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### Proposed programme budget for 2022

**Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives**

## **Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic**

### **Programme budget implications of draft resolution**

**[A/C.3/76/L.31/Rev.1](#)**

### **Thirty-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.5/76/18](#)), in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, on the programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.31/Rev.1](#) on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic. During its consideration of the statement, the Advisory Committee was provided with additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses received on 10 December 2021.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 64 of draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.31/Rev.1](#), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to conduct a study on how to bolster efforts, including through existing measures and mechanisms, to clarify the fate and whereabouts of missing people in the Syrian Arab Republic, identify human remains and provide support to their families, in consultation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and based on the recommendations of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, with the full and meaningful participation of victims, survivors and their families and in consultation with other relevant actors, and to present the report to the Assembly by 1 March 2022.

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.5/76/18, para. 3); (b) the activities by which the proposed request would be implemented (ibid., paras. 4–6); (c) the budgetary implications of the proposal (ibid., paras. 7–9); and (d) the potential for absorption during 2022 (ibid., para. 11). The Advisory Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that, in general, for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, decisions about absorption could only be made, at the earliest, three to four months into the budget year, once the approved budget level was known and some expenditure was incurred.

## II. Resource requirements

4. For 2022, the conduct of the study and issuance of the related report would entail additional resource requirements totalling \$27,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for documentation, and \$75,300 under section 24, Human rights, for general temporary assistance.

5. In his statement, the Secretary-General indicates that the general temporary assistance requirement would provide for two positions of two months each at the P-4 level (A/C.5/76/18, table 2). The Advisory Committee was provided, upon enquiry, with a list of vacant posts and general temporary assistance positions at the P-4 level under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget, and notes that, as at 31 October 2021, 7 posts and 39 general temporary assistance positions were vacant. **Taking into consideration the high number of vacant posts and positions at the P-4 level, the Advisory Committee considers that the Secretary-General should be able to absorb half of the requirement for general temporary assistance within the resources of the proposed programme budget for 2022. The Committee therefore recommends a reduction of 50 per cent (\$37,700) of the proposed provision for general temporary assistance under section 24, Human rights.**

## III. Conclusion

6. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are contained in paragraphs 12 to 14 of the statement (A/C.5/76/18). **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should the Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/76/L.31/Rev.1, additional resource requirements in the amount of \$64,700 would arise under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for 2022:**

(a) **Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$27,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management;**

(b) **Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$37,600 under section 24, Human rights.**

7. **The amount of \$64,700 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.**

8. **Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$7,800 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.**