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SUBJECT: **Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from draft
decision to request the Secretary-General to strengthen the role
of the ECE secretariat in supporting member States in building
resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management
systems**

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be read and distributed prior to adoption of the draft decision to request the Secretary-General to strengthen the role of the ECE secretariat in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems.

cc: Mr. Ramanathan
Mr. Sylver

Oral Statement by the Secretariat in connection with the draft decision to request the Secretary-General to strengthen the role of the ECE secretariat in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems

1. This statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the Rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

A. Request contained in the draft resolution

2. Under operative paragraph 1 of the draft decision xx(70), the Economic Commission for Europe would:

(a) Decide to request the Secretary-General to strengthen the ECE secretariat's role in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems.

B. Relationship of the request to the proposed programme budget

3. The request contained in the draft decision xx(70) on strengthening the ECE secretariat's role in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems falls under the overall programme of work of ECE. In particular, the request is relevant to subprogramme 5 Sustainable energy.

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

4. The background to the request is set out in the preambular paragraphs of the draft decision xx(70). Relevant mandates include the decision of the Committee on Sustainable Energy contained in the report on its thirty-first session (ECE/ENERGY/143).
5. The activities by which the request would be implemented are the following:
 - a. Provide policy and technical guidance to member States for building resilient energy systems in the ECE region, including sustainable management of natural resources such as critical raw materials (CRMs), the development of sustainable value chains of CRMs, and progress toward a more circular economy in realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement targets;
 - b. Promote political awareness on the importance of building resilient energy systems and implementing modern sustainable resource management practices that ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7) and that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the carbon footprint of the energy system in the ECE region in order to stimulate urgent action thereon by ECE member States;
 - c. Strengthen technical capacity of member States on the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) and the United Nations Resource Management System (UNRMS) as key tools for attaining the 2030 Agenda, in particular SDGs 7, 12 and 13;

- d. Support building evidence and knowledge exchange on building resilient energy systems and implementing UNFC and the UNRMS;
- e. Develop concrete tools and guidance for member States to support implementation of UNFC and UNRMS for social, environmental, governance and economic performance improvements in natural resource management;
- f. Develop and deploy tools and mechanisms that help member States enhance the resilience of energy systems in the ECE region.

D. Financial implications of the request

6. The implementation of the request in the draft decision would have additional cost implications for the proposed programme budget of the United Nations for 2024. These requirements amount to \$257,200, of which \$233,900 are recurrent and \$23,300 are non-recurrent, and comprise:

Recurrent requirements:

- a. Additional resources for the post of Economic Affairs Officer at the P-4 level, in the amount of \$205,500; travel of staff in the amount of \$20,000; and office and IT supplies in the amount of \$5,000, to be funded under Sect. 20: Economic development in Europe of the programme budget.
- b. Additional resources, in the amount of \$3,400 for utilities and maintenance, to be funded under section 29E: Administration, Geneva of the programme budget.

Non-recurrent requirements:

- a. Additional resources, in the amount of \$1,900 for acquisition of office automation equipment to be funded under Sect. 20: Economic development in Europe of the programme budget.
- b. Additional resources, in the amount of \$21,400 for alteration of premises (\$12,500) and furniture (\$8,900) to be funded under section 29E: Administration, Geneva of the programme budget.

E. Summary

7. Should the Commission approve the draft decision, the Economic and Social Council would be requested to endorse the decision, after which additional programme budget appropriations for the year 2024, amounting to \$233,900 (recurrent) and \$23,300 (non-recurrent) would be requested in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of ECOSOC adopted during its 2023 session.
8. An additional amount of \$23,900 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, and would also be requested in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of ECOSOC adopted during its 2023 session to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.
