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

Programme Planning and Budget Division
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Programme Budget Implications: Regulatory framework, Process and Practice for the GA Plenary

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 and13)
  - 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, PPBD, if approached by the Secretariat of the plenary 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.
  - Once a final draft proposal is submitted, the Secretariat 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**
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**Process:**

1. Main Comm. submits final draft resolution (L doc.)
2. Budget Division/Departments review for budgetary implications
   - IF YES: Issues an Oral Statement to the Main Comm. if budgetary implications will impact future budget period before the proposed programme budget report is issued, or will be funded from voluntary contributions
   - IF NO: Budget Division advises the Secretariat of the Main Comm. that there are no budgetary implications
3. GA adopts resolution of Main Comm.
   - Main Comm. adopts draft resolution
   - Secretariat of the Main Comm. reads out the Oral Statement
   - Main Comm. adopts draft resolution
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