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## **Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security**

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.1/78/L.11](#)**

**Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with  
rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly**

### **I. Introduction**

1. At its 29th meeting, on 2 November 2023, the First Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.1/78/L.11](#) by a recorded vote of 112 to 52, with 11 abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee ([A/C.1/78/L.62](#)).

### **II. Mandate contained in the draft resolution**

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution [A/C.1/78/L.11](#), the General Assembly would invite all Member States to continue to inform the Secretary-General of their views and assessments on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies, in particular on the future regular institutional dialogue on these matters under the auspices of the United Nations, and request the Secretary-General to submit a report based on those views to the General Assembly during its seventy-eighth session for further discussion between Member States in the meetings of the Open-ended Working Group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025 at its eighth session in 2024.



**III. Relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2024**

3. The mandate contained in draft resolution [A/C.1/78/L.11](#) requires additional deliverables and activities under programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ([A/78/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#)), of the proposed programme budget for 2024.

**IV. Deliverables and activities required to implement the mandate contained in the draft resolution**

4. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the additional reporting requirements would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of an additional word count of 43,500 words in all six official languages for the report of the Secretary-General on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security in 2024 only.

**V. Budgetary implications**

5. Details of the additional conference-servicing requirements are provided in table 1.

Table 1  
**Additional resource requirements for conference services**  
(United States dollars)

		2024
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>		
Other staff costs		
Documentation services		125 100
<b>Total</b>		<b>125 100</b>

6. An additional amount of \$15,000 would be required in 2024 under section 36, Staff assessment.

**VI. Summary of resource requirements**

7. The budgetary implications for 2024 amount to \$140,100, as shown in table 2.

Table 2  
**Additional resource requirements (before recosting)**

(United States dollars)

	2024
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	125 100
Section 36, Staff assessment	15 000
<b>Total, including staff assessment</b>	<b>140 100</b>

## VII. Potential for absorption during 2024

8. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2024 for the implementation of the mandate contained in the draft resolution. At this stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant section of the proposed programme budget for 2024 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2024. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources be provided through an additional appropriation for 2024.

## VIII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.1/78/L.11](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$125,100 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for 2024.

10. The total amount of \$125,100 would require an additional appropriation for 2024 to be approved by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

11. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$15,000 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2024 and would require an additional appropriation by the General Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent increase of \$15,000 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.