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Fifth Committee

Introductory statement

by

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce several reports of the Secretary-General that were prepared in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly following adoption of the draft resolutions by the First, Third and Sixth Committees.

2. Let me start with the introduction of the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.1/76/L.43 “**The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects (A/C.5/76/9)**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$151,500, comprising \$146,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$3,000 under section 28, Global communications, and \$1,600 under section 29 C, Office of Information and Communications Technology. The amount of \$151,500 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. An additional appropriation of \$17,600 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent increase under income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

3. Now, I would like to introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.1/76/L.47 “**Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus (A/C.5/76/10)**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$ 409,100, comprising \$403,200 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$5,900 under section 28, Global communications. The amount of \$409,100 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. An additional appropriation of \$48,400 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent increase under income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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4. Let me now introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.1/76/L.52 “**Reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours (A/C.5/76/11)**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$658,400, comprising \$595,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$45,100 under section 4, Disarmament, \$5,900 under section 28, Global communications, and \$12,400 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva. The amount of \$658,400 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. An additional appropriation of \$71,400 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent increase under income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

5. Now, I would like to introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.1/76/L.53 “**Further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space (A/C.5/76/12)**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$66,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management. The amount of \$66,000 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. An additional appropriation of \$7,900 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent increase under income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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6. Let me now introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.1/76/L.55 “**Promoting international cooperation on peaceful uses in the context of international security (A/C.5/76/13)**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$ 33,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management. The amount of \$33,900 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. An additional appropriation of \$4,100 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent increase under income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

7. Now, I would like to introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.3/76/L.7/Rev.1 “**Countering disinformation for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/C.5/76/15)**”. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft decision, the Secretary-General

proposes resources in the amount of \$89,800 for the proposed programme budget for 2022, comprising \$27,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$62,700 under Section 24, Human rights. The amount of \$89,800 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. An additional appropriation of \$10,800 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent increase under income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Mr. Chairman,
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8. Let me now introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.3/76/L.61/Rev.1 **“A global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/C.5/76/16)”**. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft decision, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$94,100 under Section 24 of the proposed programme budget for 2022, which would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. The establishment of one post at P-3 level, effective 1 January 2022, would also be required. An additional appropriation of \$9,600 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent increase under income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

9. Now, I would like to introduce the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.3/76/L.31/Rev.1 **“Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic (A/C.5/76/18)”**. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft decision, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$102,400 for the proposed programme budget for 2022, comprising \$27,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$75,300 under Section 24, Human rights. The amount of \$102,400 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. An additional appropriation of \$12,300 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent increase under income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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10. The last report I would like to introduce is the statement of programme budget implications relating to draft resolution A/C.6/76/L.10 **“Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifty-fourth session (A/C.5/76/20)”**. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the Secretary-General proposes resources in the amount of \$583,200, comprising \$356,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$226,400 under section 8, Legal affairs, including the establishment of 3

temporary posts (1 P-3, 1 P-2, 1 GS(OL)). The amount of \$583,200 would require an additional appropriation for 2022 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund. An additional appropriation of \$73,000 is also requested under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent increase under income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Mr. Chairman,
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11. I thank you for your consideration of the proposals and we look forward to supporting you in addressing any questions you may have.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman