



Sixty-eighth session

Agenda items 134 and 69 (b)

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015**Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms****United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region****Programme budget implications of draft resolution
[A/C.3/68/L.52/Rev.1](#)****Report of the Fifth Committee***Rapporteur:* Mr. Ken Siah (Singapore)

1. At its 25th and 26th meetings, on 18 and 27 December 2013, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General ([A/C.5/68/17](#)) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.3/68/L.52/Rev.1](#). At the 25th meeting, the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee ([A/68/7/Add.23](#)). The draft decision submitted by the Chair following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ghana ([A/C.5/68/L.12](#), sect. D) was before the Committee (see para. 8).
2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records ([A/C.5/68/SR.25](#) and 26).
3. At the 26th meeting, on 27 December, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic requested a recorded vote on section D of draft decision [A/C.5/68/L.12](#).
4. The representative of Qatar made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.



5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, by a recorded vote of 134 to 3, with 2 abstentions, section D of draft decision [A/C.5/68/L.12](#) (see para. 8 below). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen.

*Against:**

Benin, Haiti, Syrian Arab Republic.

Abstaining:

Burkina Faso, Ethiopia.

6. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia and Qatar (see [A/C.5/68/SR.26](#)).

7. A statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic (see [A/C.5/68/SR.26](#)).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,² decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution [A/C.3/68/L.52/Rev.1](#), net additional resources amounting to \$2,166,600 would be required, under section 24, Human rights (\$2,136,200), and section 2, General

* The delegations of Benin and Haiti subsequently indicated that they had intended to vote in favour of section D of draft decision [A/C.5/68/L.12](#).

¹ [A/C.5/68/17](#).

² [A/68/7/Add.23](#).

Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$30,400) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, representing a charge against the contingency fund. An additional amount of \$149,800 would be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.
