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**Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I will be introducing in one statement, three programme budget implications statements issued in accordance with Rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

**A. Statement of programme budget implications (A/C.5/65/10) of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1 on the situation of human rights in Myanmar**

2. The statement of programme budget implications presented in A/C.5/65/10, relates to operative paragraph 30 of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1, in which the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General : (a) continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights, the transition to democracy and the national reconciliation process with the Government and the people of Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders, including democracy and human rights groups, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in that regard; (b) to give all necessary assistance to enable the Special Adviser and the Special Rapporteur to discharge their mandates fully and effectively, and in a coordinated manner; and lastly, (c) to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, as well as to the Human Rights Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution.

3. The estimated costs of continuing the role of the good offices of the Secretary-General in support of that process for the year 2011 have been included in detail in the report of the Secretary-

General on the budgets for special political missions for 2011 which were contained in the reports introduced to this Committee yesterday, Wednesday 15 December 2010.

4. With regard to the request contained in the last part of operative paragraph 30 (a), concerning technical assistance, such assistance, if requested, would be accommodated within the technical cooperation activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. As to the request contained in operative paragraph 30 (b), pertaining to the Special Rapporteur, the Secretary-General, in his report on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions (A/65/333 and Corr.1) informed the General Assembly that the activities called for in Council resolution 13/25 (A/65/53, chap. II, sect. A) are considered of a "perennial nature" and as such, provision of an estimated \$70,200 per annum to implement the activities of the Special Rapporteur has been made, under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional resources are requested under section 23, Human rights, at this juncture, beyond those already reflected.

5. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1, there would be additional requirements in the amount of \$1,216,700 under section 3, Political affairs, and \$154,200 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Approval for these requirements is being sought in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on special political missions.

**B. Statement of programme budget implications (A/C.5/65/11 and Corr.1) of draft resolution A/Res/65/L.36 on Permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade**

6. Turning to the next programme budget implications statement contained in A/C.5/65/11 and Corr.1, this relates to the requirements arising from the provisions of draft resolution A/Res/65/L.36 on a Permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade. In particular, under the terms of operative paragraphs 6 and 7 of draft resolution A/65/L.36, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to organize a series of activities annually to commemorate the International Day of Remembrance, including a commemorative session of the General Assembly at UN Headquarters and, as appropriate, activities through the network of UN information centres; and request the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the countries concerned and with relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to take appropriate steps to enhance world public awareness of the

commemorative activities and the permanent memorial initiative, and to facilitate efforts to erect the permanent memorial at United Nations Headquarters.

7. With regards to the provisions contained in operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/65/L.36 relating to efforts to erect the permanent memorial at United Nations Headquarters, it is the understanding of the Secretary-General on the basis of operative paragraphs 3 and 4 of the resolution that the request would be undertaken only when sufficient extrabudgetary funding is received. The long-term running costs associated with the maintenance of the memorial would also be borne by voluntary contributions.

8. Modifications will be made to the programme of work under subprogramme 3, Outreach and knowledge-sharing services, of Section 27, Public Information of the programme budget for 2010-2011. Further, the relevant outputs will be reflected in the 2012-2013 proposed programme budget.

9. The implementation of the various activities to be undertaken pursuant to draft resolution A/65/L.36 would require additional resources in the total amount of \$251,500 for the biennium 2010-2011. The requirements would involve additional public information resources of \$239,400 under section 27, Public Information, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, including general temporary assistance of one professional and one general service staff for five months (\$72,900); contractual services relating to a cultural event or concert (\$20,000), technical requirements for a student videoconference, teachers conference (\$18,000) and film screening (\$1,500); travel expenses of panelists for a non-governmental organization panel discussion; education outreach resources (\$15,000); and additional requirements of \$12,100 under section 36, Staff assessment to be offset by an equivalent amount under Income Section 1, Income from staff assessment.

10. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/65/L.36, implementation of the activities just mentioned would involve additional public information resources amounting to \$251,500 under section 27, Public Information (\$239,400) and Section 36, Staff Assessment (\$12,100), to be offset by the same amount under Income Section I, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, those provisions would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

**C. Statement of programme budget implications (A/C.5/65/12) on draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60 (as orally revised) on Global efforts for the total 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**

11. The statement of programme budget implications contained in A/C.5/65/12 outlines the requirements arising from the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60 (as orally revised) by the Third Committee on 23 November 2010 by a recorded vote of 121 in favour to 19 against, with 35 abstentions.

12. The Secretary-General is requested to implement various activities called for under the terms of operative paragraphs 30, 31, 50, 51, 53, 57, 64, 71 and 73 of the draft resolution.

13. Following full consultations with the relevant substantive offices, including the absorptive capacity of the relevant sections, additional resource requirements are sought, for the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, to implement the terms of operative paragraphs 50, 51, 53 and 57 totaling an amount of \$206,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$115,700) and section 27, Public Information (\$90,700), as a charge against the contingency fund for the biennium 2010-2011. It should be noted this amount already reflects absorption of additional resource requirements of \$116,100 under section 2 (\$66,000), section 23 (\$32,600), section 27 (\$4,500) and section 28D (\$13,000) has also been proposed.

14. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.60 (as orally revised), a total additional resources in the amount of \$206,400 would be required for the biennium 2010-2011, comprising \$115,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management and \$90,700 under section 27, Public Information. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, those provisions would represent a charge against the contingency fund.