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General and complete disarmament

Artificial intelligence in the military domain and its implications for international peace and security

Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.1/79/L.43](#)

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 31st meeting, on 6 November 2024, the First Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.1/79/L.43](#) by a recorded vote of 165 to 2, with 6 abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee ([A/C.1/79/L.80](#)).

II. Mandate contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 7 and 8 of draft resolution [A/C.1/79/L.43](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States and observer States on the opportunities and challenges posed to international peace and security by the application of artificial intelligence in the military domain, with specific focus on areas other than lethal autonomous weapons systems, and to submit a substantive report summarizing those views and cataloguing existing and emerging normative proposals, with an annex containing these views, to the General Assembly at its eightieth session, for further discussion by States;

(b) Also request the Secretary-General to invite the views of international and regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, civil society, the scientific community and industry and to include these views in the original language received in the annex to the aforementioned report.



III. Relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2025

3. The mandate contained in draft resolution [A/C.1/79/L.43](#) requires additional deliverables and activities under programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ([A/79/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#)), of the proposed programme budget for 2025.

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

4. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraph 7 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 2025 of one pre-session document with an estimated word count of 50,000 words, to be issued in all six official languages.

5. In accordance with operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, the replies received from international and regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, civil society, the scientific community and industry would be included in the original language received in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General remains committed to multilingualism as a core value of the United Nations.

V. Budgetary implications

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

Table 1
Additional resource requirements for conference services
(United States dollars)

		2025
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management		
Other staff costs		
Documentation services		143 800
Total		143 800

7. An additional amount of \$17,300 would be required in 2025 under section 36, Staff assessment.

VI. Summary of resource requirements

8. The budgetary implications for 2025 amount to \$161,100, as shown in table 2.

Table 2
Additional resource requirements (before recosting)
 (United States dollars)

	2025
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	143 800
Section 36, Staff assessment	17 300
Total	161 100

VII. Potential for absorption during 2025

9. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2025 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 2025 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2025. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources be provided through an additional appropriation for 2025.

VIII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

10. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.1/79/L.43](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$143,800 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for 2025.

11. The total amount of \$143,800 would require an additional appropriation for 2025 that would be requested for approval by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a potential charge against the contingency fund.

12. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$17,300 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2025 and would require an additional appropriation by the General Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent increase of \$17,300 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.