Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report is submitted in the context of action taken or expected to be taken by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council regarding special political missions, including good offices, preventive diplomacy and post-conflict peace-building missions, on the basis of requests from Governments and/or recommendations of the Secretary-General.

By its resolution 57/280 of 20 December 2002, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 9 of its report (A/57/636) that, for the purpose of the preliminary estimate, and bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 11 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 41/213, the provision for special political missions related to peace and security that are expected to be extended or approved in the course of the biennium 2004-2005 should not exceed $170 million. On the basis of that resolution and taking into account the integration in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 of the support for the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Adviser for Special Assignments in Africa within section 3, Political affairs, and section 11, Africa: New Agenda for Development respectively, a provision of $163,178,100 (before recasting) has been sought for special political missions under section 3.

The present report contains the proposed resource requirements of 20 political missions whose mandates emanate from decisions of the General Assembly or the Security Council that have been extended or are anticipated to be extended into the biennium 2004-2005. The total estimated requirements for those missions amount to $140,304,500, and would be charged against the above-mentioned provision for special political missions proposed under section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.