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## Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session

### Report of the Secretary-General

#### *Summary*

The present report is submitted to request General Assembly approval of an additional appropriation relating to requirements arising from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, held from 15 September 2020 to 14 September 2021, for which no provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for 2022.

In particular, the present report provides estimated resource requirements for 2022 relating to General Assembly resolution [75/282](#), entitled “Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes”, decision [75/570](#), entitled “Intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction”, resolution [75/291](#), entitled “The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy: seventh review” and resolution [75/314](#), entitled “Establishment of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent”.

In its resolution [75/282](#), the General Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes would convene at least six sessions, of 10 days each, and conduct a concluding session in order to provide a draft convention to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session. The budgetary impact, excluding staff assessment, for 2022 relating to General Assembly resolution [75/282](#), amounts to \$2,607,600, including \$1,741,500 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$841,700 under section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, and \$24,400 under section 28, Global communications.



In its decision 75/570, the General Assembly decided to postpone the fourth session of the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction to the earliest possible available date in 2022, preferably during the first half of the year, and requested the Secretary-General to convene the fourth session of the conference, with full conference services, including documentation, as required, for a duration of 10 days, on the dates to be determined by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the intergovernmental conference. The budgetary impact, excluding staff assessment, for 2022 relating to General Assembly decision 75/570 amounts to \$598,100, including \$589,300 under section 2, \$5,900 under section 28 and \$2,900 under section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology.

In its resolution 75/291, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to develop a greater understanding of the motivations, objectives, organization and the threat posed by the rise in terrorist attacks on the basis of xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief, and to help to build, upon request, effective counter-narratives, capacities and strategies in this regard, and to report thereon; and requested the Office of Counter-Terrorism to assess methodologies and tools for a results framework to ensure comprehensive, balanced and integrated implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy by the entities subordinate to the Assembly and to report thereon. The budgetary impact, excluding staff assessment, for 2022 relating to General Assembly resolution 75/291 amounts to \$228,200, including \$78,400 under section 2 and \$149,800 under section 3, Political affairs.

In its resolution 75/314, the General Assembly decided to establish the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent as a consultative mechanism for people of African descent and other relevant stakeholders as a platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent, as well as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council, and that the Permanent Forum would consist of 10 members, that it would meet annually, rotating between the United Nations Office at Geneva and United Nations Headquarters for four working days, and that it would report on its activities to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly. In the resolution, the Assembly established the membership, increased the number of meeting days and added a reporting mandate for the Permanent Forum, for which no provisions had been made in the proposed programme budget for 2022. The budgetary impact, excluding staff assessment, for 2022 relating to General Assembly resolution 75/314 amounts to \$86,500, including \$26,800 under section 2, \$56,900 under section 24, Human rights, and \$2,800 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva.

It is proposed in section IV of the present report that the total requirements for 2022 in the amount of \$3,520,400 relating to General Assembly resolutions 75/282, 75/291 and 75/314 and decision 75/570 be appropriated, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund for 2022. In section IV, an additional appropriation in the amount of \$374,800 is also proposed under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, which would be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

## I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted to request General Assembly approval of an additional appropriation relating to requirements arising from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, held from 15 September 2020 to 14 September 2021, for which no provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for 2022.

2. At its seventy-fifth session, the General Assembly adopted the following three resolutions and one decision with budgetary implications for 2022:

(a) In its resolution [75/282](#), the Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes would convene at least six sessions, of 10 days each, and conduct a concluding session in order to provide a draft convention to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session; no provisions have been made in that regard in the proposed programme budget for 2022;

(b) In its decision [75/570](#), the Assembly decided to postpone the fourth session of the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction to the earliest possible available date in 2022, preferably during the first half of the year and requested the Secretary-General to convene the fourth session of the conference, with full conference services, including documentation, as required, for a duration of 10 days, on the dates to be determined by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the intergovernmental conference; no provisions have been made in that regard in the proposed programme budget for 2022;

