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## Sixtieth session

Agenda items 124 and 71 (b)

### Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

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

## **Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities**

### **Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.28, as revised**

### **Twenty-eighth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/60/L.28, as revised (A/C.5/60/21), on the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities.

2. As indicated in paragraph 2 (a) of the Secretary-General's statement, under the terms of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the Ad Hoc Committee should hold, within existing resources, prior to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, two sessions in 2006, one of 15 working days, from 16 January to 3 February, in order to achieve a complete reading of the draft text of a convention prepared by the Chairman of the Committee, and one of 10 working days, from 7 to 18 August.

3. The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General indicates that the 15 working days for the seventh session called for in the draft resolution would require an additional week of meetings for the seventh session of the Committee

over the estimates included in the draft calendar of conferences and meetings, giving rise to an estimated additional provision of \$118,400 over the proposed programme budget for conference-servicing costs, including \$111,400 for section 2 and \$7,000 for section 28D. The Secretary-General further indicates that it is not possible at this stage to determine the capacity to absorb these additional costs, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.

**4. The estimate of \$7,000 under section 28D should be absorbed consistent with the terms of the draft resolution.**

5. The Advisory Committee understands that the Secretariat intends to report on the degree to which additional conference-servicing requirements can be absorbed in the context of the consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates to be submitted very shortly. **Under the circumstances, the Committee recommends that conference-servicing requirements be considered in the context of the review of the consolidated statement provided for in the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211 regarding the use and operation of the contingency fund.**

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