

2006/2. Biennial support budget for 2006-2007

The Executive Board,

Having considered the biennial support budget for 2006-2007, as contained in document E/ICEF/2006/AB/L.1 and Corr.1.

1. *Approves* gross appropriations in the amount of \$746,794,000 for purposes indicated in the table below and resolves that the income estimates of \$190,000,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriations, resulting in estimated net appropriations of \$556,794,000;

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(In thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Programme support:</i>	
Country and regional office	390,257.4
Headquarters	114,364.6
Subtotal	504,622.0
Management and administration of the organization	242,172.0
Total gross appropriations	746,794.0
Less: Estimated income to the budget	(190,000.0)
Estimated net appropriations	556,794.0

2. *Authorizes* the Executive Director to redeploy resources between appropriation lines up to a maximum of 5 per cent of the appropriation to which the resources are redeployed;

3. *Decides* to reflect the centrally shared security costs mandated by the United Nations as a separate line in the UNICEF resource plan as described in chapter III of document E/ICEF/2006/AB/L.1, and *approves* the amount of \$26,204,000 from the regular resources of UNICEF for the purposes of covering such costs;

4. *Decides* to establish a separation fund to cover separation and termination liabilities as described in chapter IV of document E/ICEF/2006/AB/L.1, and *approves* an allocation of \$10,000,000 from UNICEF regular resources as an initial fund for this purpose, and requests UNICEF to ensure that this initiative is in line with harmonization efforts of the United Nations funds and programmes;

5. *Takes note* of decision 2004/7 (E/ICEF/2004/7/Rev.1 and E/ICEF/2004/AB/L.2) on the timing of the approval of the UNICEF biennial support budget and decision 2005/16 (E/ICEF/2005/5/Rev.1 and E/ICEF/2005/AB/L.3) on the interim support budget allocation for January 2006;

6. *Approves* an interim one-month allocation for January 2008 in the amount of \$31,600,000, to be absorbed in the biennial support budget for 2008-2009;

7. *Requests* UNICEF, at the annual session of the Executive Board in June 2006, to include in the report on harmonized country programme approval procedures, to be elaborated jointly with UNDP and UNFPA, an assessment of possible implications for the timing of the approval of the biennial support budget by the Executive Board;

8. *Welcomes* the continued improvement in results-based management and urges the Executive Director to give high priority to implementing results-based budgeting for the next biennium 2008-2009;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that all UNICEF programme countries receive sufficient programme support, within available resources, to contribute to the achievement of the objectives established in the MTSP and the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals.

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