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**Developments in the field of information and
telecommunications in the context of international security**

Proposed programme budget for 2023

Programme of action to advance responsible State behaviour in the use of information and communications technologies in the context of international security

Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.1/77/L.73](#)

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

I. Mandate contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution [A/C.1/77/L.73](#), the General Assembly would request the Secretary General, within existing resources and through voluntary contributions, to seek the views of Member States on the scope, structure and content for the programme of action, and the preparatory work and modalities for its establishment, including at an international conference, taking into account General Assembly resolution [76/19](#), the 2010, 2013, 2015 and 2021 consensus reports of the groups of governmental experts, the 2021 report of the Open-ended Working Group, the first annual progress report of the open-ended working group 2021–2025, the views and contributions submitted by Member States in the framework of the open-ended working group 2021–2025 and the regional consultations held in accordance with paragraph 4 of the resolution, and to submit a report based on those views to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session and for further discussion between Member States in the meetings of the open-ended working group 2021–2025.

II. Relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2023

2. The mandate contained in draft resolution [A/C.1/77/L.73](#) requires additional deliverables and activities under programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and



Social Council affairs and conference management ([A/77/6 \(Sect. 2\)](#)), of the proposed programme budget for 2023.

III. Deliverables and activities required to implement the mandate contained in the draft resolution

3. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the mandate would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2023 of one pre-session document with an estimated word count of 21,000 words, to be issued in all six languages.

IV. Budgetary implications

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

Table 1
Additional resource requirements for conference services
(United States dollars)

<i>Additional requirements 2023</i>	
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Other staff costs	
Documentation services	64 300
Total	64 300

5. An additional amount of \$9,600 would be required in 2023 under section 36, Staff assessment.

V. Summary of resource requirements

6. The budgetary implications for 2023 amount to \$73,900, as shown in table 2.

Table 2
Additional resource requirements (before recosting)
(United States dollars)

<i>Additional requirements 2023</i>	
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	64 300
Section 36, Staff assessment	9 600
Total, including staff assessment	73 900

VI. Potential for absorption during 2023

7. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2023 for the implementation of the mandate contained in the draft resolution. 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.

8. With regard to operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution [45/248](#) B, and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution [76/245](#), in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

VII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

9. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.1/77/L.73](#), additional resource requirements for 2023 in the amount of \$64,300 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for 2023.**

10. **The total amount of \$64,300 would require an additional appropriation for 2023 to be approved by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

11. **Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$9,600 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2023 and would require an additional appropriation by the General Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent increase of \$9,600 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**
