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Agenda items 134 and 118

Strengthening the capability of the United Nations system to assist Member States in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/71/L.66

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Madam Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the Programme Budget Implications related to the draft resolution on “**Strengthening the capability of the United Nations system to assist Member States in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy**” (A/71/L.66).

Pursuant to operative paragraphs 1 to 4 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would, establish a new Office of Counter-Terrorism as a separate component under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget, to be headed by an Under-Secretary-General reporting directly to the Secretary-General. Following the approval by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General would, *inter-alia*, (a) appoint an Under-Secretary-General, supported by a Special Assistant at the P-3 level, to serve as head of the Office of Counter-Terrorism, Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and Executive Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, and (b) transfer from the Department of Political Affairs to the Office of Counter-Terrorism the current Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Office and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, together with their programme budget and extrabudgetary resources.

It is estimated that the adoption of the draft resolution would give rise to additional resources in the amount of **\$390,600** for the biennium 2016-2017, comprising \$162,700 under section 3, Political affairs, \$210,500 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, and \$17,400 under section 36, Staff assessment. However, the amount of \$390,600 would be absorbed within the respective sections of the programme budget approved for the biennium 2016-2017. The General Assembly is requested to approve the establishment of two posts (1 Under-Secretary-General and 1 P-3) under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.

Thank you Madam Chair.