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General and complete disarmament

Addressing the legacy of nuclear weapons: providing victim assistance and environmental remediation to Member States affected by the use or testing of nuclear weapons

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/78/L.52

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

I. Introduction

At its 25th meeting, on 27 October 2023, the First Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/78/L.52 by a recorded vote of 171 to 4, with 6 abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee (A/C.1/78/L.65).

II. Mandate contained in the draft resolution

Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.1/78/L.52, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to seek the views and proposals of Member States regarding efforts and ongoing needs related to victim assistance and environmental assessment and remediation, and to submit a substantiative report, with an annex containing those views, to the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session, for further discussion by Member States.

III. Relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2024

The mandate contained in draft resolution A/C.1/78/L.52 requires additional deliverables and activities under programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and





Social Council affairs and conference management (A/78/6 (Sect. 2)), of the proposed programme budget for 2024.

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

4. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the mandate would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2024 of one pre-session document with an estimated word count of 21,000 words, to be issued in all six official languages.

V. Budgetary implications

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

Table 1

Additional resource requirements for conference services

(United States dollars)

	2024
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Other staff costs	
Documentation services	60 400
Total	60 400

6. An additional amount of \$7,200 would be required in 2024 under section 36, Staff assessment.

VI. Summary of resource requirements

7. The budgetary implications for 2024 amount to \$67,600, as shown in table 2.

Table 2 Additional resource requirements (before recosting)

(United States dollars)

	2024
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	60 400
Section 36, Staff assessment	7 200
Total, including staff assessment	67 600

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VII. Potential for absorption during 2024

8. 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.

VIII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

- 9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/78/L.52, additional resource requirements in the amount of \$60,400 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for 2024.
- 10. The total amount of \$60,400 would require an additional appropriation for 2024 to be approved by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.
- 11. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$7,200 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2024 and would require an additional appropriation by the General Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent increase of \$7,200 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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