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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

**Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015
under section 22, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, and section
33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished delegates,

I am pleased to introduce the Secretary-General's report on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 under section 22, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, and section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance.

The report describes proposed mitigation measures to strengthen the safety and security of United Nations staff at the Economic and Social

Since 2005, when the security situation in Lebanon started to deteriorate, ESCWA, in collaboration with the Department of Safety and Security, has implemented a series of measures that included installing: T-walls, crash barriers and a state-of-the-art perimeter access control system. Recently, the security situation witnessed further deterioration, evidenced by the recent and sustained series of targeted explosions th