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**Agenda item 134**  
**Proposed Programme Budget for the biennium 2016-2017**

**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions**  
**adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2015 session**  
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**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished delegates,

1. During its 2015 session last July, the Economic and Social Council adopted six resolutions with programme budget implications, as detailed in the report before you. Of the six resolutions, resolutions 30 and 33 would give rise to additional requirements in the amount of \$3.1 million over and above the resources in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, which would require an additional appropriation and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

2. With regard to resolution 30 on the “restructuring the conference structure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to be fit for the evolving post-2015 development agenda”, the additional requirements of \$1.5 million, including 4 new posts, primarily relate to the establishment of a new subprogramme 9, Energy, as well as to the additional mandates under subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, and subprogramme 2, Trade and investment. The implementation of this resolution would also require programmatic

modifications to Programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the approved biennial programme plan for the biennium 2016-2017 and to Section 19, Economic and social development of Asia and the Pacific of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, which would be subject to the related approval by the General Assembly.

3. With regard to resolution 33 on the “international arrangement on forests beyond 2015”, the additional requirements amount to \$1.6 million, including 4 temporary posts, in line with the duration of the mandate until 2030.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.