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**Agenda item 136**

**Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019:  
Revised estimates relating to the Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate  
(A/72/373)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

**Statement by**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate contained in the document A/72/373.

2. The report of the Secretary-General is submitted pursuant to the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 71/297, whereby the Assembly welcomed the steps taken to introduce victims' assistance support functions at Headquarters and in the field, and looked forward to future proposals from the Secretary-General in this regard.

3. The total proposed revised estimates contained in the report amounts to an additional amount of \$1.3 million net of staff assessment, comprising of \$0.9 million under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, and \$0.4 million under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services. The General Assembly is requested to approve the amount of \$1.3 million, which represents as a charge to the contingency fund. The General Assembly is also requested to approve the establishment

of four posts, comprising of one Assistant Secretary-General, one P-4, one P-3 and one General Service (Other level), under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination.

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

Thank you Mr. Chairman.