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**Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015**

**Strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa  
(A/68/506)**

**Proposed programme budget for 2014-2015 for Section 13, International Trade Centre  
(A/68/6 (Sect. 13) Add.1)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates,

I have the honour to present the reports of the Secretary-General on the Strengthening of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and on the proposed programme budget for 2014-2015 for Section 13, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO.

Strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

The report before you details the budgetary requirements for strengthening the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to enable the Office to implement its expanded mandates. The additional requirements are estimated at \$5,133,800 (gross) or \$4,758,700 (net of staff assessment) for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, under:

- (a) Section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, subprogramme 1, Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, in the amount of \$4,036,100;
- (b) Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services in the amount of \$722,600, comprising \$318,000 in respect of recurrent activities and \$404,600 in respect of non-recurrent activities; and
- (c) Section 36, Staff assessment in the amount of \$375,100.

The Secretary-General proposes the establishment of 10 new posts, comprising six Programme Officers at the P-5, P-4 and P-3 levels; two Economic Affairs Officers at the P-3 and P-2 levels; one Communications Officer at the P-4 level; and one Senior Staff Assistant (General Service).

In addition, the Office requires resources for organizing consultative meetings relating to the United Nations monitoring mechanism mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 66/293 in the amount of \$338,000 as well as resources for travel to reinforce its capacity in advocacy and communications outreach in the amount of \$293,600.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 – Addendum 1 to section 13, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO.

The Centre is responsible for the implementation of subprogramme 6, Operational aspects of trade promotion and export development, of programme 10, Trade and development, of the strategic framework for the period 2014-2015. The United Nations and the World Trade Organization equally share the funding of ITC's regular budget. The Centre is a joint body of the United Nations and WTO mandated to provide technical assistance to facilitate the integration of developing countries and economies in transition, and in particular the least developed countries, into the multilateral trading system through export promotion and international business development.

The proposed **overall level of resources** for the biennium 2014-2015 for ITC, amounts to 73,209,300 Swiss Francs, before recosting.

The proposed **United Nations share** for the biennium 2014-2015 for ITC, amounts to \$38,982,600, before recosting, reflecting a decrease of \$1,159,200 or 2.9 per cent as compared to the revised appropriation for the biennium 2012-2013, which amounted to \$40,141,800.

I shall be pleased to respond any questions or further information requested by the Committee

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.