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Agenda Item 147

Second performance report on the budget for the biennium 2018–2019 and the proposed budget for 2020 of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (A/74/355 and Corr.1 and A/74/566)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the reports of the Secretary-General on the second performance report on the budget of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2018–2019 and the proposed budget for 2020.
2. The second performance report provides an estimate of the anticipated final level of expenditure for the Mechanism for the biennium 2018-2019, taking into account changes in parameters for inflation and exchange rates compared with the assumptions made in the first performance report (A/73/491).
3. The anticipated final level of expenditure for the Mechanism for 2018-2019 amounts to \$185,428,300 gross, reflecting a decrease of \$10,292,300, resulting mainly from the strengthening of the dollar against the euro and decreases relating to post and non-

post resources, offset in part by the depreciation of the dollar against the Tanzanian shilling and a net increase in inflation.

4. With respect to the proposed budget, the Secretary-General's report contains the proposed resource requirements for the Mechanism for 2020 amounting to \$103,690,800 gross, reflecting an increase of \$5,641,700. The proposed budget includes a total of 186 posts and other staffing requirements for ad hoc functions for 2020.

5. The increase is mainly due to additional requirements for the branch in Arusha related to judicial activities, including one contempt case, which originated in 2018, and a provision for pre-trial proceedings in the event of the arrest of one of the three remaining fugitives from the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. That increase is offset in part by a net decrease in requirements relating mainly to a reduction in judicial activities at the branch in The Hague.

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

Thank you.