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Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.47](#)

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

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 17, 18, 19 and 20 of draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.47](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to establish an open-ended working group to elaborate a set of political commitments as a new global framework that will address existing gaps in through-life ammunition management, including international cooperation and assistance, without prejudice to national legal systems addressing national ammunition ownership, possession and use. The new global framework will be part of a comprehensive framework to support safe, secure, and sustainable through-life ammunition management at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, building upon and complementing existing frameworks. Cooperation at the regional and subregional levels should be considered on a voluntary basis. The open-ended working group shall take into account the recommendations contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts established pursuant to resolution [72/55](#) and the views of all participating States and be informed by the series of informal consultations convened within the framework of its resolution [72/55](#) throughout 2018 and 2019, the informal paper presented by Germany on this informal consultative process, as well as the inputs, both written and oral, received from Member States on the same matter;

(b) Also decide that the working group shall convene for two 5-day sessions in New York in 2022 and for one 5-day session in Geneva in 2023, preceded by



informal consultations as required, within available time frames and with the contribution of relevant international and non-governmental organizations, and shall hold a two-day organizational session in New York in advance of the first meeting;

(c) Further decide that the working group shall submit a report on its work, including recommendations on a set of political commitments as a new global framework on conventional ammunition, to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the proposed programme budget for 2022

2. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, programme 24, Global communications, and programme 25, Management and support services, of the proposed programme plan for 2022, and to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ([A/76/6/Sect. 2](#)), section 28, Global communications ([A/76/6/Sect. 28](#)), and section 29E, Administration, Geneva ([A/76/6/Sect. 29E](#)) of the proposed programme budget for 2022, which would constitute additional deliverables for the same year.

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraphs 18 and 19 of the draft resolution, one 2-day organizational session, consisting of four meetings, and two 5-day substantive sessions, consisting of 20 meetings, would be held in New York in 2022, and one 5-day substantive session, consisting of 10 meetings, would be held in Geneva in 2023, with interpretation in the six official languages. Those sessions would constitute an addition to the meetings workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2022 and 2023, respectively. The dates for the sessions should be determined in consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.

4. In addition, the request for documentation would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of 13 pre-session documents (total of 35,000 words), six in-session documents (total of 12,000 words) and two post-session documents (total of 21,400 words) to be issued in all six official languages in 2022. In 2023, five pre-session documents (total of 10,000 words), three in-session documents (total of 6,000 words) and one post-session document (total of 15,000 words) would be issued in all six languages.

5. The Department of Global Communications would provide webcasting services for the 20 meetings to be held in New York in 2022, and 10 meetings to be held in Geneva in 2023.

6. The United Nations Office at Geneva would provide sound technician and recording services in support of the session of the open-ended working group in 2023.

IV. Budgetary implications of the proposed requests

A. Conference-servicing requirements

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

Table 1
Additional resource requirements for conference services

(United States dollars)

	<i>Requirements 2022</i>	<i>Requirements 2023</i>	<i>Total requirements 2022–2023</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Other staff costs			
Interpretation services	178 000	85 000	263 000
Documentation services	225 200	101 700	326 900
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva			
Contractual services (sound technician/recording services)	–	3 500	3 500
Total	403 200	190 200	593 400

B. Non-conference-servicing requirements

8. Details of the additional non-conference-servicing requirements are provided in table 2.

Table 2
Additional resource requirements for non-conference services

(United States dollars)

	<i>Requirements 2022</i>	<i>Requirements 2023</i>	<i>Total requirements 2022–2023</i>
Section 28, Global communications			
Contractual services (webcasting)	5 900	3 000	8 900
Total	5 900	3 000	8 900

V. Summary of resource implications

9. The budgetary implications for 2022 amount to \$457,500, as shown in table 3.

Table 3
Summary of additional resource requirements (before recosting)

(United States dollars)

	<i>Requirements 2022</i>	<i>Requirements 2023</i>	<i>Total requirements 2022–2023</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	403 200	186 700	589 900
Section 28, Global communications	5 900	3 000	8 900
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva	–	3 500	3 500
Section 36, Staff assessment	48 400	22 400	70 800
Total, including staff assessment	457 500	215 600	673 100

10. The requirements for 2023, amounting to \$215,600, comprising \$186,700 under section 2, \$3,000 under section 28, \$3,500 under section 29E, and \$22,400 under section 36, would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2023.

VI. Potential for absorption

11. No provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for 2022 for the implementation of the activities requested in the draft resolution. At this stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for 2022 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2022. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources in the amount of \$457,500 be provided through an additional appropriation for 2022.

VII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.1/76/L.47](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$409,100 for 2022 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$403,200), and section 28, Global communications (\$5,900). The total amount of \$409,100 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

13. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$48,400 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2022 and would require an additional appropriation by the General Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent amount of \$48,400 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.
