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**Proposed programme budget for 2024**

## **Strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework**

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.6/78/L.4](#)**

**Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly**

### **I. Mandate contained in the draft resolution**

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 15 and 16 of draft resolution [A/C.6/78/L.4](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to undertake a regular thematic debate in the Sixth Committee to foster a technical exchange of views on practice relating to the strengthening and promoting of the international treaty framework, and in that regard invite Member States to focus their comments during the debate at the eightieth session of the General Assembly on the subtopic “The role of technology in shaping treaty-making practice”, and request the Secretary-General to invite Governments and international organizations to submit information on their practice in this regard, and to provide, at its eightieth session, a report with information on practice related to the subtopic taking into account these submissions;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to strengthen the capacity of the Treaty Section to support the regular thematic debate in the Sixth Committee, including for the preparation of the report on the subtopic selected for each session so that it can be made available sufficiently in advance of the meetings of the Sixth Committee on the agenda item.



## **II. Relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2024**

2. The mandate contained in draft resolution [A/C.6/78/L.4](#) requires additional deliverables and activities under programme 6, Legal affairs ([A/78/6 \(Sect. 8\)](#)), of the proposed programme budget for 2024.

## **III. Deliverables and activities required to implement the mandate contained in the draft resolution**

3. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraphs 15 and 16 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the Sixth Committee would undertake a regular thematic debate to foster a technical exchange of views on the practice relating to the strengthening and promoting of the international treaty framework and would invite Member States to focus their comments during the debate at the eightieth session of the General Assembly on the subtopic “The role of technology in shaping treaty-making practice”. It is also envisaged that the Secretary-General would invite Governments and international organizations to submit information on their practice in this regard and would provide at its eightieth session a report with information on practice related to the subtopic taking into account these submissions. It is further envisaged that the Treaty Section would support the regular thematic debate in the Sixth Committee, including the preparation of the report on the subtopic selected for each session, so that it can be made available sufficiently in advance of the meetings of the Sixth Committee on the agenda item.

4. For the Office of Legal Affairs, the implementation of the mandate would require additional resources to ensure an appropriate level of substantive support and servicing of the Sixth Committee, comprising the following:

(a) Posts: establishment of one Legal Officer post (P-3) in 2024 with the following responsibilities:

- (i) To conduct extensive research and legal analysis on the treaty database, which comprises more than 76,000 treaties and 130,000 treaty actions, and all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General;
- (ii) To conduct consultations with Member States and international organizations, including requests for comments in writing and meetings with delegations;
- (iii) To conduct the legal research on practice related to the subtopic selected for each session and prepare the report in 2025, to be translated in all official languages, and made available sufficiently in advance of the meetings of the Sixth Committee on the agenda item during the eightieth session, in October 2025;

(b) Non-post provisions associated with the proposed establishment of the Legal Officer post, which include contractual services, supplies and materials and furniture and equipment.

## **IV. Budgetary implications**

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

Table 1  
**Additional resource requirements for non-conference services**

(United States dollars)

	2024	2025 and subsequent years
<b>Section 8, Legal affairs</b>		
Posts	102 200	189 400
Contractual services	2 000	2 000
General operating expenses	200	200
Supplies and materials	200	200
Furniture and equipment	2 300	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>106 900</b>	<b>192 100</b>

6. An additional amount of \$9,900 would be required in 2024 under section 36, Staff assessment.

7. The requirements for 2025 and subsequent years would be reflected under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for the relevant years:

- (a) Section 8, Legal affairs;
- (b) Section 36, Staff assessment.

## V. Summary of resource requirements

8. The budgetary implications for 2024 amount to \$116,800, as shown in table 2.

Table 2  
**Additional resource requirements (before recosting)**

(United States dollars)

	2024	2025 and subsequent years
Section 8, Legal affairs	106 900	192 100
Section 36, Staff assessment	9 900	18 400
<b>Total, including staff assessment</b>	<b>116 800</b>	<b>210 500</b>

## VI. Potential for absorption during 2024

9. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2024 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 2024 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2024. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources be provided through an additional appropriation for 2024.

## **VII. Conclusion**

10. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.6/78/L.4](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$106,900 would arise under section 8, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2024.

11. The total amount of \$106,900 would require an additional appropriation for 2024 to be approved by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a potential charge against the contingency fund.

12. The General Assembly would also be requested to approve the establishment of one post of Legal Officer (P-3), under section 8, Legal affairs, effective 1 January 2024.

13. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$9,900 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2024 and would require an additional appropriation by the General Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent increase of \$9,900 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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