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CONFERENCE

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Rome, 25 June-2 July 2011
Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (Recommendation to the Conference on budget level)

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5. The Council considered the Medium Term Plan 2010-13 (Reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (MTP/PWB). It took into account observations and recommendations from the Programme Committee, the Finance Committee, and their Joint Meeting.
6. The Council noted that the information provided in the document broadly reflected the recommendations from the various Governing Bodies and lessons learned. It appreciated the supplementary information that had been made available by the Secretariat following the requests of the Programme and Finance Committee sessions of 21-25 March 2011, requested that future versions of the PWB contain similar information, and that documents be submitted in time for adequate review by the Governing Bodies.
7. Concerning the substance of the MTP/PWB, the Council:
 - a) reiterated its support for the mainstreaming of the IPA in the Assessed Contributions of the PWB;
 - b) reaffirmed the IPA target of 0.8 percent of the net appropriation for the budget of the Office of Evaluation and recommended to set the Evaluation budget at 0.7 percent of the net appropriation for the 2012-13 biennium;
 - c) recommended to increase the budgetary allocation for Strategic Objective K (Gender) without impacting the overall budget level;

¹ C 2011/3; CL 141/PV/2; CL 141/PV/3; CL 141/PV/7; CL 141/PV/8.

- d) appreciated the further information provided on anticipated cost increases and took note that the Secretariat would report on any significant changes to the cost increase assumptions and estimates prior to the Conference in June 2011;
 - e) agreed with the Finance Committee concerning the need to take additional steps to improve the financial situation of the Organization but noted that the incremental funding proposals did not appear feasible at the moment given the current economic situation, and recommended deferral to future biennia of replenishment of the Working Capital Fund and the Special Reserve Account, as well as the incremental funding of the Terminal Payments Fund past service liability;
 - f) for the 2012-13 biennium, recommended that the Organization continue to follow the approach previously approved by the Conference of partial funding of USD 14.1 million towards the After-Service Medical Coverage past service liability, to be revisited in future biennia;
 - g) while noting that the results-based approach and its application in the PWB 2012-13 was still “work-in-progress”, reiterated the importance of the process of setting priorities, and requested that further improvements be implemented for the next planning cycle; notably the shifts in areas of priority (emphasis and de-emphasis), the budgetary implications of programmatic changes and the reasons for these changes should be discussed with relevant documentation;
 - h) agreed with the reformulation of Organizational Result Indicator B4.1 and the areas of emphasis for Organizational Result C01, as appended to the report of the 106th Session of the Programme Committee;
 - i) agreed to submit two proposals to the Conference on the Shared Services Centre:
 - i) consolidation of the hubs in one Centre in Budapest as detailed in the Management Report submitted to the Finance Committee, noting the statement in the PWB that it would lead to savings of USD 2 million per biennium, and,
 - ii) maintaining status quo of two hubs in Santiago and Bangkok with the Centre in Budapest.
8. As regarded the level of the budget for 2012-13, the Council:
- a) took note of the two options put forward by the Joint Meeting of (1) no decrease to the level of assessments proposed in the PWB 2012-13, or (2) a reduction in the level of assessments, heeding the appeal of the UN Secretary-General to do more with less and noting the proposed 3 percent reduction in the UN budget;
 - b) noted that as there was no consensus, recommended further consultations and agreed to hold informal meetings in a group of “Friends of the Chair” to support constructive dialogue prior to the Conference with interpretation.