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**Agenda item 134**  
**Programme Budget for the biennium 2014-2015**

**Programme budget implications statement, resulting from General Assembly's resolution  
A/68/L.37 on Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty  
body system  
(A/68/779)**

**FIFTH COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished delegates,

1. The ten current treaty bodies established under the international human rights conventions constitute a fundamental pillar of the international human rights protection system. The treaty body system has faced significant growth since the establishment of the first treaty body in 1969, due to the adoption of new human rights treaties and a sharp increase in States parties to these treaties.

2. On 13 February 2012, the General Assembly launched the intergovernmental process on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, and it was extended to 2015. The process was initiated by the Secretary-General's report on Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee before consideration for adoption of the draft resolution by the General Assembly.

Mr Chairman,

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5. For 2016-2017, the proposed programme budget would include additional requirements representing a net increase of \$1,293,700 compared with the currently approved level of resources in the programme budget for 2014-2015, and would include \$19,574,400 under section 24, Human rights; \$661,600 under section 28, Public information; and \$393,300 under section 29F, Administration, Geneva; mostly off-set by a decrease of \$19,335,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management.

6. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.