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#### Twenty-seventh 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.5/76/9](#)), 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.43](#) on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects. 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 9 and 10 of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.43](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Renew its decision, pursuant to the schedule of meetings for the period from 2018 to 2024 agreed upon at the third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (the third Review Conference) and recalled by the Seventh Biennial Meeting of States, to convene a one-week biennial meeting of States in 2022 and the fourth Review Conference in 2024, for two weeks (20 meetings), to be preceded by a preparatory committee meeting in early 2024 of five days (10 meetings);

(b) Decide that the Eighth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the



Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, to be convened in New York from 27 June to 1 July 2022, will consider the implementation of the Programme of action to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light Weapons in all Its aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, including means of enhancing modalities and procedures for international cooperation and assistance.

3. In his statement, the Secretary-General provides further information on: (a) the relationship of the proposed requests to the programme budget for 2022 ([A/C.5/76/9](#), para. 3); (b) the activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented (*ibid.*, paras. 4–9); (c) the financial implications of the proposals (*ibid.*, paras. 10–15); and (d) the potential for absorption during 2022 (*ibid.*, para. 16).

## II. Resource requirements

4. According to the statement, the one-week Biennial Meeting of States, consisting of 10 meetings, to be held in New York from 27 June to 1 July 2022, would entail additional resource requirements in 2022 amounting to \$151,500 under the following sections of the proposed programme budget: section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$146,900), including \$78,000 for interpretation and \$68,900 for documentation; section 29C, Office of Information and Communications technology (\$1,600) for virtual online services; and section 28, Global communications (\$3,000) for webcasting services.

5. With regard to the requirement of \$3,000 for contractual services under section 28, Global communications, the Secretary-General indicates in the statement that the implementation of the mandate would require webcasting services for the 10 meetings to be held in New York from 27 June to 1 July 2022 (*ibid.*, para. 8). **In view of the limited amount of the resources required for webcasting services, the Advisory Committee considers that the Secretariat should be able to absorb the requirement within the resources of the proposed programme budget for 2022. Therefore, the Committee recommends against the proposed resource requirement of \$3,000 for contractual services (webcasting) under section 28, Global communications.**

6. With respect to the requirement of \$1,600 for contractual services under section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology, the Secretary-General indicates in the statement that the implementation of the mandate would require additional virtual consultations via Webex for four meetings in support of the one-week biennial meeting of States to be held from 27 June to 1 July 2022 (*ibid.*, para. 9). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that this requirement would ensure that all Member States are able to participate effectively in the negotiations on the outcome document, independent of whether delegates are able to travel to New York or not. The Committee was also informed that there is no specific threshold amount related to additional mandated tasks arising from General Assembly resolutions (on the issue of a threshold, see also the report of the Advisory Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.55](#) on promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security ([A/76/7/Add.23](#), para. 5)). **In view of the limited amount of the resource requirements for virtual online services, the Advisory Committee considers that the Secretariat should be able to absorb this requirement within the resources of the proposed programme budget for 2022. Therefore, the Committee recommends against the proposed requirement of \$1,600 for contractual services (virtual online services) under section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology.**

7. For 2024, the fourth Review Conference and its preceding preparatory committee meeting in 2024, consisting of 30 meetings (10 meetings of the preparatory committee and 20 meetings of the fourth Review Conference) in New York, would entail additional resource requirements amounting to \$503,700 under the following sections of the proposed programme budget: section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$494,800) including \$234,000 for interpretation and \$260,800 for documentation; and section 28, Global communications (\$8,900) for webcasting services.

### **III. Conclusion**

8. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are contained in paragraphs 17 to 19 of the statement ([A/C.5/76/9](#)). **Subject to its recommendations above, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.43](#):**

(a) **Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$146,900 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management of the proposed programme budget for 2022. The amount of \$146,900 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund;**

(b) **Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$17,600 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.**

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