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**Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019:
Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the
United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
(A/C.5/72/2)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. The report of the Secretary-General before the Committee, A/C.5/72/2, contains the financial implications for the regular budget arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board contained in document A/72/383.
2. According to the Board's report, an amount of \$22.9 million represents the United Nations' share in the administrative and audit costs related to the Joint Staff Pension Fund, of which \$14.6 million would represent the portion of the regular budget and the balance of \$8.3 million would represent the portion of the funds and programmes, based on the latest data on the number of participants in the Fund.
3. At the time of the preparation of the proposed programme budget, the proposed budget of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the biennium 2018-2019 had not been finalized. Pending

the finalization of the proposed budget of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the biennium 2018-2019 and the recommendations of the Pension Board thereon, an estimated provision of \$14.5 million (after recosting) was included as the regular budget portion under section 1, of the proposed programme budget, with \$7.8 million being the portion of funds and programmes.

4. Due to the proposed increase of the budget of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund to \$22.9 million compared to the \$22.3 million used during the preparation of the 2018-2019 proposed programme budget, the regular budget share amounts to \$ 14.6 million, and which reflects an increase of \$51,700 from the initial provision of \$14.5 million.

5. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve the proposals and recommendations of the Pension Board, an additional appropriation of \$51,700 would be required under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019. That amount would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

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

Thank you Mr. Chairman.