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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

Persons with albinism

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution
[A/C.3/70/L.14/Rev.1](#)**

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

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution [A/C.3/70/L.14/Rev.1](#), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to present a comprehensive report, using existing resources and mechanisms, including the Independent Expert, to the Assembly at the main part of its seventy-second session, under the item entitled “Social development”, on the various social development challenges faced by persons with albinism, taking into consideration the specific needs of women and children, including those related to social inclusion, health, education and employment, and measures taken, and recommend further action to be taken by Member States and other relevant stakeholders to address identified challenges, and would encourage the Secretary-General to gather information from all relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system for the preparation of the report.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 and to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

2. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and programme 20, Human rights, subprogramme 1, Human rights mainstreaming, right to development, and research and analysis, of the biennial



programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 (see [A/69/6/Rev.1](#)). They also relate to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ([A/70/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#) and Corr.1), and section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 ([A/70/6 \(Sect. 24\)](#) and Corr.1).

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution [A/C.3/70/L.14/Rev.1](#), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session a comprehensive report on persons with albinism.

4. Accordingly, it is envisaged that additional resources would be required for general temporary assistance at the P-3 level, for a period of three months in 2017, to research and compile the necessary information from all relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system required to draft the report on the various social development challenges faced by persons with albinism, taking into consideration the specific needs of women and children, including those related to social inclusion, health, education and employment, and to recommend further action and measures to be taken by Member States and other relevant stakeholders to address identified challenges.

5. Furthermore, the translation and processing of the above-mentioned report would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2017 of a pre-session document of 8,500 words in all six languages.

IV. Financial implications of the proposals

A. Conference-servicing requirements

6. Additional conference-servicing requirements of \$50,900 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, for the translation and processing of the report to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session in 2017.

B. Non-conference-servicing requirements

7. It is estimated that the total amount of \$40,800 would be required under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, to cover the costs of general temporary assistance at the P-3 level for three months in 2017 for the preparation of the report on persons with albinism in order to implement the requests contained in operative paragraph 2.

8. A summary of the additional non-recurrent requirements by section is provided in the table below.

Summary of additional non-recurrent resource requirements

(United States dollars)

	<i>Total requirements 2016-2017</i>	<i>To be accommodated within the 2016-2017 proposed programme budget</i>	<i>Additional requirements 2016-2017</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Pre-session documentation	50 900	–	50 900
Total, section 2	50 900	–	50 900
Section 24, Human rights			
General temporary assistance at the P-3 level for three months	40 800	40 800	–
Total, section 24	40 800	40 800	–
Total	91 700	40 800	50 900

V. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2016-2017

9. No provisions for the estimated requirements have been made under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the implementation of the activities requested in operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution [A/C.3/70/L.14/Rev.1](#); therefore, additional resources in the amount of \$91,700, including \$50,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$40,800 under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, would arise.

10. With regard to the additional requirements of \$40,800 under section 24, Human rights, efforts would be made to meet the requirements within the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. At the current stage, it is not possible to identify activities within section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium 2016-2017. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources in the amount of \$50,900 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017.

VI. Contingency fund

11. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. In accordance with paragraph 9 of annex I to resolution 41/213, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, such additional expenditures can only be included in the budget through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

VII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.3/70/L.14/Rev.1](#), an additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,900 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, and as such would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

13. With regard to the reference “using existing resources” contained in operative paragraph 2, the attention of the Committee is also drawn to provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B and subsequent resolutions, the latest of which is resolution 68/246, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and also reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
