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Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.2/78/L.59](#)

**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 25th meeting, on 22 November 2023, the Second Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.2/78/L.59](#) without a vote. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee ([A/C.2/78/L.74](#)).

II. Mandate contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35 and 36 of draft resolution [A/C.2/78/L.59](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to convene, in 2025, a fourth international conference on financing for development to, inter alia, assess the progress made in the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, identifying obstacles and constraints encountered in the achievement of the goals and objectives agreed therein, as well as actions and initiatives to overcome these constraints, and to address new and emerging issues, including in the context of the urgent need to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and to support reform of the international financial architecture;

(b) Welcome the offer by the Government of Spain to host the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development;



(c) Decide to establish an intergovernmental preparatory committee to make the organizational, procedural and substantive preparations for the Conference, which will hold a one-day organizational session in the first quarter of 2024 and up to three sessions, of no more than five days each, in 2024 and up to two sessions, of no more than five days each, in 2025, with the last session taking place in New York, on dates to be decided at the organizational session of the intergovernmental preparatory committee;

(d) Decide that the intergovernmental preparatory committee shall have a Bureau consisting of three members from each regional group and that the committee shall elect two Co-Chairs from among the nominated Bureau members, one from a developed State and one from a developing State, and that the host country and the Chair of the Group of 77 and China shall serve as ex officio members of the Bureau;

(e) Decide that the intergovernmental preparatory committee, during its organizational session in the first quarter of 2024, will adopt decisions and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the General Assembly on the dates of the sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee, additional modalities, including inclusive participation, and format of the Conference and how it can be organized in the most efficient and effective manner;

(f) Welcome the offer by the Government of Ethiopia to host one of the sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee in 2024 in Addis Ababa as part of the preparatory process of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development to review the progress and the gaps in the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda as an integral part of the 2030 Agenda, and identify actions and ideas to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;

(g) Welcome the offer by the Government of Mexico to host one of the sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee as part of the preparatory process of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development.

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

3. The mandate contained in draft resolution [A/C.2/78/L.59](#) 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 7, Economic and social affairs ([A/78/6 \(Sect. 9\)](#));

(c) Programme 25, Management and support services ([A/78/6 \(Sect. 29C\)](#)).

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

4. Pursuant to the mandate contained in the draft resolution, it is envisaged that:

(a) The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development would be convened in 2025 in Spain;

(b) A one-day organizational session of the intergovernmental preparatory committee would be convened in the first quarter of 2024; up to three sessions of no more than five days each would be convened in 2024; and up to two sessions of no

more than five days each would be convened in 2025, with the last session taking place in New York;

(c) One of the sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee in 2024 would be convened in Addis Ababa and one of the sessions would be convened in Mexico.

5. For the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, the implementation of the mandate would require interpretation in all six official languages for the one-day organizational session (comprising 2 meetings) in the first quarter of 2024; three sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee (each session consisting of five days and comprising 10 meetings) in 2024; and two sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee (each session consisting of five days and comprising 10 meetings) in 2025, with the last session taking place in New York. In accordance with established practice, the dates of the meetings would be determined in consultation with the Department. For documentation services, the requirements of translation in all six languages of the United Nations of 15 documents with a total word count of 39,200 words in 2024, and 6 documents with a total word count of 16,000 words in 2025, would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department in 2024 and 2025, respectively. Details of the documentation requirements are provided in the annex to the present report.

6. For the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the implementation of the mandate would require additional work in 2024 and 2025 to provide substantive support and organizational preparations for and servicing of meetings of the Conference and its intergovernmental preparatory committee. It is estimated that additional resource requirements would be required as follows:

(a) General temporary assistance for five positions (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 1 P-3 and 1 General Service (Principal level)) for 10 months in 2024 and 12 months in 2025:

(i) Senior Economic Affairs Officer (P-5): Provides direct substantive support on financing for sustainable development issues to intergovernmental bodies (such as the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the preparatory committee) in the organization of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, including intergovernmental negotiations, by offering strategic advice and technical guidance and assisting in developing a consensus. Supervises a team of staff economists undertaking research and policy analysis on issues related to financing for sustainable development. Manages the work unit's contribution to the preparation, servicing and management of meetings of the intergovernmental preparatory committee and the organization of thematic and all related events. Seeks a means to mobilize and manage extrabudgetary resources for the organization of the Conference;

