

Agenda Item 141

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its forty-third, forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions (A/75/588)

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council: revised estimates resulting from decision OS/14/101, adopted at the organizational session for the fifteenth cycle of the Human Rights Council (A/75/588/Add.1)

Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus (A/C.5/75/10)

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Open-ended Working Group on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/27 of 5 December 2018 (A/C.5/75/14)

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Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar (A/C.5/75/17)

A global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/C.5/75/18)

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Fifth Committee

Introductory statement

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce several reports of the Secretary-General.

1. Let me start with A/75/588 and Add.1 on the **revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its Forty-third, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth sessions**, and on the **revised estimates resulting from decision OS/14/101, adopted at the organizational session for the fifteenth cycle of the Human Rights Council**.
2. The report on **revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its Forty-third, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth sessions** (A/75/588), provides estimated resource requirements for 2021 associated with 83 resolutions and 2 decisions, including decision 45/113 in which the Human Rights Council decided to postpone several mandated activities from 2020 to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the liquidity situation.
3. In support of the implementation of these resolutions and decisions, the report requests an additional appropriation of \$25,711,400, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund for the year 2021, comprising \$2,371,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$23,261,600 under section 24, Human rights, \$9,300 under section 28, Global communications, and \$68,600 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva. An additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,330,100 is requested under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the year 2021, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.
4. In the report on the **revised estimates resulting from decision OS/14/101, adopted at the organizational session for the fifteenth cycle of the Human Rights Council** (A/75/588/Add.1), additional resources in the amount of \$96,500 is proposed, which comprise \$85,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$8,000 under section 24, Human rights, and

\$3,500 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, under the proposed programme budget for 2021. The amount of \$96,500 would require an additional appropriation for 2021 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. An additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,600 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2021, which would be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

5. Now, I would like to introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft decision A/C.1/75/L.67 “**Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus (A/C.5/75/10)**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft decision, the Secretary-General proposes additional resources for the proposed programme budget for 2021 in the amount of \$286,900, comprising \$85,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$198,400 under section 4, Disarmament, and \$3,500 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva. The amount of \$286,900 would require an additional appropriation for 2021 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

6. Let me introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.1/75/L.44 “**The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspect (A/C.5/75/12)**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$203,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for 2021. The amount of \$203,100 would require an additional appropriation for 2021 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

7. Now, I would like to introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.1/75/L.8/Rev.1 “**Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (A/C.5/75/13)**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$269,900 for the proposed programme budget for 2021, comprising \$241,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$25,100 under section 4, Disarmament, and \$3,000 under section 28, Global communications. The amount of

\$269,900 would require an additional appropriation for 2021 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

8. Now, I would like to introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft decision A/C.1/75/L.47 **“Open-ended Working Group on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/27 of 5 December 2018 (A/C.5/75/14)”**. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft decision, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$187,500 for the proposed programme budget for 2021, comprising \$168,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$18,800 under section 4, Disarmament. The amount of \$187,500 would require an additional appropriation for 2021 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

9. Now, I would like to introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft decision A/C.1/75/L.60 **“Group of Governmental Experts on Advancing Responsible State Behaviour in Cyberspace in the Context of International Security established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/266 of 22 December 2018 (A/C.5/75/15)”**. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft decision, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$366,600 for the proposed programme budget for 2021, comprising \$176,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$190,000 under section 4, Disarmament. The amount of \$366,600 would require an additional appropriation for 2021 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

10. Now, I would like to introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.3/75/L.17 **“Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar (A/C.5/75/17)”**. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposed resources in the amount of \$1,152,600, net of staff assessment, for continuing the provision of the good offices of the Secretary-General, including the requirements for the salaries and related staffing costs of the Special Envoy and four other positions, as well as other operational requirements. Approval of these requirements and appropriation are being sought in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2021 under section 3, Political affairs, for

special political missions (A/75/6 (Sect.3)/Add.2), which provides further details, and which is currently before the Assembly.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

11. Let me now introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.3/75/L.50/Rev.1 “**A global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/C.5/75/18)**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$262,300, net of staff assessment, comprising \$23,300 under section 24, Human rights, and \$239,000 under section 28, Global communications. The amount of \$262,300 would require an additional appropriation for 2021 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. An additional appropriation of \$600 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

12. The last report I would like to introduce is the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/75/L.39 “**Oceans and the law of the sea (A/C.5/75/19)**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$1,208,100, net of staff assessment, comprising \$623,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$584,200 under section 8, Legal affairs. The amount of \$1,208,100 would require an additional appropriation for 2021 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. An additional appropriation of \$119,900 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

13. I thank you for your consideration of the proposals and we look forward to supporting you in addressing any questions you may have.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman

