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Programme budget for 2022:

**Report on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the
Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (A/76/329)**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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*Mr. Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,*

I have the honour to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone under this agenda item contained in A/76/329, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/253A.

The report addresses the use of the commitment authority and the activities of the Court in 2021, the current financial situation and efficiency measures taken by the Court, and contains the request for a subvention in 2022 to enable the Court to continue to carry out its mandate.

The funding situation of the Residual Special Court remains a matter of serious concern for the United Nations, the Government of Sierra Leone, the principals of the Court, and the Oversight Committee. Section VI of the report provides detailed information on the fundraising efforts that have been and continue to be undertaken to seek voluntary funding. A contribution in the amount of \$30,000 has been received for 2022, which falls short of the total requirements of \$2,949,300 for 2022.

In light of the foregoing, the report contains a request by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly to approve a subvention for 2022 in the amount of \$2,919,300, as a temporary measure to address the current financial situation, while he would continue to seek additional voluntary contributions for the Court.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates, I look forward to the discussions on this item and my team and I are ready to support the Committee during its review.

Thank you.