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Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/77/L.71/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 28th meeting, on 1 November 2022, the First Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/77/L.71/Rev.1 without a vote. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee (A/C.1/77/L.79).

II. Mandate contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 11 of draft resolution A/C.1/77/L.71/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to seek the views and proposals of Member States about the practical implementation of transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-building Measures in Outer Space Activities of 2013, and to submit a substantive report, with an annex containing those views, to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session, for further discussion by Member States.

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III. Relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2023

3. The mandate contained in draft resolution A/C.1/77/L.71/Rev.1 requires additional deliverables and activities under programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (A/77/6 (Sect. 2)), of the proposed programme budget for 2023.

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

4. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraph 11 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 in 2023 of one pre-session document with an estimated word count of 21,000 words, to be issued in all six languages.

V. Budgetary implications

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

Table 1
Additional resource requirements for conference services
(United States dollars)

	Additional requirements 2023
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Other staff costs	
Translation services	64 300
Total	**64 300**

6. An additional amount of $9,600 would be required in 2023 under section 36, Staff assessment.

VI. Summary of resource requirements

7. The budgetary implications for 2023 amount to $73,900, as shown in table 2.

Table 2
Additional resource requirements (before recosting)
(United States dollars)

	Additional requirements 2023
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	64 300
Section 36, Staff assessment	9 600
Total, including staff assessment	**73 900**

VII. Potential for absorption during 2023

8. 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 section 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.

VIII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

9. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/77/L.71/Rev.1, additional resource requirements for 2023 in the amount of $64,300 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for 2023.**

10. **The total amount of $64,300 would require an additional appropriation for 2023 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 $9,600 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2023 and would require an additional appropriation by the General Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent increase of $9,600 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**