

**Statement by Ambassador Per Thöresson, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden**  
**132. Programme budget 2014-2015: Programme budget implications**  
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Thank you Mr Chairman,

Since this is the first time I take the floor this session, let me start by congratulating you and the other members of the bureau on your appointment. I am confident you will be able to guide the committee to a successful conclusion of this session.

Let me also thank Mr. Johannes Huisman, the Budget Director and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, the Chair of the ACABQ for introducing their respective reports.

Mr Chairman,

This past Monday Sweden introduced, on behalf of 19 co-sponsors, a draft resolution concerning the investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him. The draft resolution was introduced in the presence of family members of the departed.

Since the introduction, the list of co-sponsors has increased to close to 50 member states. We would greatly welcome any member states who have not yet co-sponsored to do so.

Mr Chairman,

The words and deeds in pursuit of peace of Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary-General of the United Nations, are well known. His influence on the role and function of the UN was profound already in his lifetime. But his tenure, marked by vision and pragmatism, also paved the way for policy and practices that have been mainstreamed and consolidated in ways that we now take for granted.

We know a lot about Hammarskjöld's life and contributions, but there are still unclarities surrounding the incident in which his life came to an abrupt and violent end.

Mr Chairman,

The purpose of the resolution that has been tabled is to help shed new light on the circumstances surrounding the death of Dag Hammarskjöld and those on board his flight, not only by bringing existing documents forward, but also by providing the conditions necessary to finally hear witnesses whose testimony has so far not been given due attention.

It is the sincere hope of my government that we will hence begin our final path to closure, out of respect for the memory and dignity of Dag Hammarskjöld and those who perished.

Mr Chairman,

All I'm asking today is for the support from all colleagues in the Fifth Committee to process the budgetary implications of this resolution in a speedily manner. This would allow us to adopt the resolution in the General Assembly early next week in an appropriate setting, allowing for high level participation and the presence of family members of the departed.

I thank you Mr Chairman.