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**Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017**

**Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment  
on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS**

## **Organization of the 2016 High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS**

### **Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/70/L.38](#)**

**Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the  
rules of procedure of the General Assembly**

#### **I. Requests contained in the draft resolution**

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 2, 8 and 16 contained in draft resolution [A/70/L.38](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to convene a high-level meeting from 8 to 10 June 2016, which would undertake a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS, including successes, best practices, lessons learned, obstacles and gaps, challenges and opportunities, including with regard to partnership and cooperation, and recommendations to guide and monitor the HIV/AIDS response beyond 2015, including concrete strategies for action to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030, as well as to promote continued commitment and engagement of leaders to accelerate a comprehensive, universal and integrated response to HIV/AIDS; (operative para. 1)

(b) Also decide that the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting should be as follows: (operative para. 2)

(i) The high-level meeting would comprise plenary meetings and up to five thematic panel discussions;

(ii) The opening plenary meeting would feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, a person openly living with HIV and an eminent person actively engaged in the response to HIV/AIDS;



(iii) The chairs of the panel discussions would present summaries of the discussions to the closing plenary meeting;

(c) Request the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than April 2016, and preside over an informal interactive civil society hearing with the active participation of people living with HIV and broader civil society, attended by representatives of Member and Observer States and observers, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations and the private sector, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and further requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing, to be issued as a document of the General Assembly prior to the high-level meeting; (operative para. 8)

(d) Request the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and analytical report, at least six weeks prior to its consideration by the General Assembly, on progress achieved and challenges remaining in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment and the Political Declarations on HIV and AIDS, as well as recommendations for sustainable ways to overcome these challenges, taking into consideration the outcomes and findings of the aforementioned progress review consultations, as available; (operative para. 16)

## **II. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 and to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017**

2. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 and section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

## **III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented**

3. Pursuant to the decision contained in operative paragraphs 1 and 2, the three-day high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS would be convened from 8 to 10 June 2016. The plenary meetings would comprise a total of six meetings (one in the morning and one in the afternoon each day) and would require interpretation in all six languages. The six meetings would use the meeting entitlement of the General Assembly on the understanding that they would not meet in parallel with other meetings of the Assembly and as such would not give rise to any additional resource requirements. With regard to the request for five thematic panel discussions, the five meetings with interpretation in all six languages would constitute an addition to the meetings workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2016 (\$56,200). The dates of the thematic panel discussions would have to be determined in consultations with the Department.

4. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraph 8, it is envisaged that the informal interactive civil society hearing would comprise two meetings and would require interpretation in all six languages. The two meetings would use the meeting entitlement of the General Assembly on the understanding that they would

not meet in parallel with other meetings of the Assembly and as such would not give rise to any additional resource requirements. The dates of the meeting would have to be determined in consultations with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Furthermore, the request for documentation would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department of one pre-session document (10,700 words) in 2016 to be issued in all six languages (\$62,000).

5. Pursuant to the request for documentation contained in operative paragraph 16, the request is of a recurrent nature and as such would not give rise to any additional resource requirements.

#### **IV. Estimated resource requirements for the biennium 2016-2017**

6. To implement the additional workload, there would be additional conference-servicing requirements in the amount of \$118,200 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. The details of these additional non-recurrent requirements are provided in the table below.

##### **Additional requirements for the biennium 2016-2017**

(United States dollars)

Interpretation	56 200
Pre-session documentation	62 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>118 200</b>

#### **V. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2016-2017**

7. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the implementation of the activities requested in operative paragraphs 2 and 8 of the draft resolution, as set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 above. At the current stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources in the amount of \$118,200 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017.

#### **VI. Contingency fund**

8. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing

activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

## **VII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly**

9. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/70/L.38](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$118,200 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. The amount of \$118,200 would require additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017 to be approved by the General Assembly, and as such would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

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