(ii) Economic Affairs Officer (P-4): Provides substantive support on financing for sustainable development issues to intergovernmental bodies (such as the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the preparatory committee) in the organization of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, including intergovernmental negotiations. Carries out research and policy analysis on issues related to financing for sustainable development, including drafting reports and taking notes. Organizes consultative and other meetings related to the Conference, including proposing agenda topics, and prepares inputs to statements for senior officials, documents, presentations and other substantive inputs;

(iii) Programme Management Affairs Officer (P-4): Provides substantive support related to the funding of the Fourth International Conference on

Financing for Development (programme/project preparation and submissions, progress reports, financial statements, etc.) and prepares related documents and reports (work programme, programme budget, etc.). Develops and implements the Conference programme/project; monitors and analyses programme development and implementation; reviews relevant documents and reports; identifies problems and issues to be addressed and initiates corrective actions; liaises with relevant parties; and ensures follow-up actions. Provides substantive backstopping to consultative and other meetings related to the Conference;

(iv) Economic Affairs Officer (P-3): Prepares inputs for reports to intergovernmental bodies (such as the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the preparatory committee) in the organization of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, including intergovernmental negotiations. Follows intergovernmental meetings of the Conference and prepares summary reports. Prepares inputs to statements by members of the Bureau and Secretariat staff to such meetings. Assists in the organization of panels and round tables, among other things, on development issues for intergovernmental processes;

(v) Senior Programme Management Assistant (General Service (Principal level)): Provides the full range of programme management and implementation assistance required for all activities leading up to and including the Conference. Serves as administrative focal point for the coordination, monitoring and expediting of Conference implementation activities; monitors Conference-related administrative implementation at all stages to ensure work is proceeding according to established plans, including analysing implementation difficulties and initiating remedial action; liaises with diverse organizational units to initiate requests; and obtains necessary clearances, processes and follows up on administrative actions and resolves issues related to programme implementation, for example recruitment and appointment of personnel, travel arrangements, authorization of payments, disbursement of funds and procurement of equipment and services;

(b) Consultancy services (three consultants each in 2024 and 2025) to provide specialized senior-level expertise (not available in-house) on the following topics:

(i) Domestic public resources, such as domestic resource mobilization and taxation, illicit financial flows, the return of stolen assets, international tax cooperation and public expenditure, the extractives and resources sector, national development banks, subnational urban development and financing;

(ii) Domestic and international private business and finance, such as investment climate, private sector efforts and initiatives, policies and regulatory frameworks, financial inclusion, domestic capital market development, remittances, foreign direct investment, the incentivization of investment in underfunded areas (e.g. clean and affordable energy) and the encouragement of philanthropic engagement;

(iii) International development cooperation, such as official development assistance, humanitarian finance and peacebuilding, innovative development finance, country allocations, levels of concessional finance and graduation issues, multilateral development banks, blended finance, South-South and triangular cooperation, climate finance, disaster risk reduction finance, development effectiveness, international cooperation and capacity-building, including integrated national financing frameworks;

(iv) International trade, such as strengthening the multilateral trading system, facilitating trade, promoting policy coherence; and science, technology and

innovation, such as promoting access to information and communications technology, policy frameworks, enabling environments, institutions and mechanisms and technology transfer;

(v) Debt sustainability, such as debt crisis prevention and resolution; and systemic issues, such as strengthening global governance, improving cooperation, coordination and policy coherence, enhancing global macroeconomic stability, financial market regulation, promoting safe migration and combating transnational crime;

(vi) Effectiveness of the follow-up process of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and considerations for the follow-up process for the outcome of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development;

(c) An outreach, awareness-building, knowledge-sharing and advocacy campaign leading up to the Conference to ensure inclusive engagement from the country level to the global level that utilizes both traditional media and social media campaigns, which may include innovative information products, graphics, videos targeting youth and other stakeholders, media zones, and outreach and knowledge-sharing at finance-related conferences and events. The proposed provision would include individual contractors, to cover traditional media and social media campaigns, including innovative information products, graphics, videos targeting youth and other stakeholders, and media zones; the travel of staff for awareness-building, knowledge-sharing and outreach at finance-related conferences and events; and supplies and materials covering communications materials, including Conference-branded supplies, information folders, among other items, in English, French and Spanish.

7. For the Office of Information and Communications Technology, the implementation of the mandate would require additional work in 2024 and 2025, including for meetings support and closed captioning for a 1-day organizational session and three 5-day sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee in 2024 comprising 32 plenary meetings; and two 5-day sessions in 2025 comprising 20 plenary meetings.

