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**Agenda Item 135**

**Programme budget for 2020:**

**Report on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the  
Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (A/74/352)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

**Statement by**

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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General under this agenda item contained in A/74/352, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/279A, by which the Assembly had authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount of \$2,537,000 for 2019 to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (RSCSL).

The present report addresses the activities of the Court, the current financial situation, efficiency measures, and future financing arrangements.

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, voluntary resources are not adequate 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 \$2,899,500, through appropriation, to fund the activities of the Court in 2020.

Madame Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item.  
Thank you.