



SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW

UNITAR workshop

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From submission to action on a proposal

Below the process for the General Assembly plenary. Minor variation from body to body

1. Submission of proposal

- Submit proposal via e-mail to GAAB
- Indicate original proponents of proposal

6. Meeting on proposal

- Will your delegation introduce?
- Votes? Amendments? Motions?
- Briefing by Ms. Tomoko Iwata (OLA)

5. Review of PBI

Upon submission, proposal is sent to PPBD for review of programme budget implications

2. Co-sponsorship of proposal

- Submit your proposal on e-delegate
- Open your proposal for e-Sponsorship
- Holy See and the State of Palestine

3. Editing of proposal

After submission, the assigned editor will reach out with suggestions on the language.

4. Scheduling of meeting

Upon submission, Secretariat will consult OPGA and suggest a consideration date



1. Submission of a proposal

Proposals can be submitted via email. No hard copies or signatures are needed

Takeaways

- Written notice required five working days before consideration
- Takes into account Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure of the GA
- Consider the “base text”. If no “base text” is available, an agenda item is needed.

Submission guidelines

https://www.un.org/en/ga/pdf/guidelines_submit_draft_proposals.pdf

Rule 78

Proposals and amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General, who shall circulate copies to the delegations. As a general rule, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote at any meeting of the General Assembly unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations not later than the day preceding the meeting. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, or of motions as to procedure, even though such amendments and motions have not been circulated or have only been circulated the same day.



2. Co-sponsorship of a proposal

Proposals can be opened for co-sponsorship, both via e-deleGATE and during the meeting

Takeaways

- Not required.
- Two places sponsorship is reflected: the original proposal (the “L” document) and the addendum
- Two ways of expressing sponsorship: via e-delegate and in the room by pressing the microphone button
- Only Member States can co-sponsor, unless the delegation confirms the provisions of resolutions 52/250 or 58/314 apply.

Resolution 52/250

The State of Palestine has the “right to co-sponsor draft resolutions and decisions on Palestinian and Middle East issues.”

Resolution 58/314

The Holy See has the “the right to co-sponsor draft resolutions and decisions that make reference to the Holy See”.

Sponsorship guidelines

https://www.un.org/en/ga/pdf/e-sponsorship_initiating_ga_rev1.pdf

https://www.un.org/en/ga/pdf/e-sponsorship_cosponsor_ga_rev1.pdf



5. Review of programme budget implications

General Assembly adopts recommendations from the General Committee

GC recommendations adopted by the General Assembly

- Para 70 – Centrality of Rule 153
- Para 71 – Secretariat not in a position to offer (formal) advice until a proposal is (formally) submitted
- Para 73 – Minimum of 48 hours required to review PBI
- Para 81 – “within existing resources” does not rule out PBI

