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Agenda item 135
Proposed programme budget for 2020

**Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives
authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council
(A/74/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.7 and Add.8)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

Mr. Chandramouli Ramanathan
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16 December 2019

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for 2020 in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council under thematic cluster III for UNMHA and BINUH, as contained in documents A/74/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.7 and Add.8.

2. The resources proposed for 2020 for UNMHA amount to \$53.6 million, reflecting a decrease of \$2.5 million (or 4.5 per cent), compared to the approved budget for 2019. The decrease results mainly from the discontinuation of the lease contract for the marine vessel by 31 March 2020, as well as lower provisions for the acquisition of ground vehicles and communications and information technology equipment. The resources provide for the deployment of up to 75 United Nations monitors, 159 civilian personnel and 5 government-provided personnel. It is expected that, by 31 March 2020, all the Mission personnel will be relocated to land-based facilities, where renovations and security enhancements will be completed by that time.

3. Pursuant to Security Council resolution 2476 (2019) of 25 June 2019, BINUH commenced its operations on 16 October 2019, marking the end of more than two decades of peacekeeping operations in Haiti, which had been implemented through seven field missions since 1993. The Office is mandated to advise the Government of Haiti on promoting and strengthening political stability and good governance, including the rule of law; advancing a peaceful and stable environment, including through supporting an inclusive inter-Haitian national dialogue; and protecting and promoting human rights.

4. The resources proposed for 2020 amount to \$20.4 million and provide for, besides operational costs, the deployment of up to 13 United Nations police personnel, 2 government-provided personnel and 114 civilian personnel.

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussions on these items.

Thank you.

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Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2020 under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, and section 36, Staff assessment (A/74/544)

Office of the United Nations Emergency Ebola Response Coordinator

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

**Mr. Chandramouli Ramanathan
Controller
16 December 2019**

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

The United Nations announced the strengthening of its Ebola response in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on 23 May 2019, and the Secretary-General established the Office of the Emergency Ebola Response Coordinator in June. The activities of this Office have been funded to the end of 2019 under the authority granted to the Secretary-General under paragraph 1(a) of General Assembly resolution 72/264, and by a commitment authority approved by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Office will now need to be extended into 2020.

In this respect, I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General, A/74/544, on the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2020 under section 27, Humanitarian assistance, and section 36, Staff assessment.

The legislative authority and mandate for the Office are derived from General Assembly resolution 46/182, in which the Assembly set out the United Nations guiding principles of humanitarian emergency response, which reinforced earlier decisions and resolutions

adopted by the Assembly and by the Economic and Social Council concerning humanitarian assistance, and the leadership role of the Secretary-General in responding to natural disasters and other humanitarian emergencies.

The Office of the United Nations Emergency Ebola Response Coordinator implements a programme of coordination support to end the tenth outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The role of the Office is focused on: the coordination of international support for the Ebola response, ensuring coherence in the United Nations system's response, and leading the implementation of two of the five pillars of the United Nations system scale-up strategy for the Ebola response, focusing on security and safety and community ownership and acceptance.

The present report contains the proposed resource requirements for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2020, including 51 general temporary assistance positions with a phased downsizing during the period from 1 January to 30 June 2020.

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

I look forward to the discussions on this item. Thank you.

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**Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/74/L.11/Rev.1
Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes**

**Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the
rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.5/74/12)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

**Mr. Chandramouli Ramanathan
Controller
16 December 2019**

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the statement of programme budget implications A/C.5/74/12 relating to draft resolution A/C.3/74/L.11/Rev.1: “**Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General requested resources in the amount of \$193,300, net of staff assessment, related to a proposed comprehensive international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes. The statement A/C.5/74/12 requests approval for the related appropriation in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2020 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$138,300), and section 16, International Drug Control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice (\$55,000).

Please note that subsequent to the issuance of the statement, DGACM reassessed its planned workload for 2020 and concluded that it would be able to make use of its already planned level of resources and absorb the additional workload without the need for the additional resources of \$138,300.