

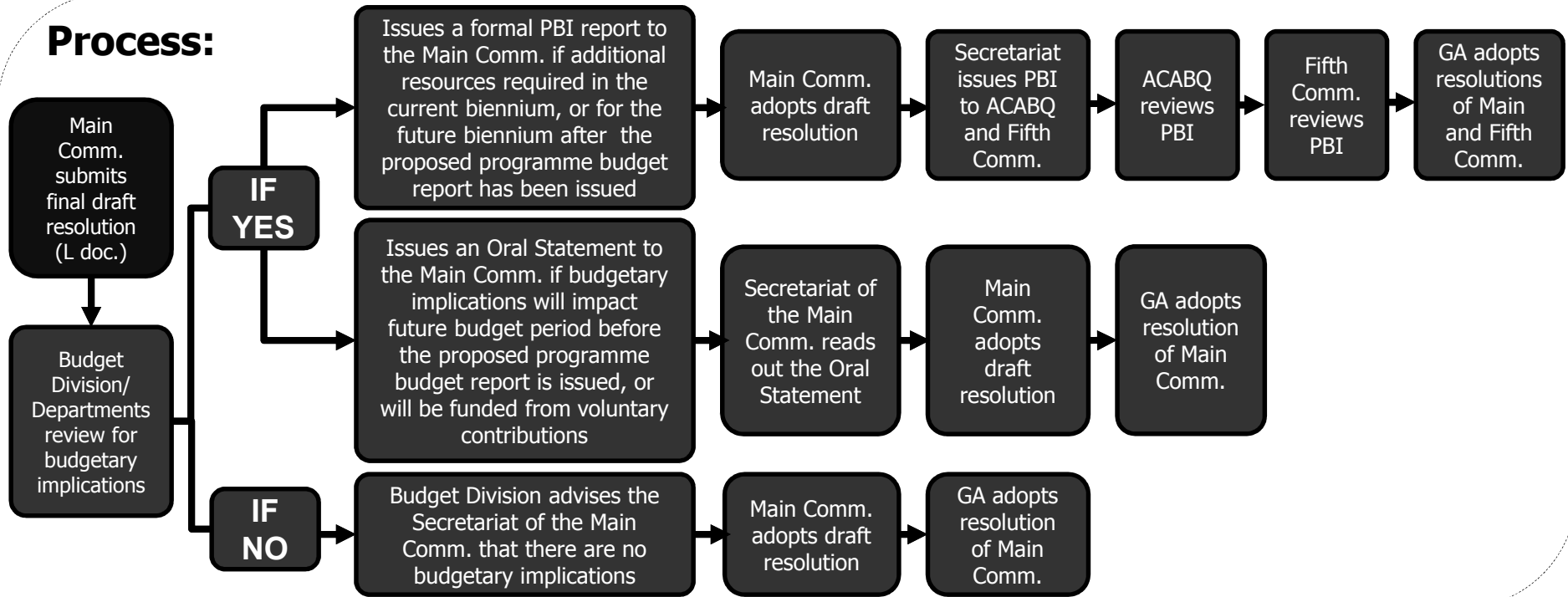
Overview of Programme Budget Implications process by the Main Committees of the General Assembly



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Programme Budget Implications: Regulatory framework, Process and Practice for the Main Committees

Process:



Regulatory framework:

- GA Rules of procedure, rules 153 and 154
- GA resolutions 45/248 B section VI, 69/321 (para.25) and 70/247 (paras. 1-5)
- GA decision 34/401 (paras. 12 and 13)
- Financial Regulations and Rules (ST/SGB/2013/4), regulations 2.10 and 2.11, and rule 102.6
- Programme planning Regulations and Rules (ST/SGB/2016/6), regulation 5.9 and rule 105.8

Process: Timing for issuance of an Oral Statement or PBI

- Before a final draft resolution/decision (L doc.) is submitted, the Budget Division (PPBD), if approached by the Secretariat of a Main Comm. and after preliminary consultation with relevant Departments, can indicate: whether budgetary implications are expected based on the latest draft; possibly a sense of magnitude of such implications; but no detailed cost estimates (contact: Director, PPBD).
- Once a final draft resolution/decision is submitted, the Secretariat of the Main Comm. submits it to PPBD, which has **a minimum of 48 hours** for consultation with relevant Departments, review and issuance of a formal PBI report or Oral Statement as necessary (GA decision 34/401).

Practice: Examples of language that may trigger budgetary implications

- Requests the SG to submit a (new) report...
- Requests the SG to establish a dedicated (new) capacity to support...
- Requests the SG to carry out xxx (new) activity...
- Requests the SG to expand/increase the scope/scale of an activity or strengthen the Secretariat's role...
- Decides to convene an open-ended working group/conference/meeting...
- Decides to increase membership of/establish the Committee...
- "Within existing resources" does not preclude budgetary implications.