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Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

Draft resolution submitted by the Chair of the Committee following informal consultations

Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

The General Assembly,

I Information and Communication Technology: report of the Board of Auditors on audit and evaluation of ICT in the UN secretariat


Having considered the report of the Board of Auditors on the handling of information and communications technology affairs in the Secretariat,¹ the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board thereon,² as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³

Having also considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled “Information and communications technology governance in United Nations system organizations”,⁴ as well as the note by the Secretary-General

¹ A/67/651.
² A/67/651/Add.1.
³ A/67/770.
⁴ A/67/119.
transmitting his comments and those of the Chief Executive Board for Coordination thereon.  

Stressing the need to harness the potential of ICT to support the work of the UN in the areas of peace and security, development, human rights and international law

1. Takes note of the report of the Board of Auditors on the handling of information and communications technology affairs in the Secretariat \(^1\) and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board thereon; \(^2\)

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; \(^3\)

3. Approves the conclusions and recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report; \(^1\)

4. Recalls paragraph 28 of the report of the ACABQ \(^3\) commends the Board of Auditors for the continued high quality of its work and welcomes the recommendations issued by the Board to address the root causes and systemic weaknesses hindering progress in the implementation of major business transformation projects and management reform in the Organization;

5. Recalls paragraph 27 of the report of the ACABQ \(^3\) and requests the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations of the Board as a matter of priority;

6. Underlines the importance of information and communications technology in meeting the growing demands of the Organization as it becomes increasingly reliant on its information and communications technology infrastructure;

7. Also underlines the importance of information and communications technology in strengthening oversight and accountability and in increasing the availability of accurate and timely information to support decision-making;

8. Acknowledges that the lack of effective governance and leadership in the area of ICT has resulted in a high level of duplication and fragmentation of the ICT functions in the Secretariat;

9. Recalls paragraph 69 of the report of the ACABQ \(^3\) and stresses the need for improved oversight for the more timely detection of

\(^3\) A/67/119/Add.1.
serious issues in the implementation of major projects and initiatives such as information and communications technology;

10. *Notes* that the post of Chief Information Technology Officer has been vacant since 2012 and requests the Secretary-General to accelerate the filling of the position without further delay for ensuring the effective direction, planning and management of ICT activities;

11. *Recalls* paragraphs 42, 70 and 71 of the report of the ACABQ and its suggestion of a sequential approach to the formulation of a new ICT strategy, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report during the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly on the measures taken to address the priorities identified by the Board in its report, in particular with regards to the implementation of Umoja and IT security.

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to propose a revised ICT strategy, including lessons learned, by no later than the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, bearing in mind that the purpose of ICT is to support the work of the Organization;

13. *Stresses* that the revised ICT strategy should be based on a thorough analysis of the business environment and its requirements and be aligned with the service delivery model of the Organization, including ongoing and upcoming business transformation initiatives;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, in the revised ICT strategy, a comprehensive performance management framework based on well-defined concepts and effective mechanisms and tools for monitoring, evaluating and measuring the results and impact of the activities implemented; the lessons learned from the problems encountered in the implementation of the current ICT strategy and a detailed, workable implementation plan as well as a fully justified cost-benefit analysis;

15. *Regrets* the recent insufficient collaboration among the enterprise resource planning/Umoja project team, the Office of Information and Communications Technology and other UN Secretariat ICT units;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to identify and put into place the measures that are required to ensure the successful implementation of all of the phases of Umoja and to ensure that the Office of Information and Communications Technology and other relevant departments, offices and units are able to support the enterprise resource planning system autonomously in the post-implementation phase in order to increase productivity and cost-effectiveness in service delivery;

17. *Requests* the Secretary General to proceed with the implementation of his action plan to strengthen information security as a matter of priority, and ensure adoption, without further delay, of the information security policy directive and associated policy documents in a
manner that assures accountability at all levels of the Organization and to take prompt remedial action to address any hindrances that may arise to the effective implementation of the action plan or the promulgation and enforcement of information security policies throughout the Secretariat;

18. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, an update on the status of implementation of the actions taken to address information security issues, including measures taken to guard against any threats of cyber attacks;

19. *Recalls* paragraphs 53 and 55 of the report of the ACABQ\(^6\) report and requests the Secretary-General to conduct a comprehensive review of the existing software applications and plan for the necessary migration and decommissioning of systems to enable a smooth transition to Umoja;

