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Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.47](#)

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

I. Introduction

1. At its 16th meeting, on 2 November 2021, the First Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.47](#) by a recorded vote of 167 to 0, with 9 abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee ([A/C.1/76/L.66](#)).

II. Mandate contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 17, 18, 19 and 20 of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.47](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to establish an open-ended working group to elaborate a set of political commitments as a new global framework that will address existing gaps in through-life ammunition management, including international cooperation and assistance, without prejudice to national legal systems addressing national ammunition ownership, possession and use. The new global framework will be part of a comprehensive framework to support safe, secure, and sustainable through-life ammunition management at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, building upon and complementing existing frameworks. Cooperation at the regional and subregional levels should be considered on a voluntary basis. The open-ended working group shall take into account the recommendations contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts established pursuant to resolution [72/55](#) and



the views of all participating States and be informed by the series of informal consultations convened within the framework of its resolution [72/55](#) throughout 2018 and 2019, the informal paper presented by Germany on this informal consultative process, as well as the inputs, both written and oral, received from Member States on the same matter;

(b) Also decide that the working group shall convene for two 5-day sessions in New York in 2022 and for one 5-day session in Geneva in 2023, preceded by informal consultations as required, within available time frames and with the contribution of relevant international and non-governmental organizations, and shall hold a two-day organizational session in New York in advance of the first meeting;

(c) Further decide that the working group shall submit a report on its work, including recommendations on a set of political commitments as a new global framework on conventional ammunition, to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session.

III. Relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2022

3. The mandate contained in draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.47](#) requires additional deliverables and activities under the following programme plans of the proposed programme budget for 2022:

(a) Programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#));

(b) Programme 24, Global communications ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 28\)](#));

(c) Programme 25, Management and support services ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 29E\)](#)).

IV. Deliverables and activities required to implement the mandate contained in the draft resolution

4. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraphs 18 and 19 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that one 2-day organizational session, consisting of four meetings, and two 5-day substantive sessions, consisting of 20 meetings, would be held in New York in 2022, and one 5-day substantive session, consisting of 10 meetings, would be held in Geneva in 2023, with interpretation in the six official languages. Those sessions would constitute an addition to the meetings workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2022 and 2023, respectively. The dates for the sessions should be determined in consultation with the Department.

5. In addition, the request for documentation would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of 13 pre-session documents (total of 35,000 words), six in-session documents (total of 12,000 words) and two post-session documents (total of 21,400 words) to be issued in all six official languages in 2022. In 2023, five pre-session documents (total of 10,000 words), three in-session documents (total of 6,000 words) and one post-session document (total of 15,000 words) would be issued in all six languages.

6. For the Department of Global Communications, the implementation of the mandate would require webcasting services for the 20 meetings to be held in New York in 2022, and 10 meetings to be held in Geneva in 2023.

7. For the United Nations Office at Geneva, the implementation of the mandate would require sound technician and recording services in support of the session of the open-ended working group in 2023.

V. Budgetary implications

A. Conference-servicing requirements

8. Details of the additional conference-servicing requirements are provided in table 1.

Table 1

Additional resource requirements for conference services

(United States dollars)

	<i>Requirements 2022</i>	<i>Requirements 2023</i>	<i>Additional requirements 2022–2023</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Other staff costs			
Interpretation services	178 000	85 000	263 000
Documentation services	225 200	101 700	326 900
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva			
Contractual services (sound technician/recording services)	–	3 500	3 500
Total	403 200	190 200	593 400

9. The requirements for 2023, in the amount of \$190,200, would be reflected under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for 2023:

- (a) Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$186,700);
- (b) Section 29E, Administration, Geneva (\$3,500).

B. Non-conference-servicing requirements

10. Details of the additional non-conference-servicing requirements are provided in table 2.

Table 2

Additional resource requirements for non-conference services

(United States dollars)

	<i>Requirements 2022</i>	<i>Requirements 2023</i>	<i>Additional requirements 2022–2023</i>
Section 28, Global communications			
Contractual services (webcasting)	5 900	3 000	8 900
Total	5 900	3 000	8 900

11. An additional amount of \$48,400 would be required in 2022 and \$22,400 in 2023 under section 36, Staff assessment.

12. The requirements for 2023, in the amount of \$25,400, would be reflected under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for 2023:

- (a) Section 28, Global communications (\$3,000);
- (b) Section 36, Staff assessment (\$22,400).

VI. Summary of resource requirements

13. The budgetary implications for 2022 amount to \$457,500, as shown in table 3.

Table 3

Additional resource requirements (before recosting)

(United States dollars)

	<i>Requirements 2022</i>	<i>Requirements 2023</i>	<i>Additional requirements 2022–2023</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	403 200	186 700	589 900
Section 28, Global communications	5 900	3 000	8 900
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva	–	3 500	3 500
Section 36, Staff assessment	48 400	22 400	70 800
Total, including staff assessment	457 500	215 600	673 100

VII. Potential for absorption during 2022

14. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2022 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 2022 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2022. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources be provided through an additional appropriation for 2022.

VIII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

15. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.47](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$409,100 would arise under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for 2022:

- (a) Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$403,200);
- (b) Section 28, Global communications (\$5,900).

16. The total amount of \$409,100 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.

17. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$48,400 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 increase of \$48,400 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.
