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unified. However, the Commissions and the funds remained unchanged as the original. To strive for a more integrated and coherent governance mechanism, we listed in the report three options. The first option is to merge the two Commissions. This needs the political will of member states, and it is a time consuming exercise. To use the Chinese proverb, “distant water cannot quench the present thirst”. The option could not solve the governance issues we are now facing. It is valid only for future consideration. Option two is to create an executive body. To set up an additional body such as an executive board or a programme and budget committee was suggested by quite a number of member states. However, this option risks duplication with the commissions and involves additional financial costs, which might not be so appealing in the present financial difficulties. That is why the authors put forward Option three as a potential solution, joining the two reconvened sessions with their roles and functions adjusted or converted to serve as a strengthened budgetary and programmatic mechanism. And a testing period of three years was suggested to see the effectiveness and impact on the governance

Financial Framework

The delicate financial situation of the Office has been at the centre of interest for years and has been widely commented. On the one hand, due to the recognition by the international community of the importance of its mandates, the Office has been experiencing an increasing influx of SPF contributions; on the other, the core resources, the aggregate expenditures from Regular Budget and GPF are not sufficient to cover core activities of the Office. The mismatch of increased mandates, pl[iveness

The JIU report recommended that the Executive Director establishes a plan of action to broaden the diversity of the Professional workforce as well as of the pool of