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Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.6/77/L.4](#)

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 36th meeting, on 18 November 2022, the Sixth Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.6/77/L.4](#) without a vote. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee ([A/C.6/77/L.23](#)).

II. Mandate contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of draft resolution [A/C.6/77/L.4](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide that the Sixth Committee shall resume its session for five days, from 10 to 14 April 2023, and for six days, from 1 to 5 April and 11 April 2024, in order to exchange substantive views, including in an interactive format, on all aspects of the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, and to consider further the recommendation of the International Law Commission contained in paragraph 42 of its report on the work of its seventy-first session for the elaboration of a convention by the General Assembly or by an international conference of plenipotentiaries on the basis of the draft articles;

(b) Also decide that a written summary of the deliberations during the two resumed sessions referred to in paragraph 4 shall be prepared by the Sixth Committee at the end of the second resumed session;

(c) Invite States to submit, by the end of 2023, written comments and observations on the draft articles and on the recommendation of the Commission, and



request the Secretary-General to prepare and circulate a compilation of those comments and observations well in advance of the session of the Sixth Committee to be held in 2024.

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.6/77/L.4](#) requires additional deliverables and activities under the following programme plans of the proposed programme budget for 2023:

- (a) Programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#));
- (b) Programme 24, Global communications ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 28\)](#));
- (c) Programme 25, Management and support services ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 29C\)](#)).

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

4. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the Sixth Committee would hold a resumed session for five days in 2023 and for six days in 2024 to exchange substantive views on all aspects of the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity.

5. For the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, the implementation of the mandate would require interpretation in all six official languages for 10 meetings over five days for the resumed session in 2023, and 12 meetings over six days for the resumed session in 2024. This would constitute an addition to the meetings workload of the Department in 2023 and 2024. With regard to documentation services, the requirements of two pre-session documents with a total word count of 15,000 words and three in-session documents with a total word count of 15,000 words, to be issued in all six languages in 2023, would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department in 2023. The requirements of three pre-session documents with a total word count of 30,000 words, three in-session documents with a total word count of 15,000 words and one post-session document with a word count of 10,000 words, to be issued in all six languages in 2024, would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department in 2024.

6. For the Department of Global Communications, the implementation of the mandate would require webcasting services for 10 three-hour meetings (two meetings per day for five days) in 2023 and 12 three-hour meetings (two meetings per day for six days) in 2024 during the resumed session of the Sixth Committee, for five days in 2023 and for six days in 2024. Furthermore, implementation of the mandate would require a provision for full meetings coverage in English and French, including press releases, for five days in 2023 and six days in 2024.

7. For the Office of Information and Communications Technology, the implementation of the mandate would require standard servicing of in-person meetings, including the provision of technology and configuration for interpretation and laptop presentation, during the resumed session of the Sixth Committee, for five days in 2023 and for six days in 2024.

V. Budgetary implications

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>Additional requirements 2023</i>	<i>Additional requirements 2024</i>	<i>Total additional requirements 2023–2024</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Other staff costs			
Interpretation services	80 500	96 600	177 100
Documentation services	79 000	156 000	235 000
Section 28, Global communications			
Other staff costs			
Services for meetings coverage and press releases	17 100	20 500	37 600
Contractual services			
Webcasting services	3 000	3 600	6 600
Section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology			
Contractual services			
Information technology servicing of meetings	7 900	9 400	17 300
Total	187 500	286 100	473 600

9. An additional amount of \$26,500 would be required in 2023 under section 36, Staff assessment.

10. The requirements for 2024, in the amount of \$286,100 (net of staff assessment), would be reflected under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for 2024:

(a) Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$252,600);

(b) Section 28, Global communications (\$24,100);

(c) Section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology (\$9,400);

11. An additional amount of \$41,000 would be required in 2024 under section 36, Staff assessment.

VI. Summary of resource requirements

12. The budgetary implications for 2023 amount to \$214,000, as shown in table 2.

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

	<i>Additional requirements 2023</i>	<i>Additional requirements 2024</i>	<i>Total additional requirements 2023–2024</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	159 500	252 600	412 100
Section 28, Global communications	20 100	24 100	44 200
Section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology	7 900	9 400	17 300
Section 36, Staff assessment	26 500	41 000	67 500
Total, including staff assessment	214 000	327 100	541 100

VII. Potential for absorption during 2023

13. 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 sections 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

14. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.6/77/L.4](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$187,500 would arise 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 (\$159,500);
- (b) Section 28, Global communications (\$20,100);
- (c) Section 29C, Office of Information and Communications Technology (\$7,900).

15. The total amount of \$187,500 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.

16. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$26,500 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 \$26,500 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.