(c) In its resolution [75/291](#), the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to develop a greater understanding of the motivations, objectives, organization and the threat posed by the rise in terrorist attacks on the basis of xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief, and to help to build, upon request, effective counter-narratives, capacities and strategies in this regard, and to report thereon; and requested the Office of Counter-Terrorism to assess methodologies and tools for a results framework to ensure comprehensive, balanced and integrated implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy by the entities subordinate to the Assembly and to report thereon; no provisions have been made in that regard in the proposed programme budget for 2022;

(d) In its resolution [75/314](#), the Assembly decided to establish the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent as a consultative mechanism for people of African descent and other relevant stakeholders as a platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent, as well as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council, and that the Permanent Forum would consist of 10 members, that it would meet annually, rotating between the United Nations Office at Geneva and United Nations Headquarters for four working days, and that it would report on its activities to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly. In the resolution, the Assembly established the membership, increased the number of meeting days and added a reporting mandate for the Permanent Forum, for which no provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for 2022.

## II. Budgetary impact arising from resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly

### A. Resolution [75/282](#) Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes

3. Under the terms of paragraphs 2 and 4 to 7 of its resolution [75/282](#), the General Assembly:

(a) Decided that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime would continue to serve as the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee;

(b) Decided that the Ad Hoc Committee would convene at least six sessions, of 10 days each, to commence in January 2022, and conclude its work in order to provide a draft convention to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session;

(c) Decided also that the Ad Hoc Committee would hold the first, third and sixth negotiating sessions in New York and the second, fourth and fifth sessions in Vienna and would be guided by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, while exhausting all efforts to adopt substantive decisions by consensus;

(d) Further decided that the Ad Hoc Committee would conduct the concluding session in New York for the purposes of adopting the draft convention;

(e) Decided to invite to the substantive sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee, as appropriate, representatives of interested global and regional intergovernmental organizations, including representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds, as well as representatives of functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as observers.

4. The activities referred to in resolution [75/282](#) relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, and programme 24, Global communications, and to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, and section 28, Global communications, of the proposed programme budget for 2022 ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#), [A/76/6 \(Sect. 16\)](#) and [A/76/6 \(Sect. 28\)](#)), respectively).

5. Pursuant to its mandate, the Ad Hoc Committee would hold its first negotiating session from 17 to 28 January 2022 and submit the draft convention to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session, which is due to conclude in September 2024. The consultations among member States of the Ad Hoc Committee on the meeting schedule for all sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee are ongoing and, at the time of finalizing the present report, no final agreement had been reached on the schedule for 2023 and 2024. Therefore, the resources requested in the context of the present report reflect a meeting schedule of the Ad Hoc Committee and the availability of meeting room resources in New York and Vienna. The revised estimates include requirements for the holding of three negotiating sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee in 2022, three in 2023 and the concluding session, tentatively with a 10-day duration, in 2024. The decision relating to the schedule of all the sessions and the duration of the concluding session remains the prerogative of the Ad Hoc Committee.

6. Pursuant to the request contained in paragraph 2 of resolution [75/282](#), it is envisaged that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) would serve as the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee. It is expected that UNODC would provide

substantive and administrative servicing for the Ad Hoc Committee, including the preparation of the parliamentary and other documents for the negotiating and concluding sessions, as also mentioned in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6.

7. It is estimated that the support to be provided to the Ad Hoc Committee, which would constitute an additional deliverable for 2022, 2023 and 2024, would require resources in the amount of \$5,815,100 (see table 1), for which, for 2022, no provisions had been made in the proposed programme budget for 2022, and would consist of the following:

(a) General temporary assistance to provide substantive and administrative support in the preparation for and servicing of the sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee to be held in 2022, 2023 and 2024, including overtime and night differentials relating to the servicing of the meetings beyond the normal working hours:

(i) A Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer at the P-4 level for 30 months, starting from January 2022, in Vienna to serve as the main substantive focal point and coordinator within the United Nations Secretariat for matters related to the mandate of Ad Hoc Committee;

