

**Statement of the Chairman**  
**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

**8 December 2015**

**Revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in  
General Assembly resolution 69/292, entitled  
“Development of an international legally binding instrument under the  
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and  
sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national  
jurisdiction”**

*(ACABQ report A/70/7/Add.25, related report A/70/543)*

Mr Chairman,

The Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Secretary-General’s proposal.

The Advisory Committee further recommends that that the Secretary-General be requested to provide in future reports, as a matter of routine, comprehensive information on the activities by which requests of the General Assembly are implemented, as well on the related requirements and financial implications. This should include a clear breakdown of the requirements for which a provision is included in the proposed programme budget and those for which a new appropriation is proposed.

The Committee also recommends that the Secretary-General be requested to provide the General Assembly with information on the unified methodology and coherent process being developed for updating costings related to the processing of official documents at all duty stations, as well as details on the unit rates to be applied at each duty station.

Thank you Mr Chairman.

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**Statement of the Chairman  
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)  
8 December 2015**

**Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial  
Countries and Peoples  
Programme budget implications of draft resolution IX contained in A/70/23**

*(ACABQ report: A/70/7/Add.24; related Secretary-General's statement: A/C.5/70/4)*

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the programme budget implications of General Assembly draft resolution IX contained in A/70/23 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

Regarding the request for travel resources in the amount of \$85,000, the Advisory Committee recommends a reduction in travel resources in the amount of \$21,300, related to the travel of two Secretariat staff members. With respect to the proposed resources for local interpreters, the Committee was informed upon enquiry of a miscalculation of the provision, which should be in the amount of \$40,000 instead of \$60,000, representing a reduction of \$20,000.

Therefore, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution IX contained in A/70/23, an additional appropriation of \$227,700 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, representing a charge against the contingency fund.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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**Statement of the Chairman  
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)**

**8 December 2015**

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

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.45**

*ACABQ report: A/70/7/Add.26  
Statement of the Secretary-General: A/C.5/70/10*

Mr. Chairman,

I am pleased to introduce the Advisory Committee's report on the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.45 on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

The Secretary-General's proposals would entail additional resource requirements in the amount of \$1,329,500 in respect of the activities to be undertaken by the Secretary-General with the assistance of a Group of Governmental Experts to be established in 2016 on the basis of equitable geographical distribution.

Regarding the request for consultant services to be provided to the Group in the amount of \$50,000, the Advisory Committee notes that for the 2014-2015 biennium, similar services were provided at a cost of \$42,000. On that basis, the Committee recommends a reduction of \$8,000 in the related request.

Therefore, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.45, additional resources in the amount of \$1,321,500 would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, comprising \$565,500 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management and \$764,000 under section 4, Disarmament, representing a charge against the contingency fund.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman