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Agenda item 134 Proposed Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/68/327 Add.7 and Add. 8)

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions (A/68/634)

Programme Budget Implications:

- 1. Human Rights Committee (A/C.5/68/15)
- 2. United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region (A/C.5/68/17)
 - 3. Habitat (A/C.5/68/18)
- 4. Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further

The total requirements for UNSOM amount to around \$50,4 million (net of staff assessment), including resources for 221 positions and other operational requirements. The total requirements for the Joint Mission of the OPCW and the United Nations on the Elimination of Chemical Weapons in Syria amount to around \$11.8 (net of staff assessment), including resources for 123 positions and other operational requirements.

It is proposed that these requirements in the total amount of \$62.2 million be charged against the \$1.081 billion provision for special political missions, included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

Revised Estimates of the Human Rights Council

The report before you details the additional resource requirements, resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council adopted in 2013 at its 22nd, 23rd and 24th regular sessions.

The General Assembly, in accordance with its resolutions 63/263 and 65/281, preferred that all

a) reaffirmed the request contained in paragraph 5 of resolution 57/162 and endorsed the proposal of the Secretary-General to strengthen the Centre as proposed in A/68/287, with the costs to be borne by the regular budget and extra-budgetary resources as recommended by the Secretary-General, in order to ensure the full implementation of the mandate of the Centre; and

b) requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at the sixty-ninth session, a report, in accordance with the existing rules and procedures on the implementation of the present resolution.

It is proposed that the related additional appropriation of \$2,166,600 for the biennium 2014-2015, including \$30,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management and \$2,136,200 under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 be approved as a charge to the contingency fund.

3. Implementation of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and Strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

The statement of Programme Budget Implications (A/C.5/68/18) before you details additional resource requirements to implement paragraph 4 and 9 of draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.61 entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)"

The General Assembly, through its resolution 67/216, requested the Secretary-General of the conference (Habitat III) to prepare a proposal, for consideration by the Governing Council of UN-Habitat at its 24th session in April 2013, on how best to provide inputs for and support to the preparatory process of the conference. The Governing Council considered this proposal and adopted resolution 24/14, outlining the preparatory work required for Habitat III, which has been subsequently affirmed by the 2nd Committee of the General Assembly in its resolution A/C.2/68/L.61.

The statement of Programme Budget Implications includes the regular budget share of the costs of

4. Small Island Developing States

The programme budget implications statement A/C.5/68/19 before you details additional budgetary requirements resulting from the Second Committee's resolution A/C.2/68/L.67 for the convening of two preparatory committee meetings and the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States in 2014.

It is proposed that the related additional appropriation of \$762,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 be approved as a charge to the contingency fund.