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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019: Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (RSCSL) (A/72/384)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Madame Chair,

Despite the efforts of the Secretary-General, the Government of Sierra Leone, and key donors of the Court, including the Member States of the Oversight Committee, and the intense fundraising efforts made by the Principals of the Court, there are no adequate voluntary resources and, at this stage, there are no prospects for additional voluntary contributions.

Given the lack of adequate and sustained voluntary contributions for the Court to fulfil its mandate, the Secretary-General requests the General Assembly to approve a subvention in the amount of \$5,931,800 to fund the activities of the Residual Special Court for the biennium 2018-2019.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item. Thank you.