



**Agenda item 137
Programme budget for 2022**

**Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2022
under section 3, Political affairs, and section 36, Staff assessment**

**United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
(A/76/6 (Sect. 3)/Add.9)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

Mr. Chandramouli Ramanathan
Controller, Assistant-Secretary-General

3 October 2022 (AM)

Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to introduce the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for 2022, with respect to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), as contained in A/76/6 (Sect.3)/Add.9.

The revised 2022 proposed budget for UNAMA is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/246A in which the Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding \$107.6 million for the first ten months of 2022, and requested the Secretary-General to present a revised budget proposal for the Mission for 2022, taking into account any decision of the Security Council.

The revised proposed budget has been formulated following the adoption of Security Council resolution 2626 in March, and reflects the revised staffing and financial resource requirements to effectively implement the renewed and adapted mandate of the Mission as contained in Council resolution 2626.

The proposed resource requirement for the 12-month period of 2022 amounts to \$133.6 million, representing a decrease of \$3.3 million, or 2.4 per cent, compared with the approved budget for 2021. The reduction relates primarily to staff costs, specifically the application of a higher vacancy rate of 14 per cent for international staff and 9 per cent for national staff in the 2022 budget compared to the approved vacancy rates of 6 per cent and 3 per cent in 2021. This is offset partly by the increases under operational costs primarily under air operations, other supplies, services and equipment, and medical, reflecting the evolved needs in the current operating environment of the Mission.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

The Assembly is requested to approve the personnel and operational costs, and to appropriate an amount of \$133,609,900 under section 3, Political affairs, and \$10,954,200 under section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget of 2022. The latter amount will be offset by a corresponding amount under Income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

I thank you for your kind consideration of the report. My team will stand ready to answer your questions, together with UNAMA and the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, during the upcoming consultations scheduled for tomorrow. We look forward to the approval of the Assembly before the end of October to allow the Mission to continue operations after the current commitment authority expires.