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**Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia  
and related intolerance: comprehensive implementation of  
and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme  
of Action**

**Proposed programme budget for 2024**

## **A global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution  
[A/C.3/78/L.60/Rev.1](#)**

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

### **I. Mandate contained in the draft resolution**

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 14, 15 and 19 of draft resolution [A/C.3/78/L.60/Rev.1](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to enhance the operational and programmatic support provided to the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent secretariat, in particular to fully support the mandate of the Permanent Forum, including in the logistical organization of the annual session;

(b) Request the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to devote at least half of its annual session to the elaboration of a draft United Nations declaration on the promotion and full respect of the human rights of people of African descent, and also request the Intergovernmental Working Group to present a status report on the elaboration of the draft declaration to be considered by the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session;



(c) Request the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly, before the end of its eightieth session, on practical steps to be taken to make a Second International Decade effective.

## **II. Relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2024**

2. The mandate contained in draft resolution [A/C.3/78/L.60/Rev.1](#) requires additional deliverables and activities under the following programme plans of the proposed programme budget for 2024:

(a) Programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, ([A/78/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#));

(b) Programme 20, Human rights ([A/78/6 \(Sect. 24\)](#)).

## **III. Deliverables and activities required to implement the mandate contained in the draft resolution**

3. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraphs 14, 15 and 19 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the Secretariat would provide additional support to the Permanent Forum, that a status report on the elaboration of the draft declaration to be considered by the General Assembly would be presented to the Assembly, and that a report would be submitted to the Assembly containing the practical steps to be taken to make the Second International Decade effective.

4. For the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the implementation of the mandate would require additional work starting from 2024 to:

(a) Enhance the substantive support to the Secretary of the Permanent Forum in the fulfilment of its mandate related to: substantively contributing to the elaboration of the declaration on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent, including by providing expert advice and recommendations aimed at addressing all scourges of racism confronted by people of African descent in the diaspora; identifying and analysing best practices, challenges, opportunities and initiatives for the further implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action relevant to people of African descent; preparing and disseminating information on issues related to people of African descent; contributing to awareness-raising and promoting the integration and coordination of activities relating to people of African descent within the United Nations system; and organizing the annual session and other meetings organized by the members of the Permanent Forum;

(b) Strengthen administrative support to the secretariat of the Permanent Forum in the administrative organization of all the activities of the Permanent Forum;

(c) Support the preparation of a status report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to be considered during the high-level closing event of the International Decade for People of African Descent, to be held in the final year of the Decade.

5. 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 with a word count of 10,700 words in all six languages in 2024, and one pre-session document with a word count of 8,500 words in all six languages in 2026.

## IV. Budgetary implications

### A. Conference-servicing requirements

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

Table 1

#### Additional resource requirements for conference services

(United States dollars)

	2024	2026
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>		
Other staff costs		
Documentation services	30 800	24 500
<b>Total</b>	<b>30 800</b>	<b>24 500</b>

7. An additional amount of \$3,700 would be required in 2024 under section 36, Staff assessment.

### 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)

	Annual requirements 2024 <sup>a</sup>	Non-recurrent requirements 2024	Total requirements 2024	Annual requirements from 2025
<b>Section 24, Human rights</b>				
Posts:				
1 post (P-2) to provide substantive support to the Secretary of the Permanent Forum and during the annual meetings	79 900	–	79 900	141 500
1 post (GS (OL)) to provide administrative support to the Secretary of the Permanent Forum	74 500	–	74 500	136 800
Other staff costs:				
General temporary assistance (P-3) for 3 months to assist in the preparation of the status report of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action	–	48 600	48 600	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>154 400</b>	<b>48 600</b>	<b>203 000</b>	<b>278 300</b>

Abbreviation: GS (OL), General Service (Other level).

<sup>a</sup> 50 per cent vacancy rate applied for the first year for new posts.

9. An additional amount of \$32,300 would be required in 2024 under section 36, Staff assessment.

## V. Summary of resource requirements

10. The budgetary implications for 2024 amount to \$233,800 net of staff assessment, as shown in table 3.

Table 3

### **Additional resource requirements (before recosting)**

(United States dollars)

	2024	2025	2026	From 2027 onward
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	30 800	—	24 500	—
Section 24, Human rights	203 000	278 300	278 300	278 300
Section 36, Staff assessment	36 000	49 600	52 500	49 600
<b>Total, including staff assessment</b>	<b>269 800</b>	<b>327 900</b>	<b>355 300</b>	<b>327 900</b>

11. The requirements for 2025 and onward, in the amount of \$ 278,300, would be reflected under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for 2025 and onward.

12. The one-time requirements for 2026, in the amount of \$24,500, would be reflected under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for 2026.

## VI. Potential for absorption during 2024

13. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2024 for the implementation of the mandate contained in the draft resolution. At this stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant section of the proposed programme budget for 2024 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2024. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources be provided through an additional appropriation for 2024 in the amount of \$233,800 (net of staff assessment). Requirements of \$278,300 (net of staff assessment) would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2025.

## VII. Conclusion

14. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.3/78/L.60/Rev.1](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$233,800 would arise under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for 2024:

- (a) Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$30,800);
- (b) Section 24, Human rights (\$203,000).

15. The total amount of \$ 233,800 would require an additional appropriation for 2024 to be approved by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a potential charge against the contingency fund.

16. The General Assembly would also be requested to approve the establishment of two posts (1 P-2 and 1 General Service (Other level)), effective 1 January 2024, to support the activities in draft resolution [A/C.3/78/L.60/Rev.1](#).

17. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$36,000 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2024 and would require additional appropriation by the General Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent increase of \$36,000 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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