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**Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

**Proposed programme budget for 2024**

## **Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa**

**Programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.3/78/L.55](#)**

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

### **I. Mandate contained in the draft resolution**

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 6 and 11 of draft resolution [A/C.3/78/L.55](#), the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa to enhance its work, within its mandate, in order to effectively assist all countries in Central Africa in promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights and addressing inequalities, bearing in mind that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated;

(b) Request the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to strengthen the capacity of the Centre, including through human resources from within the subregion, and to enhance support for the Centre so as to enable it to achieve greater results on the ground in terms of strengthening national human rights systems and moving more rapidly towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Central Africa.



## II. Relationship between the mandate contained in the draft resolution and the proposed programme budget for 2024

2. The mandate contained in draft resolution [A/C.3/78/L.55](#) requires additional deliverables and activities under programme 20, Human rights ([A/78/6 \(Sect. 24\)](#)), of the proposed programme budget for 2024 and from 2025 onwards.

## III. Deliverables and activities required to implement the mandate contained in the draft resolution

3. Pursuant to the mandate contained in operative paragraphs 6 and 11 of the draft resolution, it is the Secretariat's understanding that the draft resolution should be interpreted as a request to increase the substantive assistance provided by the Centre to countries in the subregion.

## IV. Budgetary implications

### Non-conference-servicing requirements

4. Details of the additional non-conference-servicing requirements are provided in table 1.

Table 1

#### Additional resource requirements for non-conference services

(United States dollars)

	2024	2025	2024–2025
<b>Section 24, Human rights</b>			
Posts			
1 upward reclassification to D-1 of a P-5 post to act as Regional Representative and coordinate the development of the vision and strategic direction for the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the region	21 800	21 800	43 600
1 upward reclassification to P-5 of a P-4 post to act as Deputy Regional Representative and assist the Regional Representative	22 600	22 600	45 200
1 new post (P-4) (Human Rights Officer) to act as Head of the Democracy Unit	105 400	186 700	292 100
1 new post (P-4) (Human Rights Officer) to act as Head of the Prevention, Early Warning and Rapid Response Unit	105 400	186 700	292 100
1 new post (P-4) (Human Rights Officer) to act as Sustainable Development Specialist	105 400	186 700	292 100
1 new post (P-3) (Human Rights Officer) to work in the Democracy Unit to support the development and implementation of programmes and strategies	91 100	161 400	252 500
1 new post (P-3) (Human Rights Officer) to act as analyst within the Emergency Response Team	91 100	161 400	252 500
1 new post (P-3) (Public Information Officer) to head the Public Relations, Communications and Advocacy Unit	91 100	161 400	252 500
1 new post (NO-B) (National Human Rights Officer) to conduct daily substantive research using a variety of sources	38 800	71 200	110 000

	2024	2025	2024–2025
1 new post (NO-B) (National Human Rights Officer) to conduct research and collect information for the Democracy Unit	38 800	71 200	110 000
1 new post (NO-B) (National Administrative and Finance Officer) to provide administrative and finance expertise	38 800	71 200	110 000
1 new post (GS (OL)) (Administrative and Finance Assistant) to assist the National Administrative and Finance Officer	18 800	34 500	53 300
1 new post (GS (OL)) (Driver) to transport staff to meetings and missions	18 800	34 500	53 300
Travel of staff	178 800	178 800	357 600
Contractual services	82 000	82 000	164 000
General operating expenditures	263 100	263 100	526 200
Supplies and materials	81 400	50 400	131 800
Furniture and equipment	394 900	55 000	449 900
Grants and contributions	327 200	327 200	654 400
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 115 300</b>	<b>2 327 800</b>	<b>4 443 100</b>

*Abbreviation:* GS (OL), General Service (Other level).

5. An additional amount of \$115,600 would be required in 2024 under section 36, Staff assessment.

6. The requirements for 2025, in the amount of \$2,327,800, would be requested under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for 2025.

## V. Summary of resource requirements

7. The budgetary implications for 2024 amount to \$2,230,900, as shown in table 2.

Table 2  
**Additional resource requirements (before recosting)**  
 (United States dollars)

	2024	2025	2024–2025
Section 24, Human rights	2 115 300	2 327 800	4 443 100
Section 36, Staff assessment	115 600	197 700	313 300
<b>Total, including staff assessment</b>	<b>2 230 900</b>	<b>2 525 500</b>	<b>4 756 400</b>

## VI. Potential for absorption during 2024

8. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2024 for the implementation of the mandate contained in the draft resolution. At this stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant section of the proposed programme budget for 2024 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during 2024. It is therefore necessary that the additional resources be provided through an additional appropriation for 2024.

## VII. Conclusion

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution [A/C.3/78/L.55](#), additional resource requirements in the amount of \$2,115,300 would arise under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for 2024.
  10. The amount of \$2,115,300 would require an additional appropriation for 2024 to be approved by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a potential charge against the contingency fund.
  11. The General Assembly would also be requested to approve the establishment of 11 posts (3 P-4, 3 P-3, 3 National Professional Officer and 2 General Service (Other level)) and the upward reclassification of 2 posts (1 D-1 and 1 P-5), effective 1 January 2024.
  12. Additional resource requirements in the amount of \$115,600 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for 2024 and would require an additional appropriation by the General Assembly, to be offset by an equivalent increase of \$115,600 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.
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