

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A-ES-10/L.20

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Statement of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. Additional estimated requirements under the programme budget for 2006-2007 for the establishment of the Register of Damage amount to some \$3.1 million. The Committee was informed that these cost estimates reflect the application of a 50 per cent vacancy factor for 2007 and that the estimated annual requirements at full cost are currently estimated at some \$3.9 million.
2. The Advisory Committee requested additional information as outlined in paragraph 5 of its report A/61/614. Since this information could not be provided to the Committee in time for the issuance of its report, it requested that it be provided to the Fifth Committee at the time of its consideration of the statement of the Secretary-General.
3. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee report to the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution an additional appropriation of up to \$3,098,700 would be required for the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, including \$2,812,000 under section 3, Political affairs, and \$286,700 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by the same amount under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment.