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Further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space

Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.53](#)

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 15th meeting, on 1 November 2021, the First Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.53](#) by a recorded vote of 126 to 9, with 46 abstentions. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee ([A/C.1/76/L.62](#)).

II. Mandate contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.53](#), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to seek the views and proposals of Member States on the provision of guarantees for the prevention of an arms race in outer space and preserving outer space for peaceful purposes, and to submit a substantive report, with an annex containing those views, to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session, for further discussion by Member States.



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.53](#) requires additional deliverables and activities under programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#)), of the proposed programme budget for 2022.

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

4. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the mandate would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one pre-session document of 21,000 words to be issued in all six languages, which would constitute an additional deliverable in 2022.

V. Budgetary implications

5. The budgetary implications for 2022 amount to \$66,000, as shown in the table below.

Additional resource requirements (before recosting)

(United States dollars)

		<i>Requirements 2022</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management		
Other staff costs		
Documentation services		66 000
Total		66 000

6. An additional amount of \$7,900 would be required in 2022 under section 36, Staff assessment.

VI. Potential for absorption during 2022

7. 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 section 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.

8. With regard to operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution [45/248 B](#), and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution [75/252](#), in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with the responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

VII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.53](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$66,000 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for 2022.

10. The total amount of \$66,000 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.

11. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$7,900 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 \$7,900 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.