(ii) A Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer (cybercrime expert) at the P-3 level for 30 months, starting from January 2022, in New York to provide substantive cyber expertise, including with regard to information technology services and cybercrime, and policy advice to the Ad Hoc Committee and ensure that consistent policy is applied across all United Nations cyber processes;

(iii) An Associate Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer at the P-2 level for 30 months, starting from January 2022, in Vienna to assist in substantive and technical support to the Ad Hoc Committee, including in relation to legal advice on matters related to the mandate of the Committee and drafting reports of meetings;

(iv) A Meetings Services Assistant at the General Service (Other level) for 30 months, starting from January 2022, in Vienna to handle a wide range of administrative duties and processes, including coordination on the preparedness of conference services, formatting meeting documents and administrative support to the Chair during the whole process, to ensure the smooth functioning of the Ad Hoc Committee;

(v) A Meetings Services Assistant at the General Service (Other level) for 30 months, starting in January 2022, in New York to handle a wide range of administrative duties and processes, including conference-servicing support, including such tasks as setting meeting dates, preparing meeting invitations and registering participants;

(vi) It is considered that overtime would be required for each negotiating meeting and for the concluding session for the adoption of the convention.

(b) Travel of staff:

(i) Two trips of 14 days each by five UNODC staff members from Vienna to New York to service the sessions to be held in New York in 2022;

(ii) One trip of 14 days by one UNODC staff member from New York to Vienna to join the Vienna team to service the session to be held in Vienna in 2022;

(iii) Three trips of 7 days each by three UNODC staff members from Vienna to New York to service the intersessional and/or informal consultations and negotiations, each to be held for 5 days in New York in 2022 and 2023, respectively;

(iv) One trip of 14 days by five UNODC staff members from Vienna to New York to service the session to be held in New York in 2023;

(v) Two trips of 14 days by one UNODC staff member from New York to Vienna to join the Vienna team to service the sessions to be held in Vienna in 2023;

(vi) One trip of 14 days by five UNODC staff members from Vienna to New York to service the concluding session to be held in New York in 2024;

(vii) Two trips of 7 days each by three UNODC staff members from Vienna to New York to service the intersessional and/or informal consultations and negotiations, each to be held for 5 days in New York in 2024.

(c) Contractual services:

(i) Non-post resources would be required to provide furniture, information technology equipment, communication supplies and services related to information and communications technology for the new general temporary assistance positions;

(ii) It is expected that all the meeting sessions will be public and therefore will be webcast.

(d) Conferencing services:

(i) Interpretation in all six official languages for 10 working days each for the six negotiating sessions (two in New York and one in Vienna in 2022; two in Vienna and one in New York in 2023) and 10 working days for the concluding session in New York in 2024;

(ii) Translation of pre-session, in-session and post-session documents in all six official languages. For the first session, the requirements would entail pre-session documents estimated to total 85,600 words and post-session documents estimated to total 64,200 words. For the second through fifth sessions, the requirements would each entail pre-session documents estimated to total 74,900 words and post-session documents estimated to total 42,800 words. For the sixth session, requirements would entail pre-session documents estimated to total 85,600 words and post-session documents estimated to total 42,800 words. For the concluding session, requirements would entail pre-session documents estimated to total 64,200 words and post-session documents estimated to total 42,800 words. The requested services would be provided on the assumption that the timeline of submission and processing of documentation, as well as the dates for the sessions, are determined in consultation between the Ad Hoc Committee secretariat and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in New York and the Conference Management Service of the United Nations Office at Vienna.

Table 1  
Resource requirements pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/282

(United States dollars)

	<i>Requirements for 2022</i>	<i>Requirements for 2023</i>	<i>Requirements for 2024</i>	<i>Total requirements for 2022–2024</i>
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>				
<b>Other staff costs</b>				
Interpretation services	478 000	488 000	156 000	1 122 000
Translation services	1 263 500	974 700	361 000	2 599 200
<b>Subtotal, section 2</b>	<b>1 741 500</b>	<b>1 462 700</b>	<b>517 000</b>	<b>3 721 200</b>
<b>Section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice</b>				
General temporary assistance	684 100	684 100	337 800	1 706 000
Travel of staff	126 800	93 400	65 800	286 000
Contractual services	30 800	9 100	5 100	45 000
<b>Subtotal, section 16</b>	<b>841 700</b>	<b>786 600</b>	<b>408 700</b>	<b>2 037 000</b>
<b>Section 28, Global communications</b>				
Contractual services: webcasting services	24 400	24 400	8 100	56 900
<b>Subtotal, section 28</b>	<b>24 400</b>	<b>24 400</b>	<b>8 100</b>	<b>56 900</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 607 600</b>	<b>2 273 700</b>	<b>933 800</b>	<b>5 815 100</b>

