Note to Messrs. Guéhenno and Sach and Ms. Holl Lute

UNOSEK: Future Status

As requested, please find attached a memorandum from the Secretary-General to the Controller granting commitment authority, on an interim basis, for UNOSEK.

It is regrettable that EOSG was presented with this request at a stage at which there were virtually no real options. In view of the ongoing mandate of UNOSEK, the SPM budget should have been presented by DPKO/DFS, through the Controller to the Member States, in a timely manner. This would have precluded the need to resort to the Secretary-General's authority under "Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses".

It had been our understanding that at most a minimum support staff would remain in UNOSEK, in case circumstances required that the Special Envoy and his deputy be reactivated. However, we note that the staffing table provides for several professional and GS staff and that moreover, in practical terms, the Organization has commitments to these personnel through March 2008. This, in effect, forces us to use 'unforeseen and extraordinary expenses' as an interim measure pending the approval of the SPM budget by the Member States.

I would request DPKO, on an urgent basis, to lead a review of what, if any, residual UNOSEK presence should remain beyond March taking into account what has happened on the ground. The results of this review should be reflected in the SPM budget which I understand is due very shortly, by 14 February.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Vijay Nambiar
31 January 2008

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

DATE: 1 February 2008

TO: Mr. Warren Sach
A: Assistant Secretary-General, Controller

REFERENCE:

THROUGH:
S/C DE:

FROM: The Secretary-General
DE:

Ki Moon Ban

SUBJECT: **Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses:**
OBJET: **United Nations Office of the Special Envoy on Kosovo's Future Status (UNOSEK)**

1. It is estimated that a total of **$677,500** would be required for the period 1 January to 31 March 2008 to finance the activities of my Special Envoy on Kosovo's Future Status who will undertake good offices and facilitation efforts. It is noted that this amount reflects the three months requirements pending finalization and presentation of the budget to the General Assembly for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2008.

2. As no appropriation exists to cover this requirement, I hereby authorize you to enter into the necessary commitments up to a maximum of **$677,500** under the authority granted to me in paragraph 1(a) of General Assembly resolution 62/239 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses as an interim arrangement.

3. I certify that these expenses relate to the maintenance of peace and security.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

TO: The Secretary-General

A:

THROUGH:

S/C DE:

FROM: Warren Sach

DE: Assistant Secretary-General, Controller

DATE: 14 January 2008

REFERENCE: LK

KWS,
For approval.
Ban Ki-moon

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SUBJECT: **Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses:**

OBJET: **United Nations Office of the Special Envoy on Kosovo's Future Status (UNOSEK)**

1. I have been advised that your Special Envoy on Kosovo's Future Status will continue to play a role in facilitating an agreement between the relevant parties in determining the future status of Kosovo for a six-month period in 2008.

2. As no appropriation has been made for this purpose and pending presentation of a budgetary request to the General Assembly in March 2008, I would recommend that as an interim arrangement, requirements for the Special Envoy for three months estimated at **$677,500** be funded under the provisions of General Assembly resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses. These requirements consist of the following:

Personnel (1 USG, 1 ASG, 2 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 5 General Service (Other level) for three months)	$	463,600
General operating expenses	$	213,900
TOTAL	**$**	**677,500**

3. Authority has been granted to you in General Assembly resolution 62/239 para.1(a) to enter into commitments up to a maximum of $8 million in any one year of the biennium 2008-2009, as you certify, relating to the maintenance of peace and security.

..... 4. Accordingly, I am attaching for your signature a memorandum by which you would authorize commitments up to a maximum of **$677,500** under the authority granted to you in accordance with paragraph 1(a) of General Assembly resolution 62/239 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2008-2009.

..... 5. The **$677,500** referred to above would be the **second** authorization sought for 2008 as indicated in the annex to this memorandum.

cc: Ms. Bárcena

Commitments authorized by the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolution 62/239 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for 2008-2009

2008

No.	Description	Amount (US$)	Period covered	Reference
1	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) Areas	$1,277,100	3 months (1 January to 31 March 2008)	Good offices and facilitation efforts
2	United Nations Office of the Special Envoy on Kosovo (UNOSEK)	$677,500	3 months (1 January to 31 March 2008)	Good offices and facilitation efforts
	Total	$1,954,600		

Amount authorized for 2008 in General Assembly resolution 62/239	**Amount authorized**	**Balance**
$8,000,000	**$1,954,600**	**$6,045,400**

Subject: Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses: Special envoys for LRA affected areas & UNOSEK (Kosovo)

Dear Lara,

The proposals are in line with the Secretary-General's authority and past practice. For your information, we have followed similar routes recently during the course of 2007 for the Special adviser on the Iraq Compact (Mr. Gambari) & the Special Adviser on the Situation in the Middle East (Mr. Williams).

Regards

Adnan
17 January 2008

Chris,
KWS had wanted Adnan to see this.
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Many
Cara

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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2008-2009

The General Assembly,

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations[1] and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 2008-2009 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 8 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 2008-2009 as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 200,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

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(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges and travel and removal expenses and installation grants of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 410,000 dollars;

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 25,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 1 million dollars in the biennium 2008-2009 as the Secretary-General certifies are required for security measures pursuant to section XI, paragraph 6, of General Assembly resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that, for the biennium 2008-2009, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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As promised! This incorporates KWS's comments. Best –

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