II
Organizational resilience management system: emergency management framework

*Recalling* section II of its resolution 64/260 of 29 March 2010 and section 1 of its resolution 66/247 of 24 December as well as its decision 67/552 of 24 December 2012,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on organizational resilience management, including the comprehensive emergency framework\(^6\) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,\(^7\)

*Having also considered* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on business continuity in the United Nations system,\(^8\) as well as the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereto,\(^9\)

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;\(^6\)

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions\(^7\) subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

\(^6\) A/67/266.
\(^7\) A/67/668.
\(^8\) A/67/83.
3. Approves the organizational resilience management system approach as the emergency management framework;

4. Recalls paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and, while noting that the Secretary-General is not requesting additional financial resources for the implementation of the organizational resilience management framework, requests the Secretary-General to provide a detailed accounting of the full cost of the initiative in the context of the next progress report;

5. Emphasizes the importance of the organizational resilience management system framework in managing operational risks to the United Nations under an all-hazards approach;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the first part of its resumed sixty-eighth session a progress report on the implementation of the organizational resilience management system, including information on the steps taken to expand the system to include the specialized agencies, funds and programmes;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General in the context of the report mentioned in paragraph 6 above to present comprehensive information on the work of the After Action Review Storm Sandy, including the action taken to address the shortcomings identified;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure all relevant rules, regulations and resolutions are adhered to in the implementation of all aspects of the organizational resilience management framework.

III
Feasibility study on the United Nations Headquarters accommodation needs 2014-2034

Recalling its resolution 60/282 of 30 June 2006 as well as section A of its decision 66/556 B of 9 April 2012,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the feasibility study on the United Nations Headquarters accommodation needs 2014-2034,10 and on the expanded feasibility study on the United Nations Headquarters accommodation needs 2014-2034,11 as well as the related

10 A/66/349.
reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,\textsuperscript{12}

1. \textit{Takes note} of the reports of the Secretary-General,\textsuperscript{10, 11}

2. \textit{Endorses} the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,\textsuperscript{12} subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. \textit{Stresses} the important role of the host countries in their support for United Nations Headquarters and offices away from Headquarters;

4. \textit{Underlines} the historical and architectural significance of the United Nations complex in New York and of the original design of the Board of Design Consultants, without prejudice of the General Assembly to consider all options with regard to the long-term accommodation of United Nations Headquarters;

5. \textit{Notes} that the information provided by the Secretary-General in the expanded study on United Nations headquarters long-term accommodation needs 2014 -2034 is not precise and comprehensive enough to facilitate decision-making by the General Assembly and does not give equal treatment to all options considered;

6. \textit{Recalls} paragraphs 52 and 53 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions\textsuperscript{13} and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly a new report on United Nations Headquarters long-term accommodations needs with comprehensive information on all viable options, including additional options not adequately considered or developed in the report of the Secretary-General, and ensuring that all options are treated equally, while seeking the most favorable terms for the Organization in all cases, as soon as possible in the sixty-eighth session;

7. \textit{Stresses} that the new report mentioned in paragraph XX above shall also cover factors, including, but not limited to, total population requirements with and without the staff of the participating funds and programmes and the financial consequences of the cost-sharing arrangements with them; the impact of the implementation of flexible work arrangements on the capacity of the buildings at the Headquarters compound; the sequencing of United Nations construction projects; the findings from the ongoing review of flexible workspace arrangements and strategies in the Secretariat; the potential impact on the architectural integrity of the United Nations compound; an analysis of the preferable ratio of owned versus leased

\textsuperscript{12} A/66/7/Add.3 and A/67/788.
\textsuperscript{13} A/67/788.
space for the Organization; possible developments in the planning for the future of the Organization;

8. **Recalls** paragraph 48 of the Advisory Committee report and emphasizes that the term comprehensive information in paragraph XX above means information including, but not limited to, short and long term financing options for each option; the direct and indirect costs of each option; the net present value of each option, along with the residual value of new construction where relevant; the legal and other risks associated with each option;

9. **Notes** the Secretariat initiative to commission a report on the application of flexible workspace strategies and working arrangements in the Organization and looks forward to receiving the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly during the main part of the sixty-eighth session;

10. **Decides** that the pursuit of the negotiations by the Secretary-General with the intention to keep option 3 viable shall in no way represent a commitment by the Organization and shall be without prejudice to any decision by the General Assembly nor entail legal or financial liability to the United Nations;

11. **Requests** the Secretary-General to provide information on a regular basis to the General Assembly on the progress of the efforts referred to in paragraph XX above;

