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Agenda Item 138

Proposed programme budget for 2022

**Report on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the
Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) (A/76/331)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Statement by

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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) (A/76/331). The report outlines the substantive progress and results achieved by the ECCC under each of the judicial cases, and provides an update on the establishment of the legal framework for the completion of the work and residual functions of the ECCC. The report also underlines the continuing financial challenges faced by the ECCC in 2021 and presents the 2022 requirements for both the national and international components of the ECCC.

2. Despite the ongoing fundraising efforts undertaken by the United Nations Secretariat, the declining trend of voluntary contributions continues in 2021 and is further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The ECCC has continued to implement measures to address the funding shortfall, while maintaining its most critical functions, in an effort to avoid any impact on the judicial proceedings. These measures include the freezing of recruitment against vacant posts, unless hiring is absolutely necessary for the uninterrupted

