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**Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the outcome document for the post-2015 development agenda “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (A/ 70/589)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce eight statements of the Secretary-General containing the programme budget implications for the biennium 2016-2017 resulting from different draft resolutions, as well as the revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the outcome document of the UN summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.
2. On 10 November 2015, the Fourth Committee adopted a draft resolution entitled "**Matters relating to activities under the United Nations Programme on Space Applications in 2016**". A statement of the programme budget implications was before the Committee.
3. The Fourth Committee agreed to reinstate four of the activities that had been planned for 2015, but not agreed by the Commission on the Peaceful uses of Outer Space in 2015.
4. Since there is no provision for the aforementioned activities and considering that it is not possible to accommodate these requirements within the proposed programme without impacting other activities already programmed for the same period, additional requirements in the amount of \$197,800 would be necessary to enable the Office to implement the activities in 2016, as requested.
5. The Programme Budget Implications related to the draft resolutions on the “**Situation of Human Rights in the Syrian Arab Republic**”, “**Persons with Albinism**” and the “**Rights of the Indigenous Peoples**” would require additional resources in the amount of \$152,700, under Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management.
6. The Programme Budget Implications of the draft resolution on the “**Situation of human rights in Myanmar**” contains the additional resources in the amount of \$1.1 million, as proposed in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions contained in Addendum 1 of document A/70/348, which is being considered by the Assembly and, if approved, would represent a charge against the provision for Special Political Missions under Section 3, Political Affairs.

7. The Programme Budget Implications related to the draft resolution on the “**Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session**”, proposes additional resources in the amount of \$232,100, to provide for additional travel resources related to the extension of the session from 10 to 12 weeks. The additional resources would be reflected under section 8, Legal affairs.

8. In the draft resolution on “**Oceans and law of the Sea**”, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to address some of the immediate working space needs of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and to make proposals in the context of the 2016-2017 budget in order to strengthen the capacity of the Division. Accordingly, additional resources totalling \$968,900 (net of staff assessment) are proposed under sections 8, Legal affairs and 29D, Office of Central Support Services.

9. The Programme Budget Implications of the draft decision on the “**Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament**” entail additional resource requirements amounting to \$392,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management.

10. I would like now to introduce the revised estimates resulting from the **decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the outcome document for the post-2015 development agenda “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”**

11. The report of the Secretary-General before the Committee contained in document A/70/589 proposes additional resource requirements for the biennium 2016-2017 in the amount of just over \$15 million for the immediate implementation of the mandates called for under the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 69/313 and 70/1. At the time of the adoption of these resolutions, the Secretary-General advised the General Assembly through oral statements that more time was required to fully assess the budgetary implications, and that revised estimates would be submitted later during the main part of the 70<sup>th</sup> session. Additional resources are now being sought to implement those activities for which clear and specific mandates have been established by the General Assembly, in adopting the respective outcome documents.

12. In line with paragraph 90 of General Assembly resolution 70/1, it is the intent of the Secretary-General to submit a substantive report for the consideration of the resumed 70th session of the General Assembly in preparation of the 2016 meeting of the high level political forum, which will outline critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on these items.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.