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Proposed programme budget for 2020:

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/74/L.20
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.5/74/13)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

Mr. Chandramouli Ramanathan
Controller

17 December 2019

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the Programme Budget Implications related to draft resolution A/74/L.20 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**”, this draft resolution would request the Secretary-General to reappoint the Eminent Person appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/252 to continue to review the information received and possible new information made available by Member States, to assess their probative value, draw conclusions from the investigations already conducted, and report on progress to the General Assembly before the end of its seventy-fifth session. In order to implement the request, additional resources in the amount of \$145,700 would be required for the 2020 proposed programme budget under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

2. Additional requirements in the amount of \$207,300 would also be included in the proposed programme budget for 2021 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, in the amount of \$97,600 and under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, in the amount of \$109,700.

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

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.



FIFTH COMMITTEE

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Statement by
Assistant Secretary-General, Controller
17 December 2019

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished delegates

I have the honor to introduce the consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates charged against the contingency fund. The Committee would recall that in the context of the First performance report for the biennium 2018-2019, the Assembly decided that the contingency fund should be set at \$21.8 million or 0.75 per cent of the revised appropriation for the biennium 2018-2019. Potential new charges to the contingency fund presented in the report amount to \$64.5 million and reflect the information available as at 10 December 2019.

Since issuance of the Consolidated Statement report, the Advisory Committee has issued its recommendations on the proposals that would represent a charge against the contingency fund, including those I have just introduced this morning. This balance will be adjusted further to reflect the Fifth Committee's recommendations on the various proposals under its consideration.

In the revised estimates report, the impact of updated recosting parameters on the initial proposed programme budget, as well as the revised estimates and statements of programme budget implications for 2020, are reflected. These reflect the improvements in the determination of revised projections enabled by Umoja Extension 2, which has increased the visibility on data relating to exchange rates and standard costs. After these projections, the requirements under the expenditure sections for 2020 would amount to \$3,065.0 million and estimates of income would amount to \$290.8 million, if the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were applied to the proposals of the Secretary-General.

In respect of the Residual Mechanism, the resource requirements for 2020 as proposed by the Secretary-General would amount to \$102,566,500 gross for the International Residual Mechanism.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates

We are also proposing establishment of the level for the 2021 budget proposal be set at 0.75 per cent of the approved programme budget for 2020. It is noted that in previous budget years, there have been cases where the General Assembly has approved appropriations that do not represent a charge against the Contingency fund when the level is exceeded.