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Item 6 of the provisional agenda*

Statutory issues**Report on the follow-up by the Economic Commission
for Africa to the resolutions of the special meeting of
the Permanent Representatives of the member States to
the Economic Commission for Africa****Introduction**

1. The present report highlights progress in the implementation by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa of the resolutions adopted at the special meeting of the Permanent Representatives of the member States to the Economic Commission for Africa, held in Addis Ababa on 12 June 2017.
2. The special meeting adopted three resolutions of the Economic Commission for Africa relating to the proposed programme of work and proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The resolutions were submitted to the General Assembly for review and endorsement. This report highlights progress made on the implementation of the resolutions.
3. The present report is submitted to the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development at the fifty-first session of the Commission, for information.

Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Africa**A. Resolution 953 (L): Proposed programme of work and
proposed programme budget of the Economic Commission for
Africa for the biennium 2018-2019****Programme 15, Section 18****Paragraph 2****(a) Text**

Calls upon its strategic partners, the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank, the regional economic communities, the Planning

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and Coordinating Agency of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, member States, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, major groups and donors to support the implementation of the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 2018-2019;

(b) Progress

The General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (the recommendation for approval of the proposals of the Secretary-General for post and non-post resources), subject to the abolishment of two long-vacant posts (one Professional position at the P3 level and one General Service position).

B. Resolution 954 (L): Proposed programme of work and proposed programme budget of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 2018-2019

Section 23. Regular programme of technical cooperation

Paragraph 2

(a) Text

Calls upon its strategic partners, the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank, the regional economic communities, the Planning and Coordinating Agency of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, member States, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, major groups and donors to support the implementation of the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation, and programmes of work of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 2018-2019;

(b) Progress

The General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (the recommendation for approval of the proposals of the Secretary-General for post and non-post resources), with no changes.

C. Resolution 955 (L): Proposed programme of work and proposed programme budget of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 2018-2019

Programme 9, Section 11

Paragraph 2

(a) Text

Calls upon its strategic partners, the African Union Commission, the African Development Bank, the regional economic communities, the Planning and Coordinating Agency of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, member States, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, major groups and donors to support the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and programmes of work of the Economic Commission for Africa for the biennium 2018-2019;

(b) Progress

The General Assembly approved the proposed programme of work and proposed programme budget with the following resource reductions:

General operating expenditures and other staff costs reduced by 5 per cent;

The following areas to be reduced by 10 per cent: (i) contractual services, and furniture and equipment; (ii) consultants, supplies and materials; (iii) non-post resources for information technology; and (iv) travel of staff;

The General Assembly also decided to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent and to reduce the travel of representatives by 25 per cent.
