

Revised estimates: effect of changes in exchange rates and inflation on the proposed programme budget for 2022

Revised estimates for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Fifth Committee

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Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

I have the pleasure to introduce today the three last reports of the year. Two revised estimates reports on the effect of changes in exchange rates and inflation on our budget proposals for 2022, and one report that consolidates the statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates for 2022.

Starting with the revised estimates report on the effect of changes in exchange rates and inflation on the regular budget proposals for 2022, the revised recosting amounts to \$24.0 million or \$32.3 million less than the preliminary recosting of \$56.3 million.

The reduction of \$32.3 million reflects mainly the strengthening of the United States dollar against most currencies, which contributed to a reduction of \$27.8 million.

I am also honoured to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals due to the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation.

Due to the application of the updated recosting rates, the revised recosting represents a decrease of \$1.6 million in contrast with the \$1.6 million increase estimated in the preliminary recosting. The reduction of \$3.2 million compared with the preliminary estimate mainly reflects the strengthening of the United States dollar vis-à-vis the euro, and adjustments to standard costs.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished Delegates

To conclude, I would like to introduce the contingency fund report, which consolidates all statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates. The General Assembly, by its resolution 75/253 decided to set the level of the contingency fund

for 2022 at 0.75 per cent of the appropriation for 2021 or \$24,060,600. Up to today, the total potential charges to the contingency fund amount to \$62 million, or \$37.9 million more than the level set by the General Assembly. The Secretary-General also proposes that the level of the contingency fund for 2023 continues to be set at 0.75 per cent of the appropriation for 2022.

I would like to thank you for your support. We stand ready to address any questions you may have in this respect.
