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### Proposed programme budget for 2022

#### General and complete disarmament

## Promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security

### Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.55](#)

### Twenty-fourth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for 2022

#### I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General ([A/C.5/76/13](#)), in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, on the programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.55](#) on promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security. During its consideration of the statement, the Committee was provided with additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses received on 1 December 2021.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.55](#), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit a report containing the views and recommendations of all Member States on all aspects of promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security to the Assembly at its seventy-seventh session, for further discussion by Member States.

3. In his statement, the Secretary-General provides information on: (a) the relationship between the proposed request and the programme budget for 2022 ([A/C.5/76/13](#), para. 3); (b) the activities by which the proposed request would be implemented (*ibid.*, para. 4); (c) the budgetary implications of the proposal (*ibid.*, paras. 5–6); and (d) the potential for absorption during 2022 (*ibid.*, para. 7).



## II. Resource requirements

4. For 2022, the submission of the report would entail additional resource requirements totalling \$33,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for documentation, and would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department of one pre-session document of 10,700 words to be issued in all six languages.

5. The Advisory Committee recalls that it was earlier informed that the Secretary-General considered amounts of up to \$39,000 for individual draft resolutions to be too minimal to justify requests for statements of programme budget implications (see, for example, [A/72/7/Add.40](#), para. 6, and [A/72/7/Add.43](#), para. 3). In respect of the implications of adopting draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.55](#), however, the Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that the Secretary-General had not established any specific formal across-the-board threshold over time for statements of programme budget implications, and that, while he did take into account the resources involved in the programme budget implications process, reductions to department budgets over the past two years had made it more difficult to absorb the resources required to implement additional mandates, even for smaller amounts. **The Advisory Committee, noting the contradictory information provided to it and, taking into account the impact of recent budgetary reductions as well as the costs to the Organization of carrying out the programme budget implications process which include, inter alia, costs for personnel, meetings, documentation, interpretation and translation, recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to perform an analysis of the cost implications of the submission and consideration of statements of programme budget implications, with a view to establishing a reasonable minimum threshold amount, not less than \$50,000, for the submission of statements of programme budget implications, and to present this analysis and proposed threshold level, along with supporting calculations, for the consideration of the Assembly in the context of the proposed programme budget submission for 2023.**

6. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was further informed that the programme budget implications report [A/C.1/76/L.64](#) had been issued to the First Committee on 29 October, after which it had adopted draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.55](#). **The Advisory Committee, recalling the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B, and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 75/252, points out that the Assembly repeatedly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Administrative Questions.**

## III. Conclusion

7. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are contained in paragraphs 8 to 10 of the statement ([A/C.5/76/13](#)). **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.55](#), the Secretary-General should absorb the additional requirements requested in the amount of \$33,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management.**