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**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished delegates,

I have the honour to present to you the reports of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from decisions contained in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) entitled “The future we want” (A/67/591); Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first sessions (A/67/607); the reports of the Secretary-General on the Subvention to the Special Court of Sierra Leone (A/67/606) ; the Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11 entitled “The Arms Trade Treaty” (A/C.5/67/13), and the Contingency Fund (A/C.5/67/15).

**( Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Outcome Document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) entitled “The future we want” )**

The first report before you details the budgetary requirements resulting from the decisions contained in the Outcome Document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) entitled, “The future we want” (A/RES/66/288). The additional requirements resulting from these decisions and recommendations are estimated at \$8,766,300 for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013, under:

Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services;  
Section 9, Department of Economic and Social Affairs;  
Section 18, Economic Commission for Africa;  
Section 19, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;  
Section 21, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;  
Section 22, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;  
Section 29D, Office of Central Support Services; and  
Section 37, Staff assessment.

In addition, a total amount of \$10,373,400 would be required, for 2014-2015 under the same sections as mentioned above. Those additional requirements would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

**(Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first sessions (A/67/607)**

The second report before you details the additional resource requirements, resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council adopted in 2012 at its 19th, 20th and 21st regular sessions in 2012.

The General Assembly, in accordance with its resolutions 63/263 and 65/281, endorsed the conclusion of the Advisory Committee on the merit of an annual presentation of the revised estimates arising from the resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council, including those emanating from the Council’s September session. The present report details total budgetary requirements, estimated at \$13,605,300 for the biennium 2012-2013.

Of those requirements, the amount of \$3,066,900 relates to activities of a “perennial nature” which have been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013; \$3,076,600 is proposed to be financed through the redeployment of existing resources, and

\$7,461,800 represents additional requirements for the biennium 2012-2013, under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 24, Human rights and section 29E, Administration, Geneva. Those additional requirements are proposed to be financed from additional appropriations in the context of the contingency fund for the biennium 2012-2013.

With regard to additional requirements resulting from Council's resolution 19/22, entitled "Human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic", the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to enter into commitments of \$2,100,100 under provisions of General Assembly resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses 66/249 was sought and received in April 2012. The related expenditures have been reported separately in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 (A/67/592).

#### **(Subvention to the Special Court of Sierra Leone)**

The third report of the Secretary-General, entitled "Request for a subvention to the Special Court for Sierra Leone" was prepared following the exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council dated 8 November and 28 November 2012, respectively.

The report sets out the difficulties faced by the Special Court and the overall level of resources required for the Court's activities for 2012 and 2013, and requests a subvention of 14 million dollars to supplement the voluntary contributions received and pledges yet to be collected by the Court.

As the Committee would recall, by its resolution 66/247, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 9,066,400 dollars for the subvention to the Special Court for the period 1 January to 31 July 2012.

Earlier this year, at the request of the Court, the General Assembly extended the implementation period of that subvention beyond 31 July 2012.

With regard to the current financial position of the Court, the current level of available voluntary contributions is not sufficient to cover the Court's operations beyond the first week of

December 2012. It is anticipated that more than 921,156 dollars will be required for the Court's operations till the end of 2012. In addition, it is estimated that 13.1 million dollars will be required for 2013 for the Court's operation.

**(Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11 entitled "The Arms Trade Treaty" (A/C.1/67/L.60))**

The fourth report concerns the statement of programme budget implications arising from the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11 by the First Committee on 7 November 2012.

Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.1/67/L.11, the General Assembly would decide to convene in New York from 18 to 28 March 2013 the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, in order to finalize the elaboration of the Arms Trade Treaty in an open and transparent manner, utilizing the modalities, under which the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty of 2 to 27 July 2012 operated.

Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of the same draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the President-designate to undertake consultations on the basis of the draft text of the Arms Trade Treaty, prior to the Conference in 2013.

The total additional resources in the amount of \$563,800 would arise for the biennium 2012-2013, under section 4, Disarmament; under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2012-2013 to be approved by the General Assembly.

**(Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates)**

Lastly, the consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates is presented in document A/C.5/67/15 in line with the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/211. In its resolution 66/247, the General Assembly approved charges in the amount of \$26.7 million leaving a balance of \$13.8 million available in the fund for the current biennium.

When taking into account the recommendations of ACABQ at the time of finalizing the statement, potential charges would amount to \$19.7 million which exceed the remaining balance of the contingency fund by \$5.9 million. Since the issuance of the statement, the Advisory Committee has issued several reports on the programme budget implications relating to the Committee against Torture and the Arms Trade Treaty, the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council, and from the decisions contained in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) entitled "The future we want". Taking into account the latest Committee's recommendations, potential charges would amount to \$17.7 million, which would exceed the remaining balance of the contingency fund by \$3.9 million.

While efforts were undertaken to absorb requirements resulting from new and expanded mandates including a review of expenditures to date, the magnitude of additional requirements resulting from new and expanded mandates does not allow for full absorption.

It will be recalled that during its consideration of the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995, the Committee on Programme and Coordination questioned the usefulness of designating high or low priorities at the level of output or activity and recommended that this practice be discontinued. The General Assembly subsequently endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on Programme and Coordination in its resolution 48/228, thus removing the identification of high and low priority programme elements from the format of the programme budget. As the present format of the budget no longer contains priority-setting information approved by Member States, alternative options for reallocation or reduction of resources between high and low priority mandated programme elements, including the deferral, termination and curtailment of mandated activities, would require General Assembly approval.

On the basis of the above and subject to the further review by the General Assembly of the respective proposals and related recommendations of the Advisory Committee, the General Assembly is requested to consider the potential charges related to new and expanded mandates against the contingency fund as outlined in the report.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.