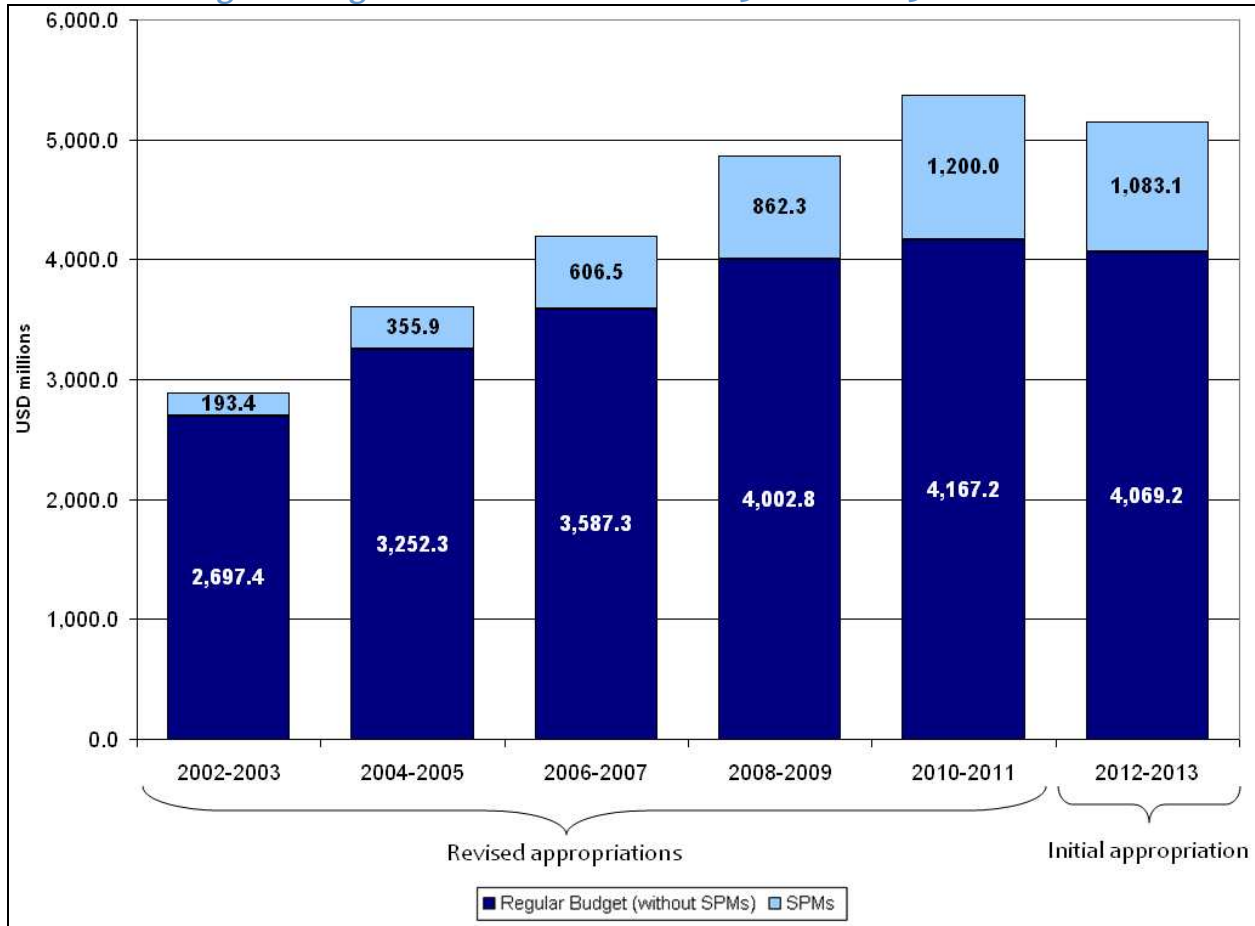




The General Assembly approved the programme (regular) budget for 2012-2013 in the amount of US\$ 5,152 billion (resolution 66/248). The proposal includes US\$ 1,083 million in respect of special political missions that are expected to be extended or approved during the course of the biennium.

