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Thirtieth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/70/12) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.39/Rev.1 on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. During its consideration of the statement, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarifications, which were received on 9 December 2015.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 20 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on human rights, democracy and reconciliation in Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders, and to offer technical assistance to the Government of Myanmar in this regard, bearing in mind the considerations contained in his report of 19 August 2015 relating to the future of the mandate of his Special Adviser on Myanmar;

(b) To give all assistance necessary to enable the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Myanmar and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar to discharge their mandates fully, effectively and in a coordinated manner;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as to the Human Rights Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution.





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3. The requests of the General Assembly relate to subprogramme 1, Prevention, management and resolution of conflicts, of programme 2, Political affairs, and subprogramme 3, Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities, of programme 20, Human rights, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6/Rev.1) (see A/C.5/70/12, para. 3).

4. The estimated resource requirements for 2016 are presented in the statement of the Secretary-General, as follows (A/C.5/70/12, paras. 10-13 and 15):

(a) The Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Myanmar (\$1,127,200 (net)): the requirements have been included in the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions (A/70/348/Add.1), which is currently before the General Assembly for consideration. The Advisory Committee recalls that the resource requirements for the Office were included in that report in order to consolidate the overall resource requirements of special political missions; however, it was also indicated that the requirements would be presented in a statement of programme budget implications in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, subject to action taken in the Third Committee of the Assembly (A/70/7/Add.11, para. 4);

(b) The Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (\$80,200): the requirements have been provided under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 24) and Corr.1), which is under consideration by the General Assembly separately from draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.39/Rev.1. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the inclusion of this requirement is provided for information purposes.

5. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.39/Rev.1, resource requirements amounting to \$1,127,200 net of staff assessment would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016 for the continuation of the good offices efforts of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar. Those requirements would be charged against the provision for special political missions included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.