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Proposed programme budget for 2022

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 2021

3. The General Assembly, in its resolution [75/253 A](#), set the level of the contingency fund for 2021 at 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2020, or \$23,053,700. It also approved a charge of \$22,400,500 and noted that a balance of \$653,200 remained in the contingency fund for 2021. In its subsequent resolution [75/253 B](#), the Assembly approved an additional charge of \$648,800, leaving a balance of \$4,400 in the contingency fund for 2021.



III. Contingency fund level for 2022

4. 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.

IV. Potential charges against the contingency fund for 2022

5. Potential charges, amounting to \$61,973,000, are detailed in table 1 and exceed the approved level of \$24,060,600 by \$37,912,400.

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 2022, by report

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Report	Secretary-General's proposal ^a / potential charges
Approved level of the contingency fund for 2022	24 060.6
Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok (A/76/313)	6 965.2
Progress in the renovation of Africa Hall at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa (A/76/308)	—
Progress on the replacement of office blocks A–J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/76/330)	11 316.3
Progress on the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago (A/76/323)	5 590.1
Addressing the deteriorating conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/76/400 and A/76/400/Corr.1)	1 996.0
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2021 session (A/76/303)	454.3
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session (A/76/372)	3 520.4
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its forty-sixth, forty-seventh and forty-eighth regular sessions, and at its thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second special sessions (A/76/524)	29 859.4
Programme budget implications arising from recommendations and decisions contained in the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/C.5/76/2)	82.9
Programme budget implications: the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects (A/C.5/76/9)	151.5
Programme budget implications: problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus (A/C.5/76/10)	409.1
Programme budget implications: reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours (A/C.5/76/11)	658.4
Programme budget implications: further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space (A/C.5/76/12)	66.0
Programme budget implications: promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security (A/C.5/76/13)	33.9
Programme budget implications: countering disinformation for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/C.5/76/15)	89.8

<i>Report</i>	<i>Secretary-General's proposal^a/ potential charges</i>
Programme budget implications: a global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/C.5/76/16)	94.1
Programme budget implications: situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic (A/C.5/76/18)	102.4
Programme budget implications: report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-fourth session (A/C.5/76/20)	583.2
Total potential charges	61 973.0
Potential shortfall	37 912.4

^a Net of staff assessment.

Table 2
Breakdown of potential charges against the contingency fund for 2022, by budget section
 (Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Budget section</i>	<i>Secretary-General's proposal^a/ potential charges</i>
1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	82.9
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	7 351.7
3. Political affairs	149.8
4. Disarmament	45.1
8. Legal affairs	226.4
16. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	841.7
19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	940.9
21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	885.6
24. Human rights	26 788.2
28. Global communications	54.1
29C. Office of Information and Communications Technology	4.5
29E. Administration, Geneva	106.7
29G. Administration, Nairobi	2 244.7
33. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	22 167.0
34. Safety and security	83.7
Total potential charges	61 973.0

^a Net of staff assessment.

V. Contingency fund level for 2023

7. In keeping with the established practice, the Secretary-General has proposed, in the context of the introduction to the proposed programme budget for 2022 (see [A/76/6 \(Introduction\)](#), paras. 69–71), that the level of the contingency fund for 2023 be set at 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2022.