8. The above-mentioned requirements for 2022 have not been included in the proposed programme budget for 2022. Therefore, additional resources in the amount of \$2,607,600, comprising \$1,741,500 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$841,700 under section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, and \$24,400 under section 28, Global communications, would be required for the programme budget for 2022.

9. An additional amount of \$291,100 would be required in 2022 under section 36, Staff assessment.

10. Requirements for resources for 2023 and 2024 would be included in the proposed programme budgets for 2023 and 2024 under section 2, section 16, section 28 and section 36.

## B. Decision 75/570

### **Intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction**

11. Under the terms of paragraphs (a) and (b) of its decision 75/570, the General Assembly:

(a) Decided to postpone the fourth session of the conference to the earliest possible available date in 2022, preferably during the first half of the year;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to convene the fourth session of the conference, with full conference services, including documentation, as required, for a duration of 10 days, on the dates to be determined by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the intergovernmental conference.

12. The activities referred to in decision 75/570 relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, programme 24, Global communications, and programme 25, Management and support services, and to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 28, Global communications, and section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology of the proposed programme budget for 2022 (A/76/6 (Sect. 2), A/76/6 (Sect. 28) and A/76/6 (Sect. 29C), respectively).

13. Pursuant to the requests contained in the decision, the fourth session of the conference in New York in 2022 would consist of 20 meetings over 10 days (one each morning and afternoon), with interpretation in all six official languages of the United Nations, constituting an addition to the meetings workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2022. With regard to the request for documentation services contained in the decision, the requirements for six pre-session documents with a total word count of 30,500 words, four in-session documents with a total word count of 56,200 words and four post-session documents with a total word count of 77,000 words, in all six languages in 2022, would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department in 2022. The requested services would be provided on the assumption that the timeline of submission and processing of documentation, as well as the date for the conference, are determined in consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.

14. In addition, it is estimated that an amount of \$5,900 would be required to cover webcasting services for 20 meetings over the course of 10 days in 2022.

15. Furthermore, it is estimated that an amount of \$2,900 would be required for four intersessional webinars in 2022.

Table 2

**Resource requirements pursuant to General Assembly decision 75/570**

(United States dollars)

	<i>2021 approved budget</i>	<i>Requirements for 2021</i>	<i>Requirements for 2022</i>	<i>Total requirements for 2021–2022</i>
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>				
<b>Other staff costs</b>				
Interpretation services	156 000	–	156 000	156 000
Translation services	433 300	–	433 300	433 300
<b>Subtotal, section 2</b>	<b>589 300</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>589 300</b>	<b>589 300</b>
<b>Section 28, Global communications</b>				
Contractual services: webcasting services	–	–	5 900	5 900
<b>Subtotal, section 28</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>5 900</b>	<b>5 900</b>

	<i>2021 approved budget</i>	<i>Requirements for 2021</i>	<i>Requirements for 2022</i>	<i>Total requirements for 2021–2022</i>
<b>Section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology</b>				
Contractual services: online services	–	300	2 900	3 200
<b>Subtotal, section 29C</b>	–	<b>300</b>	<b>2 900</b>	<b>3 200</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>589 300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>598 100</b>	<b>598 400</b>

16. The above-mentioned one-time requirements for 2022 have not been included in the proposed programme budget for 2022. Therefore, additional resources in the amount of \$598,100, comprising \$589,300 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$5,900 under section 28, Global communications, and \$2,900 under section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology, would be required for the programme budget for 2022.