Evolution of Regular Budget resources from 2002-2003 to 2012-2013



This graph illustrates the evolution of Regular Budget (RB) resources through 2012/2013. The darker area represents the share of the Special Political Missions (SPMs), which currently represent 21% of the budget.

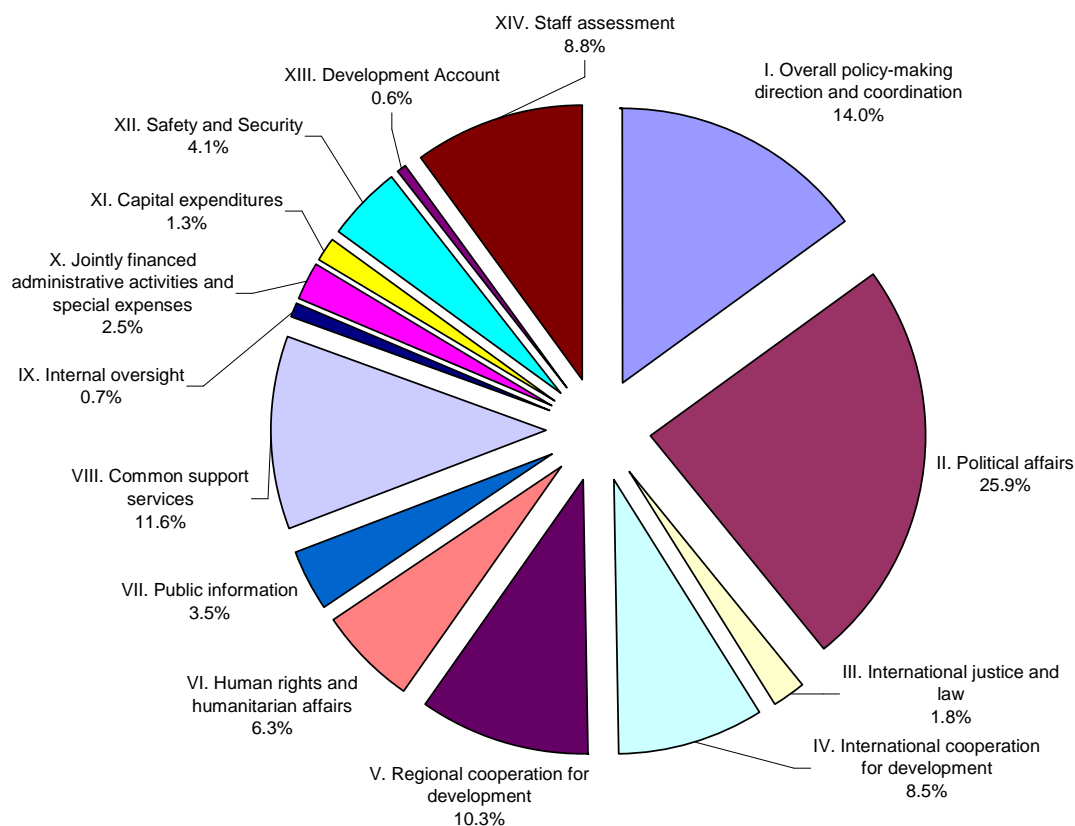
Areas of increased expenditures are a direct result of additional mandates and priorities set by Member States, including:

- Strengthening the Peacebuilding Support Office
- Strengthening the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- New initiatives to strengthen the Rule of Law activities
- Administration of justice
- Activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services
- Strategic Heritage Plan at the United Nations Office at Geneva
- Strengthening the Development Pillar (Parts IV and V)
- DPA strengthening
- Disarmament

The most substantial increase over the ten year period is a result of the growth in requirements for special political missions mandated by the Security Council and/or the General Assembly, which has evolved from US\$198.4 million ten years ago to an approved provision of US\$1,083 million for 2012-2013.

### Programme (regular) budget for 2012-2013

The breakdown of amounts per part of the programme budget is as follows:



The approved staffing table for 2012-2013 comprises a total of 10,336 posts compared to 10,307 posts in 2010-2011 reflecting the increasing priorities and mandates of the organization.

The breakdown of staff per major staff category (Annex to resolution 66/246) is as follows:

Category	Number of posts
Professional and above	4 630
General Service	3 014
Other	2 692
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 336</b>