

Oral statement in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.64,  
entitled "Quadrennial comprehensive policy review"

1. This oral statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 131, 142, 160, 172, 181, 187, 188, and 189 of draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.64, the General Assembly would:
  - a) Requests the Secretary-General, to regularly assess and report on a comprehensive and quantitative basis on progress in furthering programme and operational coordination at the country level, in order to inform annual reporting to the Economic and Social Council on the functioning of the resident coordinator system; (op 131)
  - b) Emphasizes the need to establish common monitoring, evaluation and reporting mechanisms on the implementation of the DaO towards greater accountability to Member States and a more results based generation of the Delivering as One, and in this regard, requests the Secretary-General, to come up with proposals for the consideration of Member States in this regard; (op 142)
  - c. Requests the Secretary-General, to undertake a study to examine the feasibility of establishing interoperability among the existing ERP systems of the funds and programmes and report progress in achieving full interoperability in 2016 in the context of the QCPR; (op 160)
  - d. Requests the Secretary-General in consultation with JIU and Member States to review Results-based management and system-wide results reporting across the UN system and present for consideration of the General Assembly in the next QCPR; (op 172)
  - e. Requests the Secretary-General to establish an interim coordination mechanism for system-wide evaluation of operational activities for development of the United Nations system composed of the Joint Inspection Unit, United Nations Evaluation Group, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Office of Internal Oversight Services. Also, requests the Secretary-General, through the interim coordination mechanism, to develop a policy for independent system-wide evaluation of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including submitting a proposal for pilot system-wide evaluations, for discussion at the operational activities segment of ECOSOC in 2013; (op 181)
  - f. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen the analytical quality of system-wide reporting on funding and performance and programme results for United Nations operational activities for development, including the coverage, timeliness, reliability, quality and comparability of system-wide data, definitions and classifications; (op 187)

g. Requests the Secretary-General, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and in cooperation with United Nations resident coordinators, and in an appropriate and cost-effective manner, to conduct biennially a survey, directed to Governments, on the effectiveness, efficiency and relevance of the United Nations system in order to provide feedback on the strengths and main challenges encountered in their interaction with the United Nations development system, with a view to enabling intergovernmental bodies to address them, and also requests that the results of such surveys be published and made available to Member States; (op 188)

h. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, through the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive analysis of the implementation of the present resolution in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, inter alia, by making use of relevant documentation, and to make appropriate recommendations. (op 189)

3. Pursuant to operative paragraphs 131, 142, 160, 172, 181, 187, 188, and 189, the new and expanded mandates would require the strengthening the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The additional mandates include: (a) establishing an interim coordination mechanisms for system-wide evaluation of operational activities for development; (b) institutionalizing results-based management mechanisms in the UN development system (c) furthering programme and operational coordination at the country level (d) strengthening the analytical quality of system-wide reporting on funding and performance and of the UN development system; (e) enhancing the quality and quantity of information and reporting to Member States on UN operational activities for development; and (f) developing options for incentive mechanisms for increasing core resources at a system-wide level.

4. Accordingly, the strengthening of the Office would require general temporary assistance support at the P-4 and P-3 level for 24 work months and \$200,000 in consultancy resources in 2014-2015 to assist with substantive preparations and analysis of QCPR implementation on operational activities for development of the UN system, as well as liaison with key stakeholders. The additional resources will allow for research and analysis on key trends and policy issues on operational activities for development as part of QCPR implementation; designing studies and evaluations to assess the relevance, coherence, efficiency and effectiveness of UN operational activities for development; designing capacity development programmes, projects and activities at national, regional and global levels; ~~establishing stakeholder partnerships, relationships and networks on UN OAD~~ and QCPR implementation, including interagency and intergovernmental bodies; and finalizing reports to ECOSOC and General Assembly on implementation of QCPR. In addition the resources will allow the office to design and conduct studies on the relevance, coherence, efficiency and effectiveness of UN operational activities for development; drafting policy

recommendations, advisory notes and other documents to inform governments and UN country teams and to feed into intergovernmental processes on OAD and implementation of QCPR; contributing to conceptual strategies and operational mechanisms on implementation of OAD. The office would also initiate and coordinate the development of appropriate methods for obtaining data on funding for UN operational activities for development, and undertaking research and analysis on a continuous basis of this statistical data, including with regard to standards on concepts, definitions and classifications.

5. In summary, the total additional costs would amount to: i) \$935,600 for two general temporary assistance positions at the P-4 and P-3 level for 24 months; ii) an amount of \$14,500 will be required for related operational costs and iii) \$200,000 for consultancy services, under Section 9, Economic and Social Affairs, for the biennium 2014-2015. In addition, an amount of \$147,000, will be required for office accommodation under Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, for the biennium 2014-2015.

6. In conclusion, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.64, the requirements of \$1,297,100 including an amount of (i) \$1,150,100 under section 9, economic and social affairs; and (ii) \$147,000 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services would be considered in context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.