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:

- **I. Overall policy-making direction and coordination**: 14.0%
- **II. Political affairs**: 25.9%
- **III. International justice and law**: 1.8%
- **IV. International cooperation for development**: 8.5%
- **V. Regional cooperation for development**: 10.3%
- **VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs**: 6.3%
- **VII. Public information**: 3.5%
- **VIII. Common support services**: 11.6%
- **IX. Internal oversight**: 0.7%
- **X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses**: 2.8%
- **XI. Capital expenditures**: 1.3%
- **XII. Safety and Security**: 4.1%
- **XIII. Development Account**: 8.8%
- **XIV. Staff assessment**: 8.8%

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:

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