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**Agenda Item 135**

**Proposed programme budget for 2020**

**Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its Fortieth, Forty-first and Forty-second sessions (A/74/529)**

**Addressing the deteriorating conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/74/471)**

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/74/L.29  
on the Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in  
Myanmar**

**Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the  
rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.5/74/11)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

**Statement by**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the **report of the Secretary-General, A/74/529, on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its Fortieth, Forty-first and Forty-second sessions**. The Council adopted 65 resolutions with financial implications. In support of the implementation of these resolutions, the report requests an additional appropriation of \$22,548,300, representing a charge against the contingency fund for the year 2020, comprising \$1,884,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$20,583,000 under section 24, Human rights, and \$80,500 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the year 2020. Approval is also requested for the establishment of 18 posts under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the year 2020, including six posts to support

the activities mandated by the Council in its resolutions 40/13, 42/20, 42/22, 42/23 and 12 posts for the establishment of the country office in Sudan as mandated in resolution 42/35; and for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$866,000 under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the year 2020, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to now introduce the **Secretary-General's report on addressing the deteriorating conditions and limited capacity of the conference services facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/74/471)**, which is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/270 on Pattern of Conferences.

UNON has undertaken an initial business needs assessment, and has included in the report an analysis of the expected benefits of a possible renovation and new construction works, with some initial options. The report also contains the proposed next steps to be undertaken to develop a detailed needs assessment and an expanded analysis of the options.

UNON is mandated to provide conference services to the two United Nations programmes with headquarters located in Nairobi, namely the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), and also provides services to the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes in Nairobi.

Currently, the capacity of the UNON conference facilities is limited to 2,000 participants. However, some conferences and events exceed this capacity. For example, the recent meeting of the UN Environment Assembly hosted about 5,000 participants. Meeting such demand is made possible through the use of hired tents and other temporary structures.

In addition to capacity limitations, the existing facilities, which were constructed between 1983 and 1985, are no longer fit for purpose. There is a need to upgrade the building structure, reconfigure the spaces, and to incorporate new technologies and bring these up to acceptable international standards, including with respect to energy efficiency and affording full access for persons with disabilities, among other objectives.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

It is requested that the General Assembly take note of the present report, approve the proposed next steps, appropriate an amount of \$470,000 for 2020, and request the Secretary-General to submit a report on the results of a detailed needs assessment and expanded options analysis to the Assembly at its seventy-fifth session.

Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,

Now, I would like to introduce statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.3/74/L.29, “**Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar**” (A/C.5/74/11). In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$1,073,000, net of staff assessment, for continuing the provision of the good offices of the Secretary-General, including the requirements for the salaries and related staffing costs of the Special Envoy and four other positions, as well as other operational requirements. Approval for these requirements and appropriation is being sought in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2020 under section 3, Political affairs, for special political missions (A/74/6 (Sect.3)/Add.2), which provides further details, and which is currently before the Assembly.

Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussions on these items. Thank you.