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Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

Programme budget implications of draft resolution

[A/C.3/76/L.31/Rev.1](#)

**Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly**

I. Introduction

1. At its 14th meeting, on 17 November 2021, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.31/Rev.1](#), as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 95 to 13, with 66 abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee ([A/C.3/76/L.69](#)).

II. Mandate contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 64 of draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.31/Rev.1](#), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to conduct a study on how to bolster efforts, including through existing measures and mechanisms, to clarify the fate and whereabouts of missing people in the Syrian Arab Republic, identify human remains and provide support to their families, in consultation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and based on the recommendations of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, with the full and meaningful participation of victims, survivors and their families and in consultation with other relevant actors, and to present the report to the Assembly by 1 March 2022.



III. Relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2022

3. The mandate contained in draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.31/Rev.1](#) requires additional deliverables and activities under the following programme plans of the proposed programme budget for 2022:

- (a) Programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#));
- (b) Programme 20, Human rights ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 24\)](#)).

IV. Deliverables and activities required to implement the mandate contained in the draft resolution

4. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraph 64 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the Secretariat would conduct a study on how to bolster efforts to clarify the fate of missing people in the Syrian Arab Republic, based on the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry, with the full participation of victims and in consultation with other relevant actors, and submit a report to the General Assembly.

5. For the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the implementation of the mandate would require additional work in 2022, as follows:

- (a) To conduct consultations with United Nations agencies, existing mechanisms, civil society and other relevant stakeholders to gather information about ongoing work on the issue of missing persons, identify gaps and assess capacities; and support research for and the drafting of the report, in consultation with relevant colleagues;
- (b) To conduct in-depth research and analyse good practices in relation to initiatives aimed at addressing the issue of missing persons, including in other contexts; support consultations; and draft the report, incorporating the research and the findings of the consultations.

6. For the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, the implementation of the mandate would require an addition to the documentation workload of one pre-session document, of 8,500 words, in the six official languages in 2022.

V. Budgetary implications

A. Conference-servicing requirements

7. Details of the additional conference-servicing requirements are provided in table 1.

Table 1
Additional resource requirements for conference services

(United States dollars)

| | <i>Requirements 2022</i> | <i>Requirements 2023</i> | <i>Additional requirements 2022–2023</i> |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management | | | |
| Other staff costs | | | |
| Documentation services | 27 100 | – | 27 100 |
| Total | 27 100 | – | 27 100 |

B. Non-conference-servicing requirements

8. Details of the additional non-conference-servicing requirements are provided in table 2.

Table 2
Additional resource requirements for non-conference services

(United States dollars)

| | <i>Requirements 2022</i> | <i>Requirements 2023</i> | <i>Additional requirements 2022–2023</i> |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Section 24, Human rights | | | |
| Other staff costs | | | |
| General temporary assistance at the P-4 level, two positions for two months each, to conduct consultations, in-depth research and analysis of good practices and to draft the report | 75 300 | – | 75 300 |
| Total | 75 300 | – | 75 300 |

9. An additional amount of \$12,300 would be required in 2022 under section 36, Staff assessment.

VI. Summary of resource requirements

10. The budgetary implications for 2022 amount to \$114,700, as shown in table 3.

Table 3
Additional resource requirements (before recosting)

(United States dollars)

| | <i>Requirements 2022</i> | <i>Requirements 2023</i> | <i>Additional requirements 2022–2023</i> |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management | 27 100 | – | 27 100 |
| Section 24, Human rights | 75 300 | – | 75 300 |
| Section 36, Staff assessment | 12 300 | – | 12 300 |
| Total, including staff assessment | 114 700 | – | 114 700 |

VII. Potential for absorption during 2022

11. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2022 for the implementation of the mandate contained in the draft resolution. At this stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for 2022 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2022. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources be provided through an additional appropriation for 2022.

VIII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.31/Rev.1](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$102,400 would arise under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for 2022:

(a) Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$27,100);

(b) Section 24, Human rights (\$75,300).

13. The total amount of \$102,400 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

14. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$12,300 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2022 and would require an additional appropriation by the General Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent increase of \$12,300 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.