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### Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

#### Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS

## Organization of the 2016 High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS

### Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/70/L.38](#)

#### Forty-first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

## I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered an advance version of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/70/L.38](#) ([A/C.5/70/20](#)).
2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 2, 8 and 16 of draft resolution [A/70/L.38](#), the General Assembly would:
  - (a) Decide to convene a high-level meeting from 8 to 10 June 2016, comprising plenary meetings and up to five thematic panel discussions, to undertake a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS;
  - (b) Request the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than April 2016, and preside over an informal interactive civil society hearing and to prepare a summary of the hearing, to be issued as a document of the Assembly prior to the high-level meeting;
  - (c) Request the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and analytical report at least six weeks prior to its consideration by the General Assembly.



## II. Resource requirements

3. The Secretary-General indicates that the implementation of the draft resolution would entail additional resource requirements in the amount of \$118,200 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. The requirements comprise the amount of \$56,200 for the five thematic panel discussions constituting five meetings with interpretation in all six languages; and the amount of \$62,000 for one pre-session document (10,700 words) to be issued in all six languages related to the summary of the informal interactive civil society hearing to be issued as a document of the Assembly ([A/C.5/70/20](#), paras. 3-6).

4. **The Advisory Committee reiterates its observations regarding the need for reliable information on the standard unit costs of interpretation and the processing of documentation at each duty station for proper assessment of proposals for resource requirements. The Advisory Committee also reiterates that it expects the Secretary-General to provide to the General Assembly, before the end of the main part of its seventieth session, information on the conclusions of the working group on costing established in the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management on a unified methodology and coherent process for updating costings, including information on the unit costs of interpretation and processing of documentation ([A/70/7/Add.28](#), paras. 17-20).**

5. The statement of the Secretary-General indicates that it is not possible to identify activities within the section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium and that it would therefore be necessary for the requested resources to be provided through an additional appropriation, representing a charge against the contingency fund ([A/C.5/70/20](#), paras. 7-8).

## III. Conclusion

6. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to make every effort to absorb the additional requirements of \$118,200 proposed under section 2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. If, despite efforts, the requirements cannot be absorbed, the additional expenditure related to the implementation of the activities arising from draft resolution [A/70/L.38](#) should be reflected in the relevant performance report for the biennium.**