8. With reference to operative paragraphs 30, 35 and 36, given that the Government of Spain has offered to host the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in 2025, and the Governments of Ethiopia and Mexico have each offered to host one of the sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee, the respective Governments will need to defray the additional costs involved, in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution [40/243](#), which stipulates that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved.

9. With reference to operative paragraphs 29 and 34, the additional modalities, including inclusive participation and the format of the Conference, would only be decided by the intergovernmental preparatory committee during the first quarter of 2024. Accordingly, when information on the format, scope and modalities of the Conference becomes available, the Secretary-General would submit the relevant costs of such requirements in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

V. Budgetary implications

A. Conference-servicing requirements

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

Table 1

Additional resource requirements for conference services

(United States dollars)

| | 2024 | 2025 | 2024–2025 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management | | | |
| Other staff costs | | | |
| Interpretation services | 249 700 | 159 000 | 408 700 |
| Documentation services | 113 100 | 46 200 | 159 300 |
| Subtotal, section 2 | 362 800 | 205 200 | 568 000 |
| Section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology | | | |
| Contractual services | | | |
| Meetings support | 54 100 | 33 800 | 87 900 |
| Subtotal, section 29C | 54 100 | 33 800 | 87 900 |
| Total | 416 900 | 239 000 | 655 900 |

11. An additional amount of \$43,500 would be required in 2024 and \$24,600 in 2025 under section 36, Staff assessment.

B. Non-conference-servicing requirements

12. 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)

| | 2024 | 2025 | 2024–2025 |
|--|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Section 9, Economic and social affairs | | | |
| Other staff costs | | | |
| General temporary assistance (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 1 P-3 and 1 General Service (Principal level)) | 759 300 | 911 100 | 1 670 400 |
| Consultants | 57 600 | 57 600 | 115 200 |
| Travel of staff | 20 000 | 20 000 | 40 000 |
| Contractual services | 20 000 | 20 000 | 40 000 |
| Supplies and materials | 10 000 | 10 000 | 20 000 |
| Total | 866 900 | 1 018 700 | 1 885 600 |

13. An additional amount of \$93,800 would be required in 2024 and \$112,500 in 2025 under section 36, Staff assessment.

VI. Summary of resource requirements

14. The budgetary implications for 2024 amount to \$1,283,800, excluding staff assessment, comprising \$362,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$866,900 under section 9, Economic and social affairs, and \$54,100 under section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology, as shown in table 3.

Table 3
Additional resource requirements (before recosting)

(United States dollars)

| | 2024 | 2025 | 2024–2025 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management | 362 800 | 205 200 | 568 000 |
| Section 9, Economic and social affairs | 866 900 | 1 018 700 | 1 885 600 |
| Section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology | 54 100 | 33 800 | 87 900 |
| Subtotal | 1 283 800 | 1 257 700 | 2 541 500 |
| Section 36, Staff assessment | 137 300 | 137 100 | 274 400 |
| Total, including staff assessment | 1 421 100 | 1 394 800 | 2 815 900 |

15. For 2025, the additional requirements of \$1,257,700, excluding staff assessment, comprising \$205,200 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$1,018,700 under section 9, Economic and social affairs, and \$33,800 under section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology, would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2025.

VII. Potential for absorption during 2024

16. 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 sections 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

17. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.2/78/L.59](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$1,283,800 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 (\$362,800);**

(b) **Section 9, Economic and social affairs (\$866,900);**

(c) **Section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology (\$54,100).**

18. **The total amount of \$1,283,800 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.**

19. **Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$137,300 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 \$137,300 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**

Annex**Documentation requirements in the six official languages**

(United States dollars)

| <i>Requirement</i> | <i>Number of documents</i> | <i>Total word count</i> | <i>Total cost</i> | <i>Inclusive of total distribution costs</i> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 2024 | | | | |
| Pre-session documentation | 9 | 19 200 | 55 400 | 351 |
| In-session documentation | 3 | 5 000 | 14 500 | 117 |
| Post-session documentation | 3 | 15 000 | 43 200 | 117 |
| Subtotal | 15 | 39 200 | 113 100 | 585 |
| 2025 | | | | |
| Pre-session documentation | 2 | 2 000 | 5 800 | 78 |
| In-session documentation | 2 | 4 000 | 11 600 | 78 |
| Post-session documentation | 2 | 10 000 | 28 800 | 78 |
| Subtotal | 6 | 16 000 | 46 200 | 234 |
| Total | 21 | 55 200 | 159 300 | 819 |