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**Thirty-seventh report of the Advisory Committee on
Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed
programme budget for 2023**

I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered an advance version of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/77/L.31](#) ([A/C.5/77/26](#)). During its consideration of the statement, the Advisory Committee received additional information and clarification from the representatives of the Secretary-General, concluding with written responses dated 8 December 2022.

2. In the statement, the Secretary-General indicates that, under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 and 7 of draft resolution [A/77/L.31](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to reappoint the Eminent Person appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution [74/248](#) to continue to review the information received and possible new information made available by Member States, including by individuals and private entities, to assess its probative value and to draw conclusions from the investigations already conducted;

(b) Also request the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly before the end of its seventy-eighth session on progress made.



3. In paragraph 3 of the statement, it is indicated the Secretary-General would reappoint the Eminent Person appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution [74/248](#), to perform the following tasks:

(a) To review the reports of and information relied on by: (i) the Commission of Jurists on the Inquiry into the Death of Dag Hammarskjöld ([A/68/800](#)); (ii) the Independent Panel of Experts established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [69/246](#) concerning the investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him ([A/70/132](#)); (iii) the Eminent Person appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution [71/260](#) ([A/71/1042](#)); (iv) the Eminent Person appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution [72/252](#) ([A/73/973](#)); and (v) the Eminent Person appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution [74/248](#) ([A/76/892](#));

(b) To review and assess new records and information that may be provided by Member States or by individuals and private entities;

(c) To follow up with Member States who may hold relevant information, as well as with individuals and private entities that may hold related records;

(d) If necessary and appropriate, to interview witnesses, including expert witnesses;

(e) To produce a report containing a summary of any new information obtained, an assessment of the probative value of that new information, and an assessment of the findings.

4. It is envisaged that the Eminent Person and his Special Assistant would be engaged as consultants for work not to exceed six work-months for the period from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2024, supported by up to three consultants who would provide specialized expertise, including forensics, document analysis and document review and other technical assistance for up to 45 days. Travel may be undertaken by the Eminent Person and the Special Assistant to New York and Western Europe for further inquiry, investigation and follow-up with Member States, individuals and private entities, and by the consultants for local travel. For the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, it is envisaged that the request for documentation would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of one pre-session document of 35,000 words to be issued in all six languages in 2024.

II. Resource requirements

5. Table 1 in the statement submitted by the Secretary-General, which is reproduced below, sets out the related resource requirements in the amount of \$103,800 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for 2023, in addition to the amount of \$223,000 for 2024. An additional amount of \$16,000 would be required in the proposed programme budget for 2024 under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent increase of \$16,000 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Table 1
Resource requirements

(United States dollars)

	<i>Additional requirements 2023</i>	<i>Additional requirements 2024</i>	<i>Additional requirements 2023–2024</i>
Section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination			
Consultants	103 800	116 200	220 000
Total, section 1	103 800	116 200	220 000
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Other staff costs			
Documentation services	–	106 800	106 800
Total, section 2	–	106 800	106 800
Total	103 800	223 000	326 800

6. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was provided with table 2, showing the breakdown of the proposed resources for consultancies and travel for 2023.

Table 2
Breakdown of the proposed resources for consultancies and travel for 2023

(United States dollars)

<i>Consultant</i>	<i>Number of days</i>	<i>Daily fee</i>	<i>Estimate</i>
Eminent Person	52.2	685	35 757
Travel			15 797
Special Assistant	52.2	475	24 795
Travel			10 197
Internal information technology provisioning			1 565
Consultant 1 (specialized services, including forensics, document analysis, ballistic examination of photographs)	7.5	550	4 125
Travel			1 616
Consultant 2 (specialized services, including review of private archives in Western Europe)	7.5	475	3 562
Travel			1 158
Consultant 3 (specialized services, including review of private archives in Western Europe)	7.5	475	3 562
Travel			1 674
Total			103 808

7. The Committee was also informed that it was not expected that the Eminent Person and the Special Assistant would work on a continuous basis, and it was proposed that they be engaged for work not to exceed six work-months over an 18-month period so as to allow the Eminent Person to pursue his mandated tasks as and when they arise. The precise periods during which the Eminent Person and the Special Assistant will perform their work are unknown and cannot be predetermined,

as the timing will depend on the progress of the investigation. Travel will depend on the direction of the investigation and the evidence that may become available. The Committee was also provided with expenditure under sections 1 and 2 of the programme budget for 2020, 2021 and 2022 as at 30 November.

8. In paragraph 9 of the statement, the Secretary-General indicates that no provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2023 for the implementation of the mandate contained in the draft resolution. At this stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for 2023 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2023. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources be provided through an additional appropriation for 2023.

III. Conclusion

9. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/77/L.31](#), an additional appropriation of \$103,800 would be required under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for 2023, representing a charge against the contingency fund.**
