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## **Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus**

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.47](#)**

**Twenty-fifth 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.5/76/10](#)), 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.47](#) on problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus. 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 paragraphs 17, 18, 19 and 20 of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.47](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to establish an open-ended working group to elaborate a set of political commitments as a new global framework that will address existing gaps in through-life ammunition management including international cooperation and assistance, without prejudice to national legal systems addressing national ammunition ownership, possession and use. The new global framework will be part of a comprehensive framework to support safe, secure, and sustainable through-life ammunition management at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, building upon and complementing existing frameworks. Cooperation at the regional and subregional levels should be considered on a voluntary basis. The open-ended



working group shall take into account the recommendations contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts established pursuant to resolution 72/55 and the views of all participating States and be informed by the series of informal consultations convened within the framework of its resolution 72/55 throughout 2018 and 2019, the informal paper presented by Germany on this informal consultative process, as well as the inputs, both written and oral, received from Member States on the same matter;

(b) Also decide that the working group shall convene for two 5-day sessions in New York in 2022 and for one 5-day session in Geneva in 2023, preceded by informal consultations as required, within available time frames and with the contribution of relevant international and non-governmental organizations, and shall hold a two-day organizational session in New York in advance of the first meeting;

(c) Further decide that the working group shall submit a report on its work, including recommendations on a set of political commitments as a new global framework on conventional ammunition, to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session.

3. In his statement, the Secretary-General provides information on: (a) the relationship between the proposed requests and the programme budget for 2022 (A/C.5/76/10, para. 3); (b) the activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented (ibid., paras. 4–7); (c) the financial implications of the proposals (ibid., paras. 8–13); and (d) the potential for absorption during 2022 (ibid., para. 14).

## II. Resource requirements

4. According to the statement, the implementation of one 2-day organizational session and two 5-day sessions of the working group in New York would entail in 2022, additional resource requirements totalling \$409,100. These resources would include the following requirements: \$403,200 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management for interpretation (\$178,000) and documentation (\$225,200); and \$5,900 under section 28, Global communications, for webcasting services.

5. With regard to the resource requirement of \$5,900 for contractual services under section 28, Global communications, the statement indicates that the implementation of the mandate would require webcasting services for the 20 meetings to be held in New York in 2022 (ibid., para. 6). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the webcasting of all public meetings of open-ended working groups was being sought in the light of: (a) the increased availability of webcasting capabilities in meeting rooms; (b) increased demand by Member States with regard to following meetings remotely; and (c) the need to reach a wider group of participants. The Committee was also informed that webcasting services had been provided previously for various meetings, including in other contexts, such as for the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025 (see A/C.5/75/13). The Committee was further informed that the Webcast Unit had a provision to cover that cost for all open formal (numbered) General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council and Human Rights Council meetings, in the six official languages, as well as for all press conferences and media stakeouts. **While acknowledging the absence of a specific provision to cover the cost of webcasting services for an open-ended working group, the Advisory Committee considers that the Secretariat should be able to absorb the requirement for webcasting services within the resources of the proposed programme budget for 2022. Therefore, the Committee**

**recommends against the proposed requirement of \$5,900 for contractual services (webcasting) under section 28, Global communications.**

6. For 2023, the implementation of the one 5-day session of the working group to be held in Geneva in 2023 would entail additional resource requirements totalling \$193,200. These resources would include the following requirements: \$186,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for interpretation (\$85,000) and documentation (\$101,700); \$3,000 under section 28, Global communications, for webcasting services; and \$3,500 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, for sound and recording services.

### **III. Conclusion**

7. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are contained in paragraphs 15 to 17 of the statement ([A/C.5/76/10](#)). **Subject to its recommendation above, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.47](#):**

(a) **Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$403,200 would arise in the proposed programme budget for 2022, under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management. The amount of \$403,200 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund;**

(b) **Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$48,400 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, and would require an additional appropriation by the General Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**