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## Effects of atomic radiation

Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.4/73/L.9](#)

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 22nd meeting, on 6 November 2018, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.4/73/L.9](#) without a vote. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was before the Committee ([A/C.4/73/L.13](#)).

### II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 18 of draft resolution [A/C.4/73/L.9](#), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to strengthen support for the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation within existing resources, in particular with regard to the deputization of the Secretary of the Committee, the avoidance of disruptions in staffing and the increase in operational costs in the case of a further increase in membership and to report to the Assembly at its seventy-fourth session on those issues.

### III. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and to the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

3. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 11, Environment, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–



2019 (A/71/6/Rev.1) and section 14, Environment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 14)).

#### IV. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

4. With regard to the implementation of operative paragraph 18 of the draft resolution, the secretariat of the Scientific Committee, which has staffing resources for two staff members in the Professional and higher categories (1 P-4 and 1 D-1), would be strengthened by reclassifying the existing P-4 post to the P-5 level as Deputy Secretary.

5. The incumbent of the proposed P-5 post would perform the duties of the Secretary of the Scientific Committee during the Secretary's absence, including organizing the annual session of the Committee, sending notes verbales and invitation letters to representatives of Member States, meeting high-level diplomats (e.g., members of the informal contact group), making decisions with regard to the budget and representing the secretariat at official meetings.

6. With regard to the increase in operational costs in the case of a further increase in membership, given that the modalities and timing of possible increases in membership are not specified, the Secretary-General would issue the related budgetary implications when such decisions are made.

#### V. Financial implications of the proposals

7. To implement the requests contained in operative paragraph 18 of the draft resolution, additional requirements in the amount of \$24,900 under section 14, Environment, would arise annually, starting 1 January 2019, relating to the proposed reclassification of one established P-4 post to the P-5 level as Deputy Secretary. The details of the additional requirements are provided in the table below.

##### Additional resource requirements

(United States dollars)

	<i>Additional resource requirements (annual)</i>
<b>Section 14, Environment</b>	
Posts	24 900
<b>Total</b>	<b>24 900</b>

#### VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

8. No provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the activities requested in operative paragraph 18 of the draft resolution. It is not possible at present to identify activities within the relevant section of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary for the additional resources in the amount of \$24,900 to be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

## **VII. Contingency fund**

9. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions [41/213](#) and [42/211](#), a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

## **VIII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly**

10. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.4/73/L.9](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$24,900 under section 14, Environment, would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 relating to the proposed reclassification of one established P-4 post to the P-5 level as Deputy Secretary. The amount of \$24,900 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

11. The General Assembly would also be requested to approve the reclassification of one established P-4 post to the P-5 level as Deputy Secretary under section 14, Environment, effective 1 January 2019.

12. In addition, an amount of \$4,400 would be required under section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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