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

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FROM: Mr. Christophe Monier, Director  
DE: Programme Planning and Budget Division, OPPFB

*Monier*

SUBJECT: **Orals Statement of programme budget implications arising from**  
OBJET: **draft resolution A/HRC/61/L.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.1, entitled "Cooperation with regional human rights organizations".

CC:

Mr. Ramanathan

Ms. Al-Chikh

Ms. Kruglikova

Ms. Alirzaeva

Ms. Taylor

Ms. Veaudour

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT  
RESOLUTION A/HRC/61/L.1 ENTITLED "Cooperation with regional human  
rights organizations".

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 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.1**, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Also welcome the holding of the annual meetings of focal points for cooperation between United Nations and regional human rights organizations, and take note with appreciation of their outcomes, and request that these meetings henceforth be held virtually, with one inperson meeting convened to coincide with the triennial workshop (OP. 5);

(b) Further welcome the dedicated fellowship programme for the staff members of regional human rights organizations to gain experience in the United Nations human rights system and to enhance capacity-building and cooperation among them, with due regard to equitable geographical representation and gender balance (OP. 6);

(c) Request the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide the resources necessary to enable the Office of the High Commissioner to support the above-mentioned activities appropriately, in particular the annual meetings of the regional organizations' focal points for cooperation and the dedicated fellowship programme (OP. 7);

(d) Request the High Commissioner to hold in 2028 a workshop on regional and subregional human rights organizations to take stock of developments since the workshop held in 2025, including a thematic discussion on the role of regional organizations in promoting the realization of human rights and preventing and addressing human rights violations and abuses in the digital space, based on concrete and practical experience of regional organizations working in the field of human rights, in order to share information on best practices, lessons learned and possible new forms of cooperation, with the participation of relevant experts from international, regional, subregional and interregional human rights organizations, as well as Member States, observers, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations (OP. 8);

(e) Also request the High Commissioner to present to the Human Rights Council, at its seventieth session, a report containing a summary of the discussions held at the above-mentioned workshop and the progress made towards the implementation of the present resolution (OP. 9);

#### **Meetings / Reports / Miscellaneous**

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required in 2028 and 2029:

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

##### **(a) Consultants:**

- One consultant at B-level (P-3) for 7 months in 2028, (June-December) to organize the workshop on regional human rights organizations and write the report containing a summary of the discussions held at the above-mentioned workshop and the progress made towards the implementation of the present resolution;

##### **(b) Grants and Contributions for:**

- Travel and DSA for a total of 42 participants to attend the workshop on regional arrangements in Geneva for 2 working days, including:
  - "A status" National Human Rights Institutions: 7 participants from Africