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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/C.5/70/2)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

1. The report of the Secretary-General before the Committee, A/C.5/70/2, contains the financial implications for the regular budget arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board contained in document A/70/325.
2. According to the Board's report, the United Nations' share of the administrative and audit costs of the Joint Staff Pension Board amount to \$22.2 million: \$14.3 million corresponding to the program budget, and \$7.9 million to the funds and programs.
3. The programme budget for 2016-17 containing a provision of \$13.8 million, was prepared before the Joint Pension fund's budget had been finalized. The provision was based on a 62.2 per cent share based on the number of participants. The latest information, however, shows

that the program budget share increased to 64.4 per cent, requiring an upward adjustment of \$493,600.

4. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve the proposals and recommendations of the Pension Board, an additional appropriation of \$493,600 would be required under section 1 of the proposed programs budget for 2016-17, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination. This amount would be charged against the contingency fund.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.