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Twenty-sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for 2020

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.3/74/L.29](#) ([A/C.3/74/L.68](#)). During its consideration of the statement, the Advisory Committee met representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses received on 3 December 2019.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 18 of draft resolution [A/C.3/74/L.29](#), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General: (a) to continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions relating to Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders, and to offer assistance to the Government of Myanmar; (b) to extend the appointment of the Special Envoy on Myanmar and submit her report, covering all relevant issues addressed in the resolution, to the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session; (c) to provide all assistance necessary to enable the Special Envoy to effectively discharge her mandate and to report to Member States every six months, or as warranted by the situation on the ground; (d) to identify ways in which the existing mandates can more effectively deliver in their respective areas of responsibility concerning Myanmar and can complement each other's work through enhanced coordination; (e) to call the continued attention of the Security Council to the situation in Myanmar with concrete recommendations for action towards resolving the humanitarian crisis, promoting the safe, dignified, voluntary and



sustainable return of Rohingya refugees and forcibly displaced persons and ensuring accountability for those responsible for mass atrocities and human rights violations and abuses; and (f) to fully implement the recommendations contained in the report of the independent inquiry into the involvement of the United Nations in Myanmar from 2010 to 2018. Furthermore, under the terms of operative paragraph 19, the Assembly would request the Special Envoy to continue to participate by way of interactive dialogue in the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly.

3. The required resources in the amount of \$1,073,000 (net of staff assessment) for 2020 have been included in the proposed programme budget for 2020 under section 3, Political affairs, for special political missions ([A/74/6 \(Sect. 3\)/Add.2](#), paras. 299–303 and tables 33–34) and would provide for: (a) salaries and common staff costs (\$722,100) for the continuation of five positions, at a budgeted vacancy rate of 5 per cent, namely: one position of Special Envoy (Under-Secretary-General), who would continue to function on a when-actually-employed basis; one position of Head of Office (D-1); two positions of Political Affairs Officer (1 P-5 and 1 P-4); and one position of Administrative Assistant (Local level); and (b) operational costs (\$350,900), comprising costs for official travel (\$186,900), facilities and infrastructure (\$64,800), ground transportation (\$12,000), communications and information technology (\$18,000) and other supplies, services and equipment (\$69,200). Other substantive support would continue to be provided to the Special Envoy by the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs in New York and administrative support by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the support provided by the Economic and Social Commission included services for the management of human resources, finance and budget support and the procurement activities of the Office of the Special Envoy.

4. The Advisory Committee has considered the proposal of the Secretary-General for the continuation of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar in the context of its reports on the proposed programme budget for the year 2020 under section 3, Political affairs, for special political missions ([A/74/7/Add.1](#) and [A/74/7/Add.2](#)), which have been submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly.

5. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution [A/C.3/74/L.29](#), resource requirements amounting to \$1,073,000 (net of staff assessment) would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020 for the continuation of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar.