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**Proposed programme budget for 2023**

## **Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates**

### **Report of the Secretary-General**

#### **I. Background**

1. The consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates follows the guidelines for the contingency fund contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution [42/211](#).
2. In 1993, during its consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994–1995, the General Assembly, in its resolution [48/228 A](#), endorsed the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in which the Committee questioned the usefulness of designating high or low priorities at the level of output or activity and recommended that the practice be discontinued ([A/48/16 \(Part II\)](#), para. 40). As the present budget no longer contains priority-setting information approved by Member States, alternative options for the reallocation or reduction of resources between high- and low-priority mandated programme elements, including the deferral, termination and curtailment of mandated activities, would require General Assembly approval.

#### **II. Contingency fund level for 2022**

3. The General Assembly, in its resolution [75/253 A](#) (sect. XXVI, para. 3), set the level of the contingency fund for 2022 at 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2021, or \$24,060,600. In its resolution [76/246 A](#) (sect. XXIV, para. 2), the Assembly approved a charge of \$20,547,800 and noted that a balance of \$3,512,800 remained in the contingency fund for 2022. In its subsequent resolution [76/246 B](#), the Assembly approved an additional charge of \$2,232,600, leaving a balance of \$1,280,200 in the contingency fund for 2022.



### III. Contingency fund level for 2023

4. The General Assembly, in its resolution [76/246](#) A (sect. XXVI, para. 3), set the level of the contingency fund for 2023 at 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2022, or \$24,219,700.

### IV. Potential charges against the contingency fund for 2023

5. Potential charges, amounting to \$89,810,800 are detailed in table 1 and exceed the approved level of \$24,219,700 by \$65,591,100.

6. Total potential charges reflect the information available at the time of the finalization of the present report.

Table 1

#### Potential charges against the contingency fund for 2023, by report

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Approved level of the contingency fund for 2023		24 219.7
Report		Secretary-General's proposal <sup>f</sup> / potential charges
<b>A. Construction projects</b>		
Progress on the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago ( <a href="#">A/77/315</a> )		640.4
Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok ( <a href="#">A/77/330</a> )		10 902.4
Progress in the renovation of Africa Hall at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa ( <a href="#">A/77/339</a> )		6 244.0
Progress on the replacement of office blocks A–J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi ( <a href="#">A/77/349</a> )		13 196.2
Addressing the deteriorating conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi ( <a href="#">A/77/367</a> )		6 252.6
<b>Subtotal, A</b>		<b>37 235.6</b>
<b>B. Revised estimates and statement of programme budget implications</b>		
Revised estimates relating to the establishment of the United Nations Youth Office ( <a href="#">A/77/541</a> )		2 308.9
Revised estimates on United Nations activities to mitigate global food insecurity and its humanitarian impact ( <a href="#">A/77/576</a> )		10 227.5
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first regular sessions, and at its thirty-fourth special session, in 2022 ( <a href="#">A/77/579</a> )		21 441.1
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fifth special session, in 2022 ( <a href="#">A/77/579/Add.1</a> )		2 764.0
Programme budget implications: problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus ( <a href="#">A/C.5/77/13</a> )		118.6
Programme budget implications: further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space ( <a href="#">A/C.5/77/14</a> )		568.9
Programme budget implications: transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities ( <a href="#">A/C.5/77/15</a> )		64.3

<i>Report</i>	<i>Secretary-General's proposal<sup>a</sup>/ potential charges</i>
Programme budget implications: Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (A/C.5/77/18)	233.9
Programme budget implications: crimes against humanity (A/C.5/77/19)	187.5
Programme budget implications: promotion of inclusive and effective international tax cooperation at the United Nations (A/C.5/77/21)	392.3
Programme budget implications: follow-up to the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (A/C.5/77/22)	628.1
Programme budget implications: Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/C.5/77/23)	386.9
Programme budget implications: oceans and the law of the sea (A/C.5/77/25)	998.7
Programme budget implications: investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him (A/C.5/77/26)	103.8
<b>Subtotal, B</b>	<b>40 424.5</b>
<b>C. Capital investment planning</b>	
Capital investment planning (A/77/519)	12 150.7
<b>Subtotal, C</b>	<b>12 150.7</b>
<b>Total potential charges</b>	<b>89 810.8</b>
<b>Potential shortfall</b>	<b>65 591.1</b>

<sup>a</sup> Net of staff assessment.

Table 2

### Breakdown of potential charges against the contingency fund for 2023, by budget section

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Budget section</i>	<i>Secretary-General's proposal<sup>a</sup>/ potential charges</i>
1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	2 352.4
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	4 110.9
4. Disarmament	234.7
7. International Court of Justice	233.9
9. Economic and social affairs	508.5
10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	654.0
12. Trade and development	2 328.8
18. Economic and social development in Africa	3 100.9
19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	556.5
21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	24.8
24. Human rights	21 286.6
27. Humanitarian assistance	7 898.7
28. Global communications	543.2

<i>Budget section</i>	<i>Secretary-General's proposal<sup>a</sup>/ potential charges</i>
29B. Department of Operational Support	44.5
29C. Office of Information and Communications Technology	6 771.9
29E. Administration, Geneva	30.1
29G. Administration, Nairobi	3 578.1
33. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	34 898.1
34. Safety and security	654.2
<b>Total potential charges</b>	<b>89 810.8</b>

<sup>a</sup> Net of staff assessment.

## V. Contingency fund level for 2024

7. In keeping with the established practice, the Secretary-General has proposed, in the context of the introduction to the proposed programme budget for 2023 (see [A/77/6 \(Introduction\)](#), paras. 38–40), that the level of the contingency fund for 2024 be set at 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2023.