17. An additional amount of \$70,700 would be required in 2022 under section 36, Staff assessment.

18. The difference between the approved budget for 2021 and the requirements for 2021 will be surrendered in the context of the financial performance report for 2021, to be presented at the main part of the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly.

### C. **Resolution 75/291** **United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy:** **seventh review**

19. Under the terms of paragraphs 36 and 93 of its resolution [75/291](#), the General Assembly:

(a) Called upon Member States to take appropriate measures to address the new and emerging threats posed by the rise in terrorist attacks on the basis of xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief, including through investigation, information exchange and cooperation, and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to develop a greater understanding of the motivations, objectives, organization and the threat posed by such groups within the global terrorist landscape, including new and emerging threats, and to help to build, upon request, effective counter-narratives, capacities and strategies in this regard, and to report thereon in advance of its seventy-seventh session;

(b) Noted the proposal of the Secretary-General made in his report on options to assess the impact and progress made by the United Nations system in support of the implementation of the Strategy ([A/73/866](#)), and requested the Office of Counter-Terrorism, in close cooperation with Member States and all concerned United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities, to assess, as appropriate, methodologies and tools for a results framework to ensure comprehensive, balanced and integrated implementation of the Strategy by the entities subordinate to the General Assembly, and to report in this regard as part of the report foreseen in paragraph 118.

20. The activities referred to in the resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and programme 2, Political affairs, and to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2022 (A/76/6 (Sect. 2) and A/76/6 (Sect. 3), respectively).

21. The report to be presented to the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 36 would be translated into all six official languages by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2022 in advance of the seventy-seventh session of the Assembly. Furthermore, the additional reporting requirement in paragraph 93 would be addressed in the biennial report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, scheduled to be issued at the seventy-seventh session, which is an existing biennial report that would be expanded for the seventy-seventh session. The additional one-time provision for 2023 for translation of the additional word count for the biennial report would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2023 under section 2.

22. Pursuant to the request contained in paragraph 36 of General Assembly resolution 75/291, it is estimated that additional one-time consultancy resources in the amount \$133,800 for the Office of Counter-Terrorism under section 3, Political affairs, would be required. One consultant with specialized expertise on the rise in terrorist attacks on the basis of xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance and comprehensive strategies and measures to address the threat would conduct and facilitate discussions with stakeholders and would undertake the analytical work required for the drafting of the requested report.

23. Pursuant to the request contained in paragraph 93 of General Assembly resolution 75/291, it is estimated that additional one-time consultancy resources in the amount of \$16,000 for the Office of Counter-Terrorism under section 3, Political affairs, would be required. One consultant would undertake the analytical work required for assessing methodologies and tools for a results framework in consultation with the United Nations system.

Table 3

**Resource requirements pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/291**

(United States dollars)

	<i>Requirements for 2022</i>	<i>Requirements for 2023</i>	<i>Total requirements for 2022–2023</i>
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>			
Other staff costs			
Translation services	78 400	27 100	105 500
<b>Subtotal, section 2</b>	<b>78 400</b>	<b>27 100</b>	<b>105 500</b>
<b>Section 3, Political affairs</b>			
Consultants	149 800	–	149 800
<b>Subtotal, section 3</b>	<b>149 800</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>149 800</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>228 200</b>	<b>27 100</b>	<b>255 300</b>

24. The above-mentioned requirements for 2022 have not been included in the proposed programme budget for 2022. Therefore, additional resources of 228,200, comprising \$78,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$149,800 under section 3, Political affairs, would be required for the programme budget for 2022.

25. An additional amount of \$9,400 would be required in 2022 under section 36, Staff assessment.

26. The requirements in the amount of \$27,100 under section 2 and \$3,300 under section 36 would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2023.