12. **Recalls** paragraph 50 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as well as paragraph 4, section VII, of resolution 66/247 and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that major capital expenditure projects are not implemented simultaneously in order to prevent the need to finance them at the same time;

13. **Recalls** paragraph 59 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and section V, paragraph 29, of resolution 67/246, and reiterates its request for comprehensive information and options, as well as financial implications, on the renovation of the South Annex Building and the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Building in the context of the 11 annual report on the CMP, ensuring that the commemorative value of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library is respected;

14. **Requests** the Secretary-General to ensure effective oversight and audit coverage in all phases of the project, including the ongoing feasibility study.
IV
Revised estimates relating to section 34 of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for remediation work in the aftermath of storm Sandy

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 under section 34 for remediation work in the aftermath of storm Sandy, and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions subject to provisions of the present resolution;

3. Acknowledges the efforts made by the Secretariat during and in the aftermath of the storm Sandy, with a view to quickly restoring the normal working conditions for the Staff and to resuming the Organization’s critical business;

4. Recognizes the difficulties in communication faced by Member States and Staff during and in the aftermath of Storm Sandy and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to present comprehensive information on the work of the AAR of storm Sandy, including the actions taken to address the shortcomings identified, in order to reduce the vulnerability of the United Nations headquarters to future flooding events and other emergencies, during the first resumed part of the 68th session;

5. Affirms, as illustrated by the aftermath of storm Sandy, the importance of accountability and oversight in the effective functioning of the emergency management framework, particularly in the areas of governance, communication, physical infrastructure and business continuity;

6. Welcomes the delineation of responsibilities among the various heads of departments and senior managers for the implementation of prevention, mitigation and recovery measures;

14 A/67/748.
7. Notes that absent the timely implementation of the Secretary-General’s proposed remediation measures, the Organization would run the risk of significant, uninsurable financial exposure;

8. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the biennium 2012-2013 up to $6,063,400 under section 34, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance for mitigation work, and encourages all efforts to minimize costs within this section, in the most efficient manner, to alleviate these requirements and report thereon in the context of the second performance report;

9. Recalls paragraph 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and requests the Secretary-General to implement the remediation and mitigation work in an immediate manner at United Nations Headquarters in order to avoid delays in the implementation of the Capital Master Plan and complete it within the approved schedule;

10. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the biennium 2012-2013 of up to $131,421,300 to enable remediation work, and report thereon in the context of the second performance report on the program budget to be presented during the main part of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

11. Notes the cost of the remediation work expected to be reimbursed under the terms of the insurance policies held by the United Nations up to an estimated amount of $137,851,400;

12. Notes the intention of the Secretary-General to submit the vast majority of the insurance claims related to Storm Sandy by 31 December 2013, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure timely submission of all insurance claims in order to expedite the reimbursement costs and to report on the status of reimbursement and insurance claims process in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2012-2013;

13. Notes that the total estimated amount of non-recoverable damages may amount to a maximum of $11,069,900 and requests the Secretary-General, subject to the outcome of the insurance recovery efforts and the Secretariat’s prioritization of equipment and other content of which replacement is essential, to make efforts to minimize expenditure by seeking efficiencies during the course of the remediation work, and to report on these efforts in the context of the second performance report;

14. Recalls paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and decides to authorize the Secretary-General to use the Working Capital Fund to cover the payments on a cash flow bridging mechanism basis, pending the receipt of insurance settlements, and requests the Secretary-General to closely monitor
the cash position of the Organization so as to ensure that other operations are not put at risk and to report thereon to the General Assembly on a regular basis within existing mechanisms;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 9, section X of its resolution 67/246 of 24 December 2012 and requests the Secretary-General to include information on the cash balance of the Special Account in its forthcoming monthly information;

16. *Decides* to establish a multi-year special account for insurance recovery and expenditure relating to the damage of aftermath of Storm Sandy until 31 December 2015, with a possibility of extension beyond that date depending on the status of the insurance claims process;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to closely monitor the insurance market, including all means of risk mitigation, with a view to securing adequate coverage for all United Nations installations that are exposed to natural hazards and emergencies at a reasonable cost and to report thereon at the first part of its resumed sixty-eighth session.

