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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi, as contained in document A/66/393, on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2011, as contained in A/66/510, and a note of the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2012-2013, as contained in document A/66/170.

I. Strengthening of the Office of the Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi

The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations in Nairobi is included as part of section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

Following the finalization of the proposed programme budget for the next biennium and the submission of the related fascicle for issuance however, the Director-General of the United Nations in Nairobi joined the Office, and the overall level of requirements of the Office of the Director-General was subjected to a thorough review. Owing to the timing of the issuance of the budget fascicles, the

additional resources identified during the review for the strengthening of the Office could not be incorporated in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

The review of the totality of resource requirements for the Office indicated that, following the establishment of the post of the Director-General at the Under-Secretary-General level and the appointment of the Director-General who came on board on 1 May 2011, there was a need for some limited strengthening of the Office.

The related essential requirements, presented in the report before the Committee, consist of the establishment of three new posts, an upward reclassification of an existing post, and some non-post resources.

The requirements for the Office included in the present report represent additional requirements of the Office under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination and amount to \$427,800 net (before recosting).

II. Revised Estimates Resulting from Resolutions and Decisions adopted by ECOSOC at its substantive session of 2011 (A/66/510)

The report before you details the budgetary requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by ECOSOC at its substantive session of 2011. As you will note, the additional expenditure requirements resulting from these decisions and recommendations are estimated at \$572,900 under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013:

- a) Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$466,000);
- b) Section 9, Economic and social affairs (\$21,900);
- c) Section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (\$50,000); and
- d) Section 29D Office of Central Support Services (\$35,000).

These additional requirements are expected to be absorbed in the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013; hence no additional requirements are sought over and above the level of funding of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

Extrabudgetary funds, amounting to \$500,000, are also expected to cover the need for supplementary resources that have been indentified for the biennium 2012-2013.

The recommendations of the Secretary-General are detailed in paragraphs 31 and 32 of the report.

III. Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2012-2013 (A/66/170)

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

The note of the Secretary-General (A/66/170) before the Committee contains a request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for the biennium 2012-2013.

It would be recalled that under part IV, paragraph 2, of its resolution 60/248, the General Assembly endorsed the proposal that the request for a subvention to UNIDIR be submitted for review and approval by the Assembly on a biennial basis in the context of its consideration of the proposed programme budget for the related biennium.

In this context, and in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article VIII of the Statute of the Institute and the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute, the General Assembly is requested to approve a subvention in the amount of \$577,800 (before recosting) for UNIDIR from the regular budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2012-2013. It should be noted that the related provision is included under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