#### **D. Resolution 75/314**

##### **Establishment of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent**

27. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 6, 9 and 10 of its resolution 75/314, the General Assembly:

(a) Decided to establish the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent as a consultative mechanism for people of African descent and other relevant stakeholders as a platform for improving the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent, as well as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council, in line with paragraph 29 (i) of the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent and in close coordination with existing mechanisms;

(b) Also decided that the Permanent Forum would consist of 10 members: 5 members to be nominated by Governments, based on equitable geographical distribution, and elected by the General Assembly and 5 members to be appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council following consultation with the Bureau and the regional groups through their coordinators, on the basis of broad consultations with organizations of people of African descent; membership would take into account the diversity and geographical distribution of people of African descent in the world, ensuring gender parity as well as the principles of transparency, representativity and equal opportunity for all people of African descent, and all members would serve in their personal capacity as independent experts on issues of people of African descent for a period of three years with the possibility of re-election or reappointment for one further period;

(c) Decided that the Permanent Forum would submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly on its activities, including advice and recommendations for future thematic subjects for their consideration, and engage in the interactive dialogue; the report would be distributed to all Member States and the relevant United Nations organs, funds, programmes and agencies as a means, inter alia, of furthering the dialogue within the United Nations system on issues affecting people of African descent;

(d) Further decided that the Permanent Forum would meet annually, rotating between the United Nations Office at Geneva and United Nations Headquarters or at such other place as the Permanent Forum may decide in accordance with existing financial rules and regulations of the United Nations, for four working days, allocated to thematic discussions, and decided that the Permanent Forum would be organized, to the extent possible, back-to-back with a session of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent or the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide the Permanent Forum, through the regular budget as well as voluntary contributions, with all necessary resources, including services and facilities, to fulfil its mandate, through the convening of the Permanent Forum, the organization of its sessions and the participation of relevant stakeholders from every region in its meetings, ensuring broadest, equitable geographical and diverse participation, including, in particular, the full and equal participation of women;

(f) Decided that the Permanent Forum would convene its first session the following year after the resolution was adopted and that, after four annual sessions of the Permanent Forum, an evaluation of its modalities would be carried out by the General Assembly on the basis of an evaluation made by the Human Rights Council in the light of the experience gained.

28. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [74/314](#), the activities referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 6, 9 and 10 relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, programme 20, Human rights, and programme 25, Management and support services, and to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 24, Human rights, and section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for 2022 ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#), [A/76/6 \(Sect. 24\)](#) and [A/76/6 \(Sect. 29E\)](#), respectively).

29. The Permanent Forum originates from resolution [69/16](#), in which, in the context of the programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent, the General Assembly decided to establish a forum to serve as a consultation mechanism, to be provided by one of the existing Durban follow-up mechanisms during the Decade. Subsequently, in its resolution [73/262](#), the Assembly decided to establish a permanent forum on people of African descent. Pursuant to the two resolutions of the Assembly, provisions were included in the proposed programme budget to cover the activities mandated therein. In its resolution [75/237](#), the General Assembly decided that the modalities, format and substantive and procedural aspects of the Permanent Forum would be decided at its seventy-fifth session.

30. Pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 10 of resolution [75/314](#), in which it was stipulated that the Permanent Forum would meet annually, rotating between the United Nations Office at Geneva and United Nations Headquarters, and that the Permanent Forum would convene its first session the following year after the resolution was adopted, it is expected that the first session of the Permanent Forum will be held in Geneva in 2022. As detailed in table 4, the adoption of resolution [75/314](#) gives rise to annual requirements starting in 2022, as set out below.

#### **Conference-servicing requirements**

31. With regard to paragraph 4, the annual report of the Permanent Forum to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly, for translation into all six official languages, would be of 10,700 words, instead of a report of 8,500 words, for which a provision already exists in the proposed programme budget for 2022.

32. With regard to paragraphs 6 and 10, the annual session of the Permanent Forum, rotating between Geneva and New York, would consist of four working days, with interpretation in the six official languages. A provision for interpretation for three working days already exists in the proposed programme budget for 2022. The dates for the sessions should be determined in consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. A provision for a sound technician for four working days would be required for the meetings in Geneva.