V
Safety and security management system for the United Nations

*Recalling* section XIV of its resolutions 65/259 of 11 April 2011 and 66/246 of 24 December 2011 as well as section A of its decision 66/556 B of 9 April 2012 and 67/552 of 24 December 2012,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on conclusions of the High-level Working Group on Programme Criticality\(^{16}\), comprehensive report on the United Nations Department of Safety and Security\(^{17}\) and the use of private security\(^{18}\) as well as the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,\(^{19}\)

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General,\(^{16,17,18}\)

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions\(^{19}\), subject to the provisions of the present resolution,

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\(^{16}\) A/66/680.
\(^{17}\) A/67/526.
\(^{18}\) A/67/539.
\(^{19}\) A/66/720 and A/67/624.
I. Safety and Security

3. Reaffirms the importance of ensuring the safety and security of United Nations staff, operations and premises;

4. Welcomes the progress made in strengthening the security management system for the coordination of security arrangements for the Organization;

5. Stresses the importance of ensuring full accountability for compliance with safety and security policies and guidelines and of monitoring managerial performance throughout the United Nations system, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to continue to report thereon in the context of his relevant reports;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen his cooperation with host Governments in order to ensure the safety and security of United Nations personnel, premises and assets;

7. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue efforts to ensure the mainstreaming of safety and security in the implementation of mandated programmes and activities of the United Nations system;

8. Recalls paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 20 and requests the Secretary-General to provide information in this regard in the context of the proposed programme budget of the biennium 2016-2017;

9. Reiterates the principles that the United Nations Secretariat, organizations, funds and programmes share a common responsibility for the safety and security of their staff, and that funding for safety and security, based on cost-sharing arrangements, should be clear, predictable and secure and, in this regard, invites the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to keep under review cost-sharing arrangements with all participating entities;

II. Use of private security

10. Notes that the UN is called upon, as an exceptional measure, to use armed security services from private security companies to secure the premises and personnel of the Organization;

11. Stresses that such services should be used as a last resort to enable United Nations activities in high-risk environments only when a

\[20\] A/67/624.
United Nations security risk assessment concludes that other alternatives, including protection by the host country, support from the concerned Member States or internal United Nations system resources were inadequate;

12. **Stresses** the importance of ensuring that all measures are undertaken to avoid legal and reputational risks for the Organization in using armed security services of private security companies;

13. **Acknowledges** the efforts of the Secretary-General in developing a policy guiding the use of armed security services from private security companies and **requests** him to consider disseminating information on this policy as widely as possible, in all six official languages of the United Nations, taking into account relevant security considerations, to ensure the proper enforcement of this policy and to continue to report on the use of armed security services from private security companies to the General Assembly;

14. **Recalls** resolution 65/259, sect. XIV para. 7, and, in that context, **encourages** the Secretary-General to continue using armed security services from private security companies as an exceptional measure and a last resort;

15. **Requests** the Secretary-General to continue to take all appropriate measures to ensure that, when using security and protection services from private security companies, selected companies operate in accordance with the national legislation of the host country and the Charter of the United Nations, and fully abide by the relevant principles and rules of international human rights law, international humanitarian law, and international criminal law;

16. **Recalls** paragraph 25 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and acknowledges that the policy implications of the use of private security by the United Nations may raise substantive and legal issues that may be of interest to other Committees of the General Assembly, in addition to the Fifth Committee, and in that regard, requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the relevant substantive bodies, to present a proposal for ensuring that such substantive and legal issues are duly addressed by the relevant expert or intergovernmental bodies, as appropriate, in the relevant reports to the General Assembly;

17. **Requests** the Secretary-General to provide clarification on the operational criteria for when the use of armed security services from private security companies could be appropriate for UN operations at headquarters and field locations and to report in the relevant reports to the General Assembly;
III. Programme Criticality

18. **Recalls** paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions\(^{21}\) on the conclusions of the High-level Working Group on Programme Criticality and requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to submit for consideration and approval during the sixty-ninth session a report containing the final conclusions of the High-level Working Group on Programme Criticality;

19. **Acknowledges** program criticality framework as an instrument being developed to assist managers in the field to take time sensitive decisions to prioritise program activities in a specific locations in response to changes in local security conditions;

20. **Recalls** paragraph 7 of ACABQ\(^{21}\), and emphasises that the programme criticality framework shall not affect the intergovernmental oversight and accountability to the legislative bodies;

21. **Recalls** paragraph 13 of the report of the ACABQ\(^{21}\) and requests the Secretary-General to ensure coherence and consistency between the proposed programme criticality framework and other related initiatives of the Secretary-General and to report in the relevant reports;

VI
Standards of accommodation for air travel


**Having considered** the reports of the Secretary-General on proposals for a more effective and efficient utilization of resources for air travel\(^{22}\) and the standards of accommodation for air travel\(^{23}\), the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the comprehensive audit of all air travel

\(^{21}\) A/66/720.

