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A global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

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**Thirty-sixth 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.5/76/16](#)), 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.61/Rev.1](#) on a global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. 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 17 of draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.61/Rev.1](#), the General Assembly would welcome the establishment of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent as a consultation mechanism for people of African descent and other relevant stakeholders as a platform for improving



the safety and quality of life and livelihoods of people of African descent, as well as an advisory body to the Human Rights Council, and to contribute to elaborating a draft United Nations declaration on the promotion of and full respect for the human rights of people of African descent, and request the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to strengthen the substantive support provided to the Forum in order to fulfil its mandate.

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.5/76/16, para. 3); (b) the activities by which the proposed request would be implemented (ibid., paras. 4–5); (c) the budgetary implications of the proposal (ibid., paras. 6–7); and (d) the potential for absorption during 2022 (ibid., para. 9).

II. Resource requirements

4. For 2022, to strengthen the substantive support provided to the Permanent Forum, it is proposed that 1 post at the P-3 level be established under section 24, Human rights.

5. In his statement, the Secretary-General indicates that the proposed post would, inter alia, support the Secretary of the Permanent Forum (A/C.5/76/16, para. 5 (a) and table 1). The Advisory Committee recalls that the Permanent Forum and its post of Secretary (P-4) were established in 2018 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/262 (see also A/C.5/73/15). The Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that the Permanent Forum was initially conceived as a consultative body with no membership and that the operational modalities of the Forum were adjusted pursuant to Assembly resolution 75/314. The Permanent Forum thus became an expert-based body of 10 members with nine broad mandated areas of operation and activities, providing, in coordination with existing mechanisms, “expert advice and recommendations to the Human Rights Council, the Main Committees of the General Assembly and organs, programmes, funds and agencies of the United Nations aimed at addressing challenges of all the scourges of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and all their contemporary forms” (resolution 75/314, para. 1 (b)). The Committee was informed, upon enquiry, that while the broad mandate contained in resolution 75/314 generated numerous tasks for the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, the absence of a request for strengthening support to the Forum precluded the submission of revised estimates, which are presently being put forward on the basis of draft resolution A/C.3/76/L.61/Rev.1 containing such a request in operative paragraph 17.

III. Conclusion

6. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are contained in paragraphs 10 to 13 of the statement (A/C.5/76/16). **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should the Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/76/L.61/Rev.1:**

(a) **Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$94,100 would arise under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for 2022 and 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) **The Assembly would be requested to approve the establishment of one post at the P-3 level, effective 1 January 2022, under section 24, Human rights;**

(c) Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$9,600 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, and would require an additional appropriation by the Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.
