments in the context of a comprehensive report including details of how those resources have been redeployed;]~~ |

Comment [UN313]:
Submitted by: JAPAN
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Section 28G. Administration, Nairobi

267. *Recalls* paragraph 101 of its resolution 52/220; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN314]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

268. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to **continue to** bring financial arrangements of the United Nations Office at Nairobi in line with those of similar United Nations administrative offices; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** ||

Comment [UN315]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

Part IX. Internal oversight

Section 29. Internal oversight

[269. *Takes note* of paragraph IX.7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³³.;] ||

Comment [UN316]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

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~~[270. Decides to defer the consideration of the proposed new posts in this section in order to provide a period of consolidation in view of the increase in resources until the~~

relevant reviews be concluded based on a comprehensive report to be submitted by the Secretary-General;]

Comment [UN317]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

271. *Decides* to redeploy a P5-level post from subprogramme 1 (Internal audit) towards the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, for the function for a Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary-General at the P-5 level. **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN318]:
Submitted by: SWITZERLAND

272. *Reaffirms* the central role of monitoring, inspection and evaluation in the programme planning process and *decides* to **continue the current arrangements under General Temporary Assistance for 9 positions** establish ~~nine~~ posts to strengthen subprogramme 2 (Inspection and evaluation) of the Office for Internal Oversight Services, one at the D-2 level, three at the P-3 level, four at the P-2 level and one General Service post (Other level). **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN319]:
Submitted by: SWITZERLAND

~~273. *Reaffirms* its resolution 61/245 and *requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the Review of the Investigations Division of the Office for Internal Oversight Services as a matter of urgency.~~

Comment [UN320]:
Submitted by: SWITZERLAND

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Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 30. Jointly financed administrative activities

274. *Decides* to establish one P-2 and one P-3 Research Officer posts for the Inspections and Evaluations Group; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN321]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

275. *Decides* to abolish 2 General Service (other level) posts, 1 Registry Clerk and 1 Research Assistant; **adopted ad ref at informal informals**

Comment [UN322]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

[276. *Requests* the Joint Inspection Unit to include in each report an estimate of the costs incurred in producing that report.] |

Comment [UN323]:
Submitted by: CANZ

~~[277. *Requests* the Secretary General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Chief Executives Board, to transmit biennially the views of the Chief Executives on the contribution of the Joint Inspection Unit to the work of their respective organizations;]~~ |

Comment [UN324]:
Submitted by: CANZ
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Part XII. Safety and security

Section 33. Safety and security

~~278. *Requests* the Secretary General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake a comprehensive management audit of the Department of Safety and Security and *decides* that all requested resources in the context of the programme budget for 2008-2009 shall be evaluated in the light of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services as requested; ||~~

Comment [UN325]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China

~~[279. *Takes note* of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in paragraphs XII.11, XII.12 and XII.15 of its report³³.] ||~~

Comment [UN326]:
Submitted by: G-77 and China
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~~[280. *Decides* not to reclassify a D-2 to Assistant Secretary-General level for the Deputy;] adopted ad ref at informal informals~~

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Comment [UN327]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

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~~[281. Decides not to approve 7 new posts proposed for establishment of crisis management capability at Headquarters, and also decides to meet the proposed functions through the existing resources;]~~ |

Comment [UN328]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

~~[282. Takes note of paragraph XII.12 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹³;~~ |

Comment [UN329]:
Submitted by: MEXICO

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~~[283. Recalls its resolution 61/263 in which *inter alia*, it noted the intention of the Department of Safety and Security of gradually assuming the leading role in crisis response and crisis management for the United Nations System, and in this regard decides to establish the P5 post for Information Management Coordinator referred to in paragraph XII.12 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;]~~ |

Comment [UN330]:
Submitted by: MEXICO

~~[284. Decides not to create a dedicated investigation capacity in the Department of Safety and Security such as an Internal Affairs Unit;]~~ |

Comment [UN331]:
Submitted by: Russian Federation

285. Decides not to establish a P-2 post for the function of Internal Affairs Officer in the Department of Safety and Security; **adopted ad ref at informal informals** |

Comment [UN332]:
Submitted by: Russian Federation

Part XIII. Development Account

Section 34. Development Account

[286. Requests the Secretary-General to identify specific **efficiency gains savings** during the implementation of the programme budget 2008-2009, and future biennia, in order to transfer them to section 34, and to report thereon in the context of the second performance reports;] |

Comment [UN333]:
Submitted by: JAPAN

Income sections

[287. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore other income items to be captured within a regular budget, without prejudice to the quality of the services that the Organization provides, and report thereon in its proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.] |

Comment [UN334]:
Submitted by: Republic of Korea