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Agenda Item 138

Proposed programme budget for 2022

**Programme budget implications arising from recommendations and decisions
contained in the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
(A/C.5/76/2)**

Fifth Committee

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. The report of the Secretary-General before the Committee, A/C.5/76/2, contains the programme budget implications for the regular budget arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board contained in document A/76/297.
2. According to the Board's report, the overall resources amounting to \$8.3 million represent the estimated costs of services related to the United Nations Staff Pension Committee provided by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund to the United Nations, of which \$5.1 million would represent the portion of the regular budget and the balance of \$3.2 million would represent the portion of the funds and programmes, based on the latest data on the number of participants in the Fund.

3. At the time of the preparation of the proposed programme budget, the proposed budget of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for 2022 was not finalized. Pending the finalization of the proposed budget of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for 2022 and the recommendations of the Pension Board thereon, an estimated provision of \$5.0 million (after re-costing) was included under Section 1, of the proposed programme budget for 2022, as the regular budget share of the costs to be reimbursed by the United Nations for the central Secretariat of the Fund.

4. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve the proposals and recommendations of the Pension Board, additional resource requirements in the amount of \$82,900 would arise under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for 2022. The amount of \$82,900 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and as such would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

I thank you for your consideration of the proposal and we look forward to supporting you in addressing any questions you may have.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman