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**Agenda Item 136**

**Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019:**

**Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (RSCSL)**

**(A/72/384)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

**Statement by**

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Madame Chair,  
Distinguished Delegates,

I would like to introduce the report of the Secretary-General under this agenda item contained in A/72/384, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/272, by which the Assembly had authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount of \$2.8 million for 2017 to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (RSCSL).

The present report addresses the use of this commitment authority and possible options for future financing arrangements for the Residual Special Court, and includes a request for a subvention for the Court to continue to carry out its mandate in 2018-2019.

RSCSL has been funded initially from voluntary contributions and recently through a subvention under the programme budget.

Despite the efforts of the Secretary-General, the Government of Sierra Leone, and key donors of the Court, including the Member States of the Oversight Committee, and the intense fundraising efforts made by the Principals of the Court, there are no adequate voluntary resources and, at this stage, there are no prospects for additional voluntary contributions.

Given the lack of adequate and sustained voluntary contributions for the Court to fulfil its mandate, the Secretary-General requests the General Assembly to approve a subvention in the amount of \$5,931,800 to fund the activities of the Residual Special Court for the biennium 2018-2019.

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