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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.10, 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.10, as orally revised, entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: mandate of the Special Rapporteur".

CC:

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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/61/L.10, AS ORALLY REVISED, ENTITLED "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: mandate of the Special Rapporteur".

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 and 4 of draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.10, as orally revised**, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment for a further period of three years:

(i) To seek, receive, examine and act on information from Governments, intergovernmental and civil society organizations, individuals and groups of individuals regarding issues and alleged cases concerning torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

(ii) To conduct country visits with the consent or at the invitation of Governments and to enhance further dialogue with them, and to follow up on recommendations made in reports after visits to their countries;

(iii) To study, in a comprehensive manner, trends, developments and challenges in relation to combating and preventing torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and to make recommendations and observations concerning appropriate measures to prevent and eradicate such practices;

(iv) To identify, exchange and promote best practices on measures to prevent, punish and eradicate torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

(v) To integrate a gender perspective and a victim- and survivor-centred approach throughout the work of his or her mandate;

(vi) To continue to cooperate with the Committee against Torture, the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and relevant United Nations mechanisms and bodies and, as appropriate, regional organizations and mechanisms, national human rights institutions, Indigenous Peoples, national preventive mechanisms and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and to contribute to the promotion of strengthened cooperation among the above-mentioned actors;

(vii) To report on all of his or her activities, observations, conclusions and recommendations to annually the Human Rights Council in accordance with its programme of work, and biennially on overall trends and developments with regard to his or her mandate to the General Assembly as of its eighty-second session, with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process (OP. 1);

(b) Request the Secretary-General to ensure, from within the overall budgetary framework of the United Nations, the provision of an adequate and stable level of staffing and the facilities and resources necessary for the Special Rapporteur, bearing in mind the strong support expressed by Member States for preventing and combating torture and assisting victims and survivors of torture (OP. 4).

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

**4. Under Section 24, Human Rights:**

**(a) Consultants:**

- One forensic consultant at B-level (P-3) to accompany the Special Rapporteur during the two country visits per year of 10 working days each (OP.1);

**(b) Travel of Representatives:**

- Three trips by the Special Rapporteur to Geneva, to report to the Council, to hold an annual consultation with States, OHCHR and relevant stakeholders and to attend the annual meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, independent experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures of the Council (OP.1);
- Two country visits per year of 10 working days (OP.1);
- One trip by the Special Rapporteur to New York, to report to the 82nd Session of the General Assembly (2027) (OP.1);

**(c) Travel of staff:**

- Travel of one staff to accompany the Special Rapporteur during the two country visits per year of 10 working days (OP.1);

**(d) General Operating Expenses**

- Local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions (OP.1).

5. Conference Services under: **Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for:**

- (a) Translation of annual reports and government replies to communications, and interpretation during field missions;
- (b) Documentation services in 2027.

6. The activities referred to above relate to **Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management and Section 24, Human rights** of the programme budget for the years 2026-2028.

7. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.10, as orally revised**, 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>Reduced requirements 2026 (non-recurrent)</i>	<i>Reduced requirements 2028 (non-recurrent)</i>	<i>Total requirements for the mandate period</i>
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>				
Simultaneous interpretation	52 200	-	-	156 600
Documentation	123 900	(29 400)	(29 400)	312 900
<b>Subtotal, Section 2</b>	<b>176 100</b>	<b>(29 400)</b>	<b>(29 400)</b>	<b>469 500</b>
<b>Section 24, Human rights*</b>				
Consultants	15 900	-	-	47 700
Travel of representatives	45 800	(8 000)	(8 000)	121 400
Travel of staff	5 800	-	-	17 400
General Operating Expenses	12 000	-	-	36 000
<b>Subtotal, Section 24*</b>	<b>79 500</b>	<b>(8 000)</b>	<b>(8 000)</b>	<b>222 500</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>255 600</b>	<b>(37 400)</b>	<b>(37 400)</b>	<b>692 000</b>

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

- a. Annual requirements of \$255,600, 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. Reduced non-recurrent requirements of \$37,400 for 2026 and 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

9. With regard to operative paragraph 4, 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.