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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/66/631)]

66/240. International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget, for the biennium 2012–2013, for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals¹ and on the revised estimates arising from the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation,²

Having also considered the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³

Recalling Security Council resolution 1966 (2010) of 22 December 2010 regarding the establishment of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, comprising a branch for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, which shall commence functioning on 1 July 2012, and a branch for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, which shall commence functioning on 1 July 2013,

1. *Takes note of* the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget, for the biennium 2012–2013, of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals¹ and on the revised estimates arising from the effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation;²

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

¹ A/66/537 and Corr.1.

² A/66/605.

³ A/66/600 and A/66/7/Add.22.



3. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to enhance efforts to transfer cases of the Mechanism to national jurisdiction;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 76 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴ and requests the Secretary-General to report on lessons learned on the use of the “double-hatting” arrangement in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, no later than at the second part of its resumed sixty-sixth session, a report providing detailed information on a comprehensive project management plan for the construction, in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, of the proposed new facilities for the archives of the Mechanism, including programmatic and functional requirements, a conceptual design and key milestones from design to construction to occupation;

6. *Decides* to appropriate an initial amount of 3 million United States dollars for the overall construction of the proposed new facilities for the archives;

7. *Authorizes* the expenditures, from within the amount appropriated in paragraph 6 above, to cover only expenses related to the conceptual design phase of the proposed new facilities for the archives;

8. *Decides* to review the project requirements in the context of the consideration of the report requested in paragraph 5 above;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full involvement of the Overseas Property Management Unit of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat in all phases of implementation of the project;

10. *Decides* that the staffing for the continuous activities of the Mechanism shall comprise 67 posts for the biennium 2012–2013, as set out in table 3 of the report of the Secretary-General;¹

11. *Also decides* that the expenses of the Mechanism shall be met through additional resources on the basis of assessed contributions and that such expenses shall be financed through a separate special account;

12. *Further decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals a total amount of 49,771,700 dollars gross (47,325,100 dollars net) for the biennium 2012–2013, to include the amount reflected in paragraph 6 above, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

13. *Decides* that the total assessment for 2012 under the Special Account shall amount to 24,885,850 dollars, being half of the estimated appropriation approved for the biennium 2012–2013;

14. *Also decides* to apportion the amount of 12,442,925 dollars gross (11,831,275 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2012;

15. *Further decides* to apportion the amount of 12,442,925 dollars gross (11,831,275 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2012;

⁴ A/66/600.

16. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 14 and 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,223,300 dollars approved for the Mechanism for 2012.

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Annex

Financing for the biennium 2012–2013 of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Net</i>
	<i>(United States dollars)</i>	
Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2012–2013	55 051 400	51 198 800
Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation	(1 258 100)	(20 500)
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	—	—
Recommendations of the Fifth Committee	(4 021 600)	(3 853 200)
Estimated initial appropriation for the biennium 2012–2013	49 771 700	47 325 100
Total assessment for 2012	24 885 850	23 662 550
<i>Of which:</i>		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2012	12 442 925	11 831 275
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2012	12 442 925	11 831 275