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FIFTH COMMITTEE
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It will be recalled that, during the negotiations, clarification was sought with regard to the impact of the reduction of unliquidated obligations by \$40 million.

The Secretariat will implement this decision before the end of the year in the best possible manner. Departments will need to make the necessary adjustments to their projected expenditures. The mandates for 2012-2013 have, by now, been implemented and are not expected to see further impact. However, the adjustments to 2012-2013 resource levels may imply a deferral of expenditures and may therefore place an additional burden on the 2014-2015 budgets of the respective Departments.

Such additional **pressure**, together with other decisions by the General Assembly to further reduce non post resources for 2014-2015, is putting the organization under increasing **strain**. While it is not possible to project any specific impact of the decisions on our work at this stage, the organization will make all efforts to minimize such impact and to fully implement our mandates.