

*** CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY ***



Agenda item 136

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019:

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.48
Situation of human rights in Myanmar
(A/C.5/72/13)**

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/72/L.19
Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag
Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him
(A/C.5/72/19)**

**Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives
authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council
Thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions
United Nations Support Mission in Libya
(A/72/371/Add.8)**

**Limited budgetary discretion
(A/72/497)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the Programme Budget Implication related to draft resolution A/C.3/72/L.48 on the “**Situation of human rights in Myanmar**”, in which the General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions

relating to Myanmar, and in this regard to appoint a special envoy on Myanmar and to offer assistance to the Government of Myanmar. In order to implement the request, the Secretary-General proposes additional resources in the amount of \$1.5 million for the year 2018. The Secretary-General proposes that the amount of \$1.5 million be charged against the provision for special political missions included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2018–2019.

2. Next, I would like to introduce another Programme Budget Implication, related to draft resolution on the “**Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him**”, in which the General Assembly requests the Secretary-General **to** continue to review the potential new information, including that which may be available from Member States, to assess its probative value, to determine the scope that any further inquiry or investigation should take and, if possible, to draw conclusions from the investigations already conducted, and to provide for an oral briefing on any progress made. In order to implement the request, the Secretary-General proposes additional resources in the amount of \$357,300. These additional resources would be reflected under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, and section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 and would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

3. Furthermore, I have the honour to introduce addendum 8 of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed budgets for 2018 in respect of **special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council under thematic cluster III for the United Nations Support Mission in Libya**. The resources for 2018 for UNSMIL presented in this report amount to \$72.2 million, which represents an overall increase of \$11 million compared to the approved resources for 2017. The proposed budget reflects increases mainly under facilities and infrastructure primarily due to the higher contractual cost of the UNSMIL compound in Tripoli, and the planned establishment of an office in eastern Libya, and under military contingent personnel, since the full deployment of the UN Guard Unit is expected to be completed by the end of 2017. The Secretary-General proposes that the amount of \$72.2 million for UNSMIL be charged against the provision for special political missions included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2018–2019.

4. The last item I would like to introduce this morning is the Secretary-General's report on **Limited Budgetary Discretion**. The proposal regarding the continuation of the discretionary mechanism for the biennium 2018-2019 under the current arrangements, as set out in section III of resolution 60/283, would be subject to the General Assembly's decision on the management reform proposals, as the Secretary-General has made further recommendations regarding budgetary discretion mechanisms in that context. Those further proposals, if approved by the General Assembly, would become effective for the biennium 2018-2019.

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

Thank you Mr. Chairman.