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### Proposed programme budget for 2023

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## Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities

### Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.1/77/L.71/Rev.1](#)

### Thirty-first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for 2023

#### I. Introduction

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered an advance version of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General ([A/C.5/77/15](#)), in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, on the programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.1/77/L.71/Rev.1](#) on transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities. The Committee received additional information and clarification from the representatives of the Secretary-General, concluding with written responses dated 30 November 2022.

2. It is indicated in the statement of the Secretary-General that, under the terms of operative paragraph 11 of draft resolution [A/C.1/77/L.71/Rev.1](#), the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to seek the views and proposals of Member States about the practical implementation of transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-building Measures in Outer Space Activities of 2013, and to submit a substantive report, with an annex containing those views, to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session, for further discussion by Member States.



## II. Resource requirements

3. In his statement, the Secretary-General provides information on: (a) the relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2023 ([A/C.5/77/15](#), para. 3); (b) the activities required to implement the mandate (*ibid.*, para. 4); and (c) the budgetary implications arising from the draft resolution (*ibid.*, paras. 5–7).

4. The activities required to implement the mandate and the budgetary implications for 2023 include an amount of \$64,300 for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management for translation services for one pre-session document with an estimated word count of 21,000 words, to be issued in all six official languages.

5. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the combined global documentation processing capacity of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management was substantially lower than the annual workload of the Department. While workshare might help in immediate operational management from time to time, it was not suitable for being considered as a source of absorption capacity for new mandates given the unpredictability of their volume, scope and timing. In addition, the programme budget implication proposal was put forward based on the Department's analysis of the existing documentation workload on a case-by-case basis. **The Advisory Committee trusts that the Secretariat will make further efforts to optimize the use of the combined global documentation process capacity, so as to increase absorptive capacity, whenever feasible.**

6. It is indicated in the statement of the Secretary-General that no provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for 2023 for the implementation of the activities mandated in the draft resolution and that, at this stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant section of the proposed programme budget for 2023 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2023. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources be provided through an additional appropriation for 2023 (*ibid.*, para. 8).

## III. Conclusion

7. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are contained in paragraphs 9 to 11 of the statement of the Secretary-General ([A/C.5/77/15](#)). **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should the Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.1/77/L.71/Rev.1](#), additional resource requirements would arise under the proposed programme budget for 2023:**

(a) **An amount of \$64,300 for section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, which would require an additional appropriation for 2023 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund;**

(b) **An amount of \$9,600 under section 36, Staff assessment, would also be required for an additional appropriation, to be offset by an equivalent amount of \$9,600 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**