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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: **Orals Statement of programme budget implications arising from**
OBJET: **draft resolution A/HRC/61/L.6/Rev.1 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.6/Rev.1, entitled "Mandate of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action".

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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/HRC/61/L.6/Rev.1 ENTITLED "Mandate of the
Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of
the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action".

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, 7 and 8 of draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.6/Rev.1**, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to renew the mandate of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action for a further period of three years (OP. 1);

(b) Also decide that the Chair of the Working Group may request that the annual session of the Working Group be split into two full one-week sessions (OP. 2);

(c) Further decide that the Chair of Working Group may call full-day informal intersessional consultations if needed to further enhance the elaboration of a draft United Nations declaration on the promotion of and full respect for the human rights of people of African descent (OP. 3);

(d) Decide that the Chair of the Working Group may devote at least half of its annual session to redoubling its efforts to elaborate a draft United Nations declaration on the promotion of and full respect for the human rights of people of African descent (OP. 4);

(e) Reiterate that, in accordance with Council decision 56/115 of 10 July 2024, all public meetings of the Working Group will be webcast on the UN Web TV (OP. 5);

(f) Request the Chair of the Working Group to submit an annual report on its sessions to the Human Rights Council (OP. 6);

(g) Request the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the Working Group with all the human resources, technical and financial assistance

necessary for the effective implementation of its mandate (OP. 7);

(h) Request the Chair of the Working Group to orally update and engage in an interactive dialogue with the General Assembly under the item entitled "Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" annually (OP. 8).

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required in 2026, 2027 and 2028:

4. Under Section 24, Human Rights:

(a) Travel of Representatives:

- Travel of the Chair of the Intergovernmental Working Group, 1 trip per year to New York, to update and engage in an interactive dialogue with the General Assembly (OP.8);
- 1 trip per year by 1 Mandate Holder to Geneva, to participate in the annual session of the Intergovernmental Working Group (OP.2);
- 1 trip per year by 1 Mandate Holder to Geneva, to participate in the second session of the Intergovernmental Working Group, since the Chair may decide to split into two one-week sessions (OP.2);

(b) Grants and Contributions for:

- 1 trip of 2 days per year by 4 Expert Panelists to Geneva, to participate in the annual session of the Intergovernmental Working Group (OP.2);
- 1 trip of 2 days per year by 4 Expert Panelists to Geneva, to participate in the second session of the Intergovernmental Working Group, since the Chair may decide to split into two one-week sessions (OP.2);

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 during the annual session(s);
- (b)** Interpretation services for the intersessional informal consultations;
- (c)** Documentation services for the annual report to the Human Rights Council;

- (d) Sound technician and audio recording services for annual sessions and intersessional informal consultations.

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 and 2028.

7. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.6/Rev.1** would give rise to total requirements as follows:

(United States Dollars)

<i>Budget section / Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Estimated amount included in the Budget (Annually)</i>	<i>Additional 2026 (non-recurrent)</i>	<i>Reduced requirements 2027 (recurrent)</i>	<i>Additional 2027 (non-recurrent)</i>	<i>Additional 2028 (non-Recurrent)</i>	<i>Additional Total Recurrent</i>	<i>Additional Total Non-Recurrent</i>	<i>Total requirements for the mandate period</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management								
Simultaneous interpretation	190 000	26 800	-	13 400	13 400	-	53 600	623 600
Documentation	57 000	(27 600)	(27 600)	-	-	(27 600)	(27 600)	115 800
Subtotal, Section 2	247 000	(800)	(27 600)	13 400	13 400	(27 600)	26 000	739 400
Section 24, Human rights								
Travel of representatives	17 500	-	-	-	-	-	-	52 500
Grants and contributions	28 600	-	-	-	-	-	-	85 800
Subtotal, Section 24	46 100	-	-	-	-	-	-	138 300
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva								
Sound technician / recording services	10 000	2 000	-	1 000	1 000	-	4 000	34 000
Subtotal, Section 29E	10 000	2 000	-	1 000	1 000	-	4 000	34 000
Total	303 100	1 200	(27 600)	14 400	14 400	(27 600)	30 000	911 700

8. As reflected in the table above, requirements would arise as follows:

- a. Annual requirements of \$303,100, which have already been included in the programme budget for 2026 and the proposed programme budget for 2027, owing to the perennial nature of the mandate.
- b. Additional non-recurrent requirements of \$1,200 for 2026. The Secretariat would make all efforts to accommodate these requirements within the approved appropriation for 2026.
- c. Net reduction in requirements of \$13,200 for 2027. These requirements, in accordance with established procedures, would be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, at its 81st session, in the context of the annual report of

the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council during 2026.

- d. Non-recurrent requirements of \$14,400, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2028.

9. With regard to operative paragraph 7, the attention of the Human Rights Council is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248B of 21 December 1990, and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 80/242 of 30 December 2025, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with the responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.