\(^{22}\) A/66/676.

\(^{23}\) A/67/356.
activities and related practices\textsuperscript{24} and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,\textsuperscript{25}

1. 

\textit{Takes note} of the reports of the Secretary-General;\textsuperscript{22, 23}

2. 

\textit{Endorses} the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;\textsuperscript{25}

3. 

\textit{Welcomes} the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services\textsuperscript{24} and encourages the Secretary-General to implement all the recommendations therein and to report to it at the sixty-ninth session;

4. 

\textit{Looks forward} to the successful roll-out of Umoja in air travel business administration of the United Nations and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at the session immediately following the roll-out, a comprehensive report on the effects of Umoja application in travel administration, including updated information, trends and analysis in all areas related to air travel in the United Nations;

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\textit{Notes} that the Secretary General has not provided the information requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 13, section IV of its resolution 65/268 and stresses the importance of the provision of accurate, complete and comprehensible data as the basis for sound management and effective oversight of all costs related air travel;

6. 

\textit{Requests} the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the start of the main part of its sixty-eighth session on the projected total expenditure on air travel under the regular budget, by budget section, including payments under lump-sum schemes, for the biennium 2012-2013, with corresponding data for the biennia 2010-2011 and 2008-2009;

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\textit{Recalls} section 2(e) of the annex of resolution 65/268 and requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor industry best practices in the area of frequent flyer miles and report to the General Assembly of any new trend which could be utilized to take stock from frequent flyer miles in the betterment of administration of travel;

8. 

\textit{Recognizes} efforts by the Secretary-General in initiating the 16-day-advanced booking of tickets and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to reduce short notice travel and to make sure that trips are booked as much in advance of travel date as possible; and further requests the Secretary-General to make sure that all managers in charge of air travel administration, including those in the peacekeeping missions are informed and comply with such provision;

\textsuperscript{24} A/67/695.
\textsuperscript{25} A/66/739 and A/67/636.
9. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the option of full online booking under review in the context of the implementation of Umoja and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

10. Recalls recommendation 17 of report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and requests the Secretary-General to strictly abide by the rules and procedures governing the procurement process in the United Nations System;

11. Recognizes recent efforts by the Secretary-General for using alternative methods of procurement which has resulted in reducing costs in 2012 and requests the Secretary-General to further explore other possible options in the procurement of air travel services, taking into account the experiences of other Organizations;

12. Requests the Secretary General to maintain the use of preferred carrier arrangements offering competitive rates;

13. Decides that, for official travelers below the level of Assistant Secretary-General, the standard of accommodation for air travel will be business class if a single leg journey is 9 hours or more and will be so for multi-leg journey if the combined travel time of the journey is 11 hours or more, including a maximum of 2 hours of connection time, provided that the journey to the next destination resumes within 12 hours;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to modify his administrative instructions for the standards of accommodation for air travel so that the duration of a journey shall be determined based on the most economical route available, provided that the total additional time of the whole journey does not exceed the most direct route by 4 hours;

15. Decides that the Secretary-General shall, as an interim measure pending the outcome of the review to be concluded in 2015, revise the provision for determining the travel-related lump sum payment to "70 per cent of the least restrictive economy class fare" and requests the Secretary-General to include, in his report on the standards of accommodation of air travel to be submitted in the sixty-ninth session, an analysis of the impact of the implementation of this provision and to make further proposals on modifying the lump sum scheme;

16. Notes the increasing frequency and costs of exceptions to the standards of accommodation for air travel, requests that the Secretary General take action to limit the use of exceptions and further requests that the Secretary General conduct an analysis of the trends in the use of exceptions and present proposals for enhancing controls in this area no later than the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly;
17. Requests the Secretary-General to review the use of exceptions for the category of prominent persons and to report thereon in the context of the report requested in paragraph 16 above;

18. Recalls paragraph 27 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions\textsuperscript{26} and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to clarify any proposals to encourage other modes of transportation;

19. Recalls paragraph 4 of section IV or resolution 65/268;

20. Decides that the changes implemented by this resolution shall not affect the current standard of accommodation of air travel and daily subsistence allowance of members of organs and/or subsidiary organs, Committees, Councils and Commissions of the United Nations Organization.

\textsuperscript{26} A/66/739.