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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance to the United Nations

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.34 and its amendment (A/60/L.35)

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

Twenty-seventh report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted in document A/C.5/60/20 on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.34 and its amendment (A/60/L.35).
2. Under the terms of draft resolution A/60/L.34 and its amendment (A/60/L.35), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to establish, within existing resources, a programme of outreach activities entitled "The Rwanda Genocide and the United Nations", as well as measures to mobilize civil society for Rwanda genocide victim remembrance and education in order to help prevent future acts of genocide, and to report to the General Assembly on the establishment of that programme within six months from the date of the adoption of the resolution.
3. As indicated in paragraph 5 of the statement of the Secretary-General, it is estimated that additional resource requirements amounting to \$196,200 will be required under Section 27, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, related mainly to production costs and general temporary assistance.
4. The Advisory Committee points out that the Secretary-General has proposed an amount of \$172.8 million for 2006-2007 under section 27, including 747 posts, over \$4.7 million in general temporary assistance resources and nearly \$1 million

for overtime and personal service contracts. **Moreover, a considerable wealth of material already exists within the United Nations which the Department of Public Information can draw upon in carrying out the present request. Therefore, in the opinion of the Committee, it may well be possible to carry out the activities envisaged without additional resources.**

5. **Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee report to the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/60/L.34 and its amendment (A/60/L.35), there would be no need for an additional appropriation at this time. Should any such requirement materialize, it can be reported in the relevant performance report on the programme budget for 2006-2007.**
