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**Social development: implementation of the outcome
of the World Summit for Social Development and of
the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly**

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. Introduction

1. At its 55th meeting, on 24 November 2015, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.3/70/L.14/Rev.1](#) without a vote. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee, in document [A/C.3/70/L.108](#).

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. 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 on the enjoyment of human rights of persons with albinism, 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, with recommendations for further action to be taken by Member States and other relevant stakeholders to address identified challenges, and encourage the Secretary-General to gather information from all



relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system for the preparation of the report.

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

IV. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. 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.

5. 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, for research and compilation of 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, with recommendations for further action and measures to be taken by Member States and other relevant stakeholders to address identified challenges.

6. 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.

V. Financial implications of the proposals

A. Conference-servicing requirements

7. 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 be submitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session in 2017.

B. Non-conference-servicing requirements

8. It is estimated that, in order to implement the requests contained in operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, a 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.

9. A summary of the additional non-recurrent requirements by section are 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

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2016-2017

10. 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, the need for 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.

11. 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.

VII. Contingency fund

12. 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 be included in the budget only 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.

VIII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

13. **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.**

14. **With regard to the reference to “using existing resources”, as contained in operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the Secretariat drew the attention of the Third Committee to provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, and subsequent resolutions, the latest of which is resolution 68/246 of 27 December 2013, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.**
