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Agenda item 136

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019:

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/72/L.9

Modalities for the Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the Programme Budget Implications related to the draft resolution on the “**Modalities for the Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**”, in which the General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to provide appropriate support to the intergovernmental conference, entitled “Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”, to be held in Morocco on 10 and 11 December 2018. In order to implement the request, the Secretary-General proposes additional resources in the amount of \$668,500, for the provision of general temporary assistance, meeting servicing, documentation, and for public information. These additional resources would be reflected under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference

management, and section 28, Public information of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 and would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

2. The additional resource requirements described above relate to holding the conference in New York. Pursuant to operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, if it is decided to hold the conference in Morocco, the Government of Morocco would need to defray the additional costs in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 40/243, which stipulates that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.