## **Non-conference-servicing requirements**

### *Posts and general temporary assistance*

33. The following staff resources, for which a provision already exists in the proposed programme budget for 2022, would be required to support the Permanent Forum:

(a) One Human Rights Officer (P-4) post to serve as the Secretary for the Permanent Forum and to provide substantive assistance in the elaboration of an instrument on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent;

(b) Six months of general temporary assistance each year to assist with the organization of the Permanent Forum.

### *Travel of representatives*

34. One trip of four working days, rotating between the United Nations Office at Geneva and the United Nations Headquarters, by 10 members to participate in the Permanent Forum would be required. These requirements would be offset in part by the removal of the requirement for the travel of five regional experts for three days, for which a provision already exists under grants and contributions in the proposed programme budget for 2022.

35. One trip of four working days to New York and Geneva, alternating between odd and even years, by four mandate holders, including one special rapporteur, one member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, one expert from the Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and one representative of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, to participate in the Permanent Forum would be required. As a provision for a trip of three days already exists in the proposed programme budget for 2022, the resolution gives rise to one additional day of daily subsistence allowance for the four mandate holders.

36. Two trips, of five working days each, to Geneva and to New York by the Chair of the Permanent Forum to present its report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly and to engage in an interactive dialogue.

### *Travel of staff*

37. One trip, every other year, of seven working days (including four days for the Permanent Forum and three days for preparations) by two staff members, from Geneva to New York for the meeting of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent. As a provision for a trip of six days to New York already exists in the proposed programme budget for 2022, the resolution reduces that requirement in 2022, however, it gives rise to one additional day of daily subsistence allowance for the staff members in the years in which the Permanent Forum is held in New York.

38. One trip of five working days to New York by one staff member to accompany the Chair of the Permanent Forum when presenting the report to the General Assembly.

### *Grants and contributions*

39. One trip of four working days, rotating between the United Nations Office at Geneva and the United Nations Headquarters, by 25 members of civil society of people of African descent from different regions to attend the session of the Permanent Forum. As a provision for an annual trip of three days is already included in the proposed programme budget for 2022, the resolution gives rise to one additional day of daily subsistence allowance.

Table 4  
**Resource requirements pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/314**

(United States dollars)

	<i>Total included in the proposed programme budget for 2022</i>	<i>Additional requirements for 2022</i>	<i>Total requirements for 2022 and following even years (Geneva)</i>	<i>To be included in 2023 and following odd years (New York)</i>
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>				
<b>Other staff costs</b>				
Interpretation services	50 400	17 600	68 000	62 400
Translation services	29 300	9 200	38 500	37 200
<b>Subtotal, section 2</b>	<b>79 700</b>	<b>26 800</b>	<b>106 500</b>	<b>99 600</b>
<b>Section 24, Human rights</b>				
<b>Staff</b>				
1 P-4 post to serve as Secretary of the Permanent Forum and to provide substantive assistance	204 000	–	204 000	204 000
1 general temporary assistance (1 General Service (Other level)) for six months each year	76 100	–	76 100	76 100
<b>Travel of representatives</b>				
One trip of four days to Geneva and New York, on a rotating basis, by the 10 members of the Permanent Forum for its annual session	–	75 600	75 600	76 400
One trip of four days to Geneva and New York, on a rotating basis, by four mandate holders, including one special rapporteur, one member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, one expert from the Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and one representative of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, to attend the session of the Permanent Forum	26 600	2 400	29 000	29 000
Two trips of five days each to Geneva and to New York by the Chair of the Permanent Forum to present the report and engage in the interactive dialogue	–	16 400	16 400	16 400
<b>Travel of staff</b>				
One trip of seven days to New York, every second year, by two staff members to support the Permanent Forum when in New York	11 300	(11 300)	–	11 700

