

**Oral Statement by the Secretariat in connection with
E/2023/15/Add.1, Section IB, draft resolution III on
Economic Commission for Europe decision I(70): *"Request
to strengthen the role of the secretariat of the
Economic Commission of Europe in supporting member
States in building resilient energy systems and
modernizing resource management systems"***

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

2. This Oral Statement is distributed in connection with E/2023/15/Add.1, Section IB, draft resolution III, which requests the Economic and Social Council to endorse decision I(70) of the Economic Commission for Europe and accordingly 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.

3. Detailed cost estimates, and their underlying assumptions for the requirements, are provided in the annex to this statement.

4. Should the Economic and Social Council approve draft resolution III, additional programme budget appropriations for the year 2024, amounting to \$250,400 (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. An additional amount of \$25,500 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. The recurrent resource requirements would be requested annually from 2025 in the context of the respective proposed programme budget.

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Annex

1. Under the terms of draft resolution III, ECOSOC would endorse decision I (70) of the Economic Commission for Europe and accordingly 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.
2. The background to the request and relevant mandates are set out in resolution I (70) of the Economic Commission for Europe, which is annexed to draft resolution III, in report E/2023/15/Add.1, Section IB. In particular, in Operating Paragraph 5 of resolution I (70), the Economic Commission for Europe *decided 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.*
3. 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; and
 - f) Develop and deploy tools and mechanisms that help member States enhance the resilience of energy systems in the ECE region .

4. Accordingly, in order to implement the mandate contained in draft resolution III, additional regular budget resources of \$273,700 would be required, starting in 2024 as follows:

- a) Recurrent costs of \$250,400 would provide for:
 - An Economic Affairs Officer at the P-4 (\$222,000) under section 20: ECE
 - Travel of staff (\$20,000) under section 20: ECE
 - Office and IT supplies (\$5,000) under section 20: ECE
 - Maintenance and utilities (\$3,400) under section 29E: Administration, Geneva.

- b) Non-recurrent costs of \$23,300 would provide for:
 - Acquisition of office automation equipment (\$1,900) under section 20: ECE
 - Alteration of premises (\$12,500) under section 29E: Administration, Geneva
 - Furniture (\$8,900) under section 29E: Administration, Geneva.

5. An additional amount estimated at \$25,500 would arise under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

6. Total resource requirements by budget section are presented in the table below:

Section 20, Economic Development in Europe	
Posts	\$222,000
Travel of Staff	\$20,000
Office/IT supplies	\$5,000
Acquisition of office equipment(<i>non-recurrent</i>)	\$1,900
Subtotal, Section 20	\$248,900
Section 29E, Administration Geneva	
Maintenance and utilities	\$3,400
Alteration of premises (<i>non-recurrent</i>)	\$12,500
Furniture (<i>non-recurrent</i>)	\$8,900
Subtotal, Section 29E	\$24,800
TOTAL SECTIONS 20 AND 29E	\$273,700
Section 36, Staff assessment	
Staff Assessment	\$25,500

Subtotal, Section 36	\$25,500
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Total costs	\$299,200
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