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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Countering disinformation for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Programme budget implications of draft resolution

[A/C.3/76/L.7/Rev.1](#)

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 12th meeting, on 15 November 2021, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.7/Rev.1](#) without a vote. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee ([A/C.3/76/L.66](#)).

II. Mandate contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 16 and 18 of draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.7/Rev.1](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to seek the views of States, United Nations entities and relevant stakeholders and to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session a report, within existing resources, based on information and best practices shared by States, United Nations entities and relevant stakeholders on countering disinformation;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to take the steps necessary to effectively coordinate and follow up on the implementation of the resolution and, in this regard, to consider briefing the General Assembly on its implementation, as appropriate.



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.3/76/L.7/Rev.1](#) 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 20, Human rights ([A/76/6 \(Sect. 24\)](#)).

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

4. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraphs 16 and 18 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that a report would be submitted to the General Assembly containing the views of States, United Nations entities and relevant stakeholders on countering disinformation.

5. For the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the implementation of the mandate would require additional work, including coordination of and follow-up on the implementation of the resolution and the preparation of a comprehensive report, including research, collection of information and drafting, in 2022.

6. For the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, the implementation of the mandate would require an addition to the documentation workload of one pre-session document, of 8,500 words, in the six official languages in 2022.

V. Budgetary implications

A. Conference-servicing requirements

7. 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			
Documentation services	27 100	–	27 100
Total	27 100	–	27 100

B. Non-conference-servicing requirements

8. 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 24, Human rights			
Other staff costs			
General temporary assistance at the P-3 level for four months to follow up on implementation and to prepare the report	62 700	–	62 700
Total	62 700	–	62 700

9. An additional amount of \$10,800 would be required in 2022 under section 36, Staff assessment.

VI. Summary of resource requirements

10. The budgetary implications for 2022 amount to \$100,600, as shown in table 3.

Table 3

Additional resource requirements (before recosting)

(United States dollars)

	<i>Requirements 2022</i>	<i>Requirements 2023</i>	<i>Total requirements 2022–2023</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	27 100	–	27 100
Section 24, Human rights	62 700	–	62 700
Section 36, Staff assessment	10 800	–	10 800
Total, including staff assessment	100 600	–	100 600

VII. Potential for absorption during 2022

11. 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.

12. With regard to operative paragraph 17 of the draft resolution, the attention of the Committee was 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.

VIII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

13. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.7/Rev.1](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$89,800 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 (\$27,100);

(b) Section 24, Human rights (\$62,700).

14. The total amount of \$89,800 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.

15. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$10,800 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 \$10,800 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.
