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the finalization of the proposed budget of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the biennium 2018-2019 and the recommendations of the Pension Board thereon, an estimated provision of \$14.5 million (after recosting) was included as the regular budget portion under section 1, of the proposed programme budget, with \$7.8 million being the portion of funds and programmes.

4. Due to the proposed increase of the budget of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund to \$22.9 million compared to the \$22.3 million used during the preparation of the 2018-2019 proposed programme budget, the regular budget share amounts to \$14.6 million, and which reflects an increase of \$51,700 from the initial provision of \$14.5 million.

5. Accordingly, should the General Assembly approve the proposals and recommendations of the Pension Board, an additional appropriation of \$51,700 would be required under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019. That amount would represent a charge against the contingency fund.