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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.68/Rev.1 on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/61/14).

2. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the statement (A/C.5/61/14), under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.38/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights and the restoration of democracy with the Government and the people of Myanmar, including all relevant parties to the national reconciliation process in Myanmar, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in this regard;

(b) To give all necessary assistance to enable his Special Envoy, once appointed, and the Special Rapporteur to discharge their mandates fully and effectively;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution.

3. The activities related to the implementation of the requests are described in paragraphs 4 to 6 of the statement. Paragraphs 7 to 10 contain information on the



estimated resource requirements. The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General estimates that the cost of continuing the good offices efforts through his Special Envoy for Myanmar for a one-year period (1 January-31 December 2007) would amount to \$234,800 gross (\$198,400 net).

4. With regard to the request contained in paragraph 5 (a) of the draft resolution concerning technical assistance, such assistance, if requested, would be accommodated within the technical cooperation activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. With regard to the request contained in paragraph 5 (b) pertaining to the Special Rapporteur, the Secretary-General has informed the General Assembly, in his report on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its first session and its first and second special sessions in 2006 (A/61/530), that budgetary provisions have already been made for activities related to the various human rights mandates listed in the annex to Human Rights Council decision 1/102, within the resources approved for the biennium 2006-2007. These fall under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

5. Bearing in mind paragraph 11 of the statement of the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.38/Rev.1, additional requirements of up to \$234,800 gross (\$198,400) net would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007 under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, for the continuation of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar. Requirements would be included in the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the Assembly and/or the Security Council, to be submitted to the Assembly during its current session.