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Twenty-eighth 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.5/76/12](#)), 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.53](#) on further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space. 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 7 of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.53](#), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to seek the views and proposals of Member States on the provision of guarantees for the prevention of an arms race in outer space and preserving outer space for peaceful purposes, and to submit a substantive report, with an annex containing those views, to the General 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.5/76/12](#), 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 substantive report would entail additional resource requirements totalling \$66,000 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 21,000 words to be issued in all six languages.

5. The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that unit costs for translation services for mandates with multiple documentation requirements were slightly higher than those for mandates requiring a single report, which is the case for draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.53](#). The Committee was also informed that the assessment of the required number of documents and words was based, inter alia, on the anticipated number of Member States submitting working papers.

III. Conclusion

6. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are contained in paragraphs 9 to 11 of the statement ([A/C.5/76/12](#)). **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.53](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$66,000 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 \$66,000 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

7. **Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$7,900 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.**
