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**Agenda Item 134**

**Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017:**

**Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone**

**(A/70/565)**

**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions  
adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth  
sessions, and its twenty-third special session**

**(A/70/562)**

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

**(A/C.5/70/19)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

**Statement by**

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, the revised estimates resulting from recent resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council and the report on consolidated statement of charges against the contingency fund.
2. The report requesting a subvention for the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, outlines the financial challenges faced by the Special Court and provides estimates of resource requirements for the biennium 2016-2017.

3. Despite the fundraising efforts, voluntary contributions will not be sufficient to meet the budgetary requirements for the Court's operations beyond April 2016. Accordingly, the Secretary-General requests the General Assembly to approve a subvention in the amount of just over \$6 million for the funding of the activities of the Residual Special Court.
4. Any further voluntary contributions received would reduce the utilization of the subvention and would be reflected in the second performance report on the programme budget for biennium 2016-2017.
5. On the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its 2015 sessions, the adoption of 57 resolutions and decisions resulted in additional resource proposals in the amount of \$11.4 million.
6. Lastly, on the consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates charged against the contingency fund, the Committee would recall that in the context of the budget outline for the biennium 2016-2017, the Assembly decided that the contingency fund should be set at \$41.7 million or 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate for the biennium 2016-2017.
7. Potential new charges to the contingency fund presented in this report amount to \$34.1 million and reflect the information available as at 8 December 2015, after taking into account the then known recommendations of the ACABQ. Recommendations emanating from the Advisory Committee after the present report was published, further reduced the potential charges to \$18.5 million, mainly as a result of the recommendation to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments related to implementation of the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which no longer represents a charge against the contingency fund.
8. Should the Fifth Committee endorse the recommendations of the ACABQ, a balance of \$23.2 million would remain in the contingency fund. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt additional resolutions entailing financial implications to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 the charges against the contingency fund would need to be adjusted accordingly.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this matter. Thank you.