	<i>Total included in the proposed programme budget for 2022</i>	<i>Additional requirements for 2022</i>	<i>Total requirements for 2022 and following even years (Geneva)</i>	<i>To be included in 2023 and following odd years (New York)</i>
One trip of five days to New York by one staff member to support the Chair when presenting to the General Assembly	–	–	–	5 600
<b>Grants and contributions</b>				
One trip of three days to Geneva or New York by five experts from various regions to participate in the Permanent Forum	36 800	(36 800)	–	–
One trip of four days to Geneva and New York, on a rotating basis, by 25 members of civil society of people of African descent from different regions to attend the session of the Permanent Forum	112 700	10 600	123 300	123 500
<b>Subtotal, section 24</b>	<b>467 500</b>	<b>56 900</b>	<b>524 400</b>	<b>542 700</b>
<b>Section 29E, Administration, Geneva</b>				
Sound technician/recording services	–	2 800	2 800	–
<b>Subtotal, section 29E</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2 800</b>	<b>2 800</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>547 200</b>	<b>86 500</b>	<b>633 700</b>	<b>642 300</b>

40. Of the above-mentioned requirements for 2022 amounting to \$633,700, provisions of \$547,200 have been included in the proposed programme budget for 2022. Therefore, additional requirements of \$86,500, including \$26,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$56,900 under section 24, Human rights, and \$2,800 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, would be required for 2022.

41. An additional amount of \$3,600 would be required in 2022 under section 36, Staff assessment.

42. Amounts of \$99,600 under section 2, \$542,700 under section 24 and \$43,600 under section 36 would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2023.

### III. Overall requirements

43. The budgetary impact for 2022 resulting from the adoption of General Assembly resolutions [75/282](#), [75/291](#) and [75/314](#) and decision [75/570](#), for which no provisions had been made in the proposed programme budget for 2022 (see table 5), amounts to \$3,520,5400.

Table 5  
**Total additional resource requirements for 2022 pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 75/282, 75/291 and 75/314 and decision 75/570 before recosting**  
 (United States dollars)

	<i>Requirements for 2022</i>
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>	
Resolution 75/282	1 741 500
Decision 75/570	589 300
Resolution 75/291	78 400
Resolution 75/314	26,800
<b>Subtotal, section 2</b>	<b>2 436 000</b>
<b>Section 3, Political affairs</b>	
Resolution 75/291	149 800
<b>Subtotal, section 3</b>	<b>149 800</b>
<b>Section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice</b>	
Resolution 75/282	841 700
<b>Subtotal, section 16</b>	<b>841 700</b>
<b>Section 24, Human rights</b>	
Resolution 75/314	56 900
<b>Subtotal, section 24</b>	<b>56 900</b>
<b>Section 28, Global communications</b>	
Resolution 75/282	24 400
Decision 75/570	5 900
<b>Subtotal, section 28</b>	<b>30 300</b>
<b>Section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology</b>	
Decision 75/570	2 900
<b>Subtotal, section 29C</b>	<b>2 900</b>
<b>Section 29E, Administration, Geneva</b>	
Resolution 75/314	2 800
<b>Subtotal, section 29E</b>	<b>2 800</b>
<b>Total, excluding staff assessment</b>	<b>3 520 400</b>
<b>Section 36, Staff assessment</b>	
Resolution 75/282	291 100
Decision 75/570	70 700
Resolution 75/291	9 400
Resolution 75/314	3 600
<b>Subtotal, section 36</b>	<b>374 800</b>
<b>Total, including staff assessment</b>	<b>3 895 200</b>

## IV. Conclusions and recommendations

44. The General Assembly is requested:

(a) To approve additional appropriations, representing a charge against the contingency fund for 2022, in the amount of \$3,520,400, of which:

(i) \$2,607,600 is arising from resolution [75/282](#), comprising \$1,741,500 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$841,700 under section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, and \$24,400 under section 28, Global communications, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;

(ii) \$598,100 is arising from decision [75/570](#), comprising \$589,300 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$5,900 under section 28, Global communications, and \$2,900 under section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;

(iii) \$228,200 is arising from resolution [75/291](#), comprising \$78,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$149,800 under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;

(iv) \$86,500 is arising from resolution [75/314](#), comprising \$26,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$56,900 under section 24, Human rights, and \$2,800 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for 2022;

(b) To approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$374,800 under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, of which \$291,100 is arising from resolution [75/282](#), \$70,700 is arising from decision [75/570](#), \$9,400 is arising from resolution [75/291](#) and \$3,600 is arising from resolution [75/314](#), to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.