

**Seventieth session
Fifth Committee**

Agenda items 134 and 72 (c)

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017**Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights
situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives****Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic****Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.3/70/L.47](#)****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 51st meeting, on 19 November 2015, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.3/70/L.47](#) by a recorded vote of 115 to 15, with 51 abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee ([A/C.3/70/L.67](#)).

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of paragraph 41 of draft resolution [A/C.3/70/L.47](#), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the resolution by the Syrian authorities within 45 days of its adoption.

**III. 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**

3. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 and section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (see [A/70/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#) and Corr. 1).



IV. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

4. Pursuant to paragraph 41 of the draft resolution, the request for documentation would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one pre-session document of 8,500 words in all six languages. This would entail additional requirements in the amount of \$50,900 for documentation services in 2016.

V. Financial implications of the proposals

5. To implement the additional workload, there would be additional conference-servicing requirements of \$50,900 for 2016 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2016-2017

6. No provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the implementation of the activity requested in paragraph 41 of the draft resolution. At the current stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. 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.

VII. Contingency fund

7. 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. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

VIII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

8. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.3/70/L.47](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$50,900 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. The amount of \$50,900 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017 to be approved by the Assembly, and as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**