General Committee recommendations

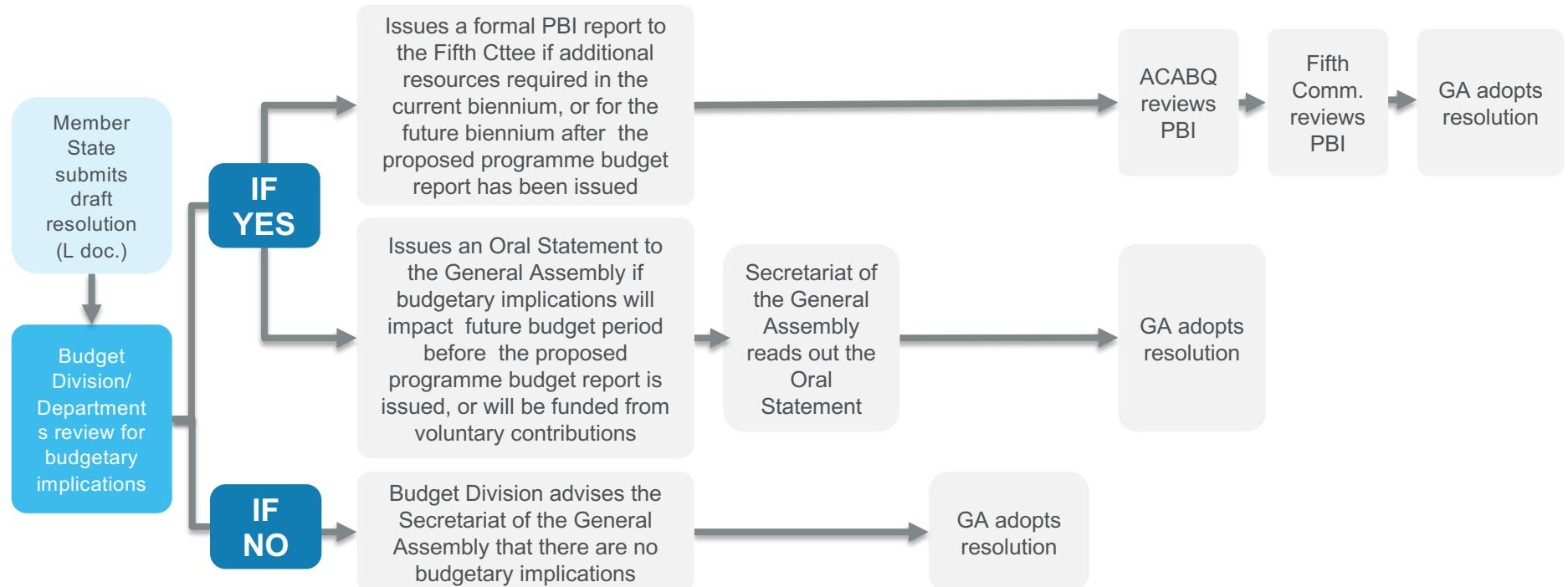
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Rule 153

No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations.

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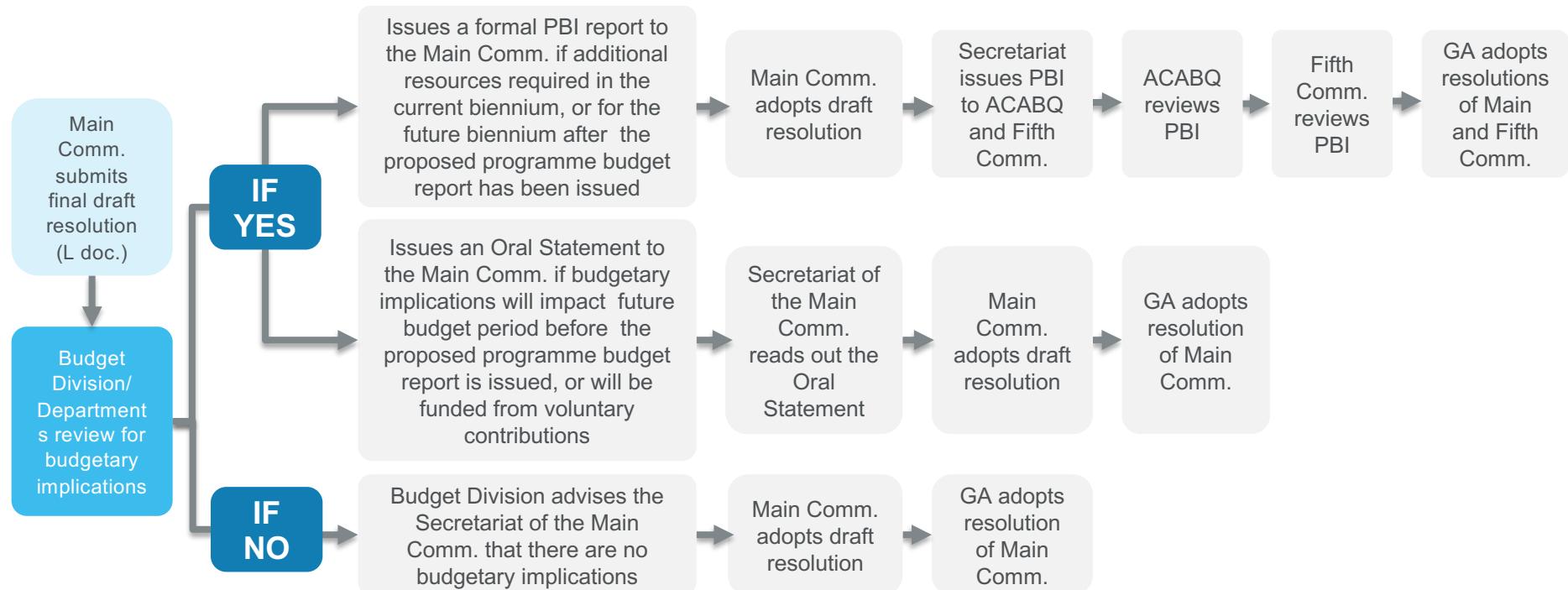
Handling of programme budget implications in the General Assembly plenary





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Handling of programme budget implications in the Main Committees





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Language with or without PBI “potential” and the related regulatory framework

Examples of language that might trigger PBI

- Requests the SG to submit a (new) report...
- Requests the SG to establish a dedicated (new) capacity to support...
- Requests the SG to carry out xxx (new) activity...
- Requests the SG to expand/increase the scope/scale of an activity or strengthen the Secretariat's role...
- Decides to convene an open-ended working group/conference/meeting...
- “Within existing resources” does not preclude budgetary implications.

Examples of language that might not trigger a PBI

- Requests the SG to: continue to report...; maintain the capacity to support...; make efforts to carry out new activities; explore options to...;
- Calls upon the SG to ...;
- Invites ...; encourages ...;

Regulatory framework

- GA Rules of procedure, rules 153 and 154
- GA resolutions 45/248 B section VI, 69/321 (para.25), 69/262 (Sect. XII, para.5) and 70/247(paras. 1-5)
- GA decision 34/401 (paras. 12 and13)
- Financial Regulations and Rules (ST/SGB/2013/4 and Amend 1), regulations 2.10 and 2.11, and rule 102.6
- Programme planning Regulations and Rules (ST/SGB/2018/3), regulation 5.9 and rule 105.8



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Once the PBI review is completed, an oral statement might be issued

Example of an oral statement

The activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1[,] and programme 24[,] and to section 2[,] and section 28[.]

Pursuant to the request contained in the first operative paragraph, the fourth session of the conference in New York in 2022 would consist of 20 meetings (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) in 10 days, with interpretation in all six official languages of the United Nations, constituting an addition to the meetings workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2022. [...]

Pursuant to the request in the second operative paragraph, services would be provided for three to four online meetings in 2021, each comprising of up to three hours, for which it is understood that interpretation services would not be required. Related requirements in the amount of \$595,800, were approved, under section 2 for the fourth session of the intergovernmental conference that had been requested to be convened from 16 to 27 August 2021. As at the date of this oral statement, the resource requirements for online discussions in 2021 are estimated at \$640 per meeting, for an estimated total of \$2,560[.]

Should the General Assembly adopt draft decision A/75/L.96, the Secretariat would present a revised estimates report to the main part of the 76th session of the General Assembly detailing the additional requirements needed under the proposed programme budget for 2022.



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If the budget report has been issued, a report with PBI or revised estimates follows

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- ... then a new written report is required: PBI or revised estimates report.
- This report includes the same elements as included in an oral statement but is discussed in ACABQ and Fifth Committee outside the overall budget discussion.
- The PBI or revised estimates report can be limited to a single budget period or include multiple budget periods.

Examples of PBIs

- A/C.5/75/18 – single budget period
- A/C.5/75/13 – multiple budget periods

Examples of revised estimates

- A/75/608
- A/75/588 and A/75/588/Add.1 and Add.2



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