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TO: Ms. Hui Lu
A: Secretary of the Human Rights Council

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FROM: Mr. Christophe Monier, Director
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SUBJECT: **Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from draft
OBJET: resolution A/HRC/61/L.28, as orally revised of the Human Rights
Council**

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be read and distributed prior to adoption of draft resolution A/HRC/61/L.28, as orally revised, entitled "Promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/HRC/61/L.28, as orally revised ENTITLED "Promotion and
protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
for Sustainable Development".

1. This statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the Rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.28, as orally revised**, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to organize two full-day intersessional meetings for dialogue and cooperation on human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which will provide a space for States, relevant United Nations and regional human rights mechanisms, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, national human rights institutions, local and regional governments, and civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders, to voluntarily share good practices, achievements, challenges and lessons learned concerning integrated and gender responsive approaches in the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda with particular attention to those who are marginalized or in vulnerable situations, in line with the principle of leaving no one behind (OP. 1);

(b) Also decide that the intersessional meetings should be held in advance of the 2027 and 2029 meetings of the high-level political forum, and that the focus of each of the intersessional meetings will be informed by the themes of the 2027 and 2029 meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (OP. 2);

(c) Request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the two intersessional meetings in consultation with Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international human rights mechanisms, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations, local and regional governments, and other relevant stakeholders, and to facilitate their participation in the meetings, as appropriate (OP. 3);

(d) Also request the High Commissioner to provide, for the above-mentioned full-day intersessional meetings, all the services and facilities necessary to make the discussions fully accessible to

persons with disabilities, and to provide webcasting services for the meetings (OP. 4);

(e) Request the President of the Human Rights Council to appoint for each meeting, on the basis of regional rotation, and in consultation with regional groups, a chair for the meeting from candidates nominated by members and observers of the Council, who, together with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, shall be responsible for the preparation of summary reports of the discussions of the meetings, to be made available to all their participants, and for presenting them to the Council at its sixty-fifth and seventy-first sessions, respectively (OP. 5);

(f) Request the Office of the High Commissioner to increase its support, technical assistance and capacity-building for States, upon their request, to implement approaches that integrate the promotion and protection of human rights and the realization of the 2030 Agenda, taking into account a gender-responsive approach, including by working with national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up, in order to facilitate information and data collection for tracking the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as with United Nations country teams, national human rights institutions and other relevant stakeholders, as well as with United Nations country teams, and request the Secretary-General to further strengthen the dedicated capacity of the Office at the regional level to provide such increased support (OP. 6);

(g) Decide that the summary reports of the discussions of the intersessional meetings should be made available to the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals Summit, where applicable (OP. 7);

Meetings / Reports / Miscellaneous

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required in 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029:

4. Under Section 24, Human Rights:

(a) General Temporary Assistance:

- One Human Rights Officer (P-4), based in Geneva, for six months (2 months in 2026 and 4 months in 2027) to plan

and organise the first full-day intersessional meeting to be held early 2027; and additional six months (3 months in 2028 and 3 months in 2029) to plan and organise the second full-day intersessional meeting to be held early 2029, and to elaborate the two corresponding summary reports of the discussions of these two meetings, to be presented to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-fifth, and seventy-first sessions, respectively (OP.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7);

- One Associate Programme Management Officer (P-2), based in Geneva, for three months to assist each full-day intersessional meeting (1 month in 2026 and 2 months in 2027 for the first meeting; 2 months in 2028 and 1 month in 2029 for the second meeting) with the administrative, financial and logistical preparation of the intersessional workshop, including travel of participants, budget and programme requirements (OP.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7);

(b) Travel of Representatives:

- 1 trip in each of 2027 and 2029 by 3 Mandate Holders/High-level Experts to Geneva, to attend each of the two one full-day intersessional meetings in 2027 and 2029 (OP.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7);

(c) Travel of staff:

- 1 trip in each of 2027 and 2029 by 2 staff to Geneva, to attend each of the two one full-day intersessional meetings in 2027 and 2029 (OP.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7);

(d) Grants and Contributions for:

- 1 trip of 1 day in each of 2027 and 2029 by 3 Participants to Geneva, to attend each of the two one full-day intersessional meetings in 2027 and 2029 (OP.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7).

5. Conference Services under: Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, Section 28, Global communications, Section 29E, Administration, Geneva, for:

- (a)** Interpretation services for meetings in 2027 and 2029;
- (b)** Documentation services in 2027 and 2029;
- (c)** Making the meetings specified accessible to persons with disabilities, which includes International Sign interpretation and live captioning in English, in 2027 and 2029;
- (d)** Webcasting services to the meetings specified in 2027 and 2029;

(e) Sound technician and audio recording services in 2027 and 2029.

6. The activities referred to above relate to **Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, Section 24, Human rights, Section 28, Global communications and Section 29E, Administration, Geneva** of the programme budget for the years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029.

7. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.28, as orally revised** with respect to the **Meetings / Reports / Miscellaneous** mandate, would give rise to total requirements as follows:

(United States Dollars)

<i>Budget section / Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Additional 2026 Non Recurrent</i>	<i>Additional 2027 Non Recurrent</i>	<i>Additional 2028 Non Recurrent</i>	<i>Additional 2029 Non Recurrent</i>	<i>Additional Total Non Recurrent</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management					
Simultaneous interpretation	-	13 400	-	13 400	26 800
Documentation	-	23 400	-	23 400	46 800
Accessibility services	-	13 400	-	13 400	26 800
Subtotal, Section 2	-	50 200	-	50 200	100 400
Section 24, Human rights					
Other staff costs (GTA)	62 300	124 600	101 300	85 600	373 800
Travel of representatives	-	19 400	-	19 400	38 800
Travel of staff	-	8 600	-	8 600	172 000
Grants and contributions	-	12 900	-	12 900	25 800
Subtotal, Section 24	62 300	165 500	101 300	126 500	455 600
Section 28, Global communications					
Webcasting Services	-	1 200	-	1 200	2 400
Subtotal, Section 28	-	1 200	-	1 200	2 400
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva					
Sound technician / recording services	-	1 000	-	1 000	2 000
Accessibility services	-	1 100	-	1 100	2 200
Subtotal, Section 29E	-	2 100	-	2 100	4 200
Total	62 300	219 000	101 300	180 000	562 600

8. As reflected in the table above, should the Council adopt draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.28, as orally revised** with respect to the **Meetings / Reports / Miscellaneous** mandate, requirements would arise as follows:

- a. Additional non-recurrent requirements of \$62,300 for 2026. The Secretariat would make all efforts to accommodate these requirements within the approved appropriation for 2026.
- b. Additional non-recurrent requirements of \$219,000 for 2027. These requirements, in accordance with established procedures, would be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, at its 81st session under the agenda item on proposed programme budget for 2027.
- c. Non-recurrent requirements of \$101,300, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2028.
- d. Non-recurrent requirements of \$180,000, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2029.

Technical Assistance / Technical Cooperation and Capacity-Building

9. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required in 2027 and onwards:

10. Under Section 24, Human Rights:

(a) Temporary Posts:

- Three Human Rights Officers (P-4), at the regional level (locations to be determined), for 12 months per year beginning in 2027, to work as Regional Sustainable Development and Human Rights Advisers to increase the support, technical assistance and capacity building, to Member States, upon their request, to implement approaches that integrate the promotion and protection of human rights and the realization of 2030 Agenda taking into account a gender-responsive approach, including by working with national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up, in order to facilitate information and data collection for tracking the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as with UN Country Teams, national human rights institutions and other relevant stakeholders, including travel to hold meetings, deliver trainings, provide technical assistance, capacity-building activities at country and regional level (OP.6);

(b) Consultants:

- Consultancies at C-level (P-4) for 9 months (3 months of consultancy for each Regional Sustainable Development and Human Rights Adviser) per year beginning in 2027, to provide specialized and technical expertise and produce

specialized research, studies and analysis on approaches that integrate the promotion and protection of human rights and the realization of 2030 Agenda(OP.6);

- 3 trips per year beginning in 2027 by 1 Consultant (1 travel per region of 1 day) to provide technical support and advisory services, in order to facilitate information and data collection for tracking the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and to facilitate exchange of best practices among countries(OP.6);

(c) Travel of staff:

- Travel of staff (five trips of three working days each, per year), in the regions, by each of the Regional Sustainable Development and Human Rights Advisers, to increase the support, technical assistance and capacity building, to implement approaches that integrate the promotion and protection of human rights and the realization of 2030 Agenda, including to support Member States, United Nations country teams, national human rights institutions and other relevant stakeholders, and organize and take part in missions, meetings and trainings in the regions (OP.6);

(d) Contractual services related to:

- Subscription to software licences per year beginning in 2027(OP.6);
- Interpretation and translation during two field missions, meetings or trainings, and for printing and public information (OP.6);

(e) General Operating Expenses:

- Rental and maintenance of premises, including office space and a meeting room; ICT services; other miscellaneous office expenses (OP.6);
- Operating other costs for rental services and equipment for meetings, seminars and trainings per year, per region (OP.6);
- Local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions (OP.6);

(f) Furniture and equipment:

- Acquisition of equipment (acquisition of office automation equipment (PCs, printers)), as well as maintenance costs from 2027 onwards (OP.6);

(g) Grants and Contributions for:

- 3 trips of 3 days per year beginning in 2027 by 6 Participants to meetings, seminars or events for regional exchanges on national approaches that integrate the promotion and protection of human rights and the realization of 2030 Agenda (OP.6).

11. The activities referred to above relate to **Section 24, Human rights** of the programme budget for the year 2027 and onwards.

12. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.28, as orally revised** with respect to the **Technical Assistance / Technical Cooperation and Capacity-Building** mandate, would give rise to total requirements as follows:

(United States Dollars)

<i>Budget section / Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Additional 2027 Recurrent</i>	<i>Additional 2028 Recurrent</i>	<i>Additional Total Recurrent</i>
Section 24, Human rights			
Posts	330 800	247 200	578 000
Consultants	117 000	-	117 000
Travel of staff	54 900	-	54 900
Contractual services	7 400	-	7 400
General Operating Expenses	64 500	-	64 500
Furniture and equipment	8 400	-	8 400
Grants and contributions	58 600	-	58 600
Subtotal, Section 24	641 600	247 200	888 800
Total	641 600	247 200	888 800

13. As reflected in the table above, should the Council adopt draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.28, as orally revised** with respect to the Technical Assistance / Technical Cooperation and Capacity-Building mandate, requirements would arise as follows:

- e. Additional requirements of \$641,600 for 2027. These requirements, in accordance with established procedures, would be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, at its 81st session under the agenda item on proposed programme budget for 2027.

f. Requirements of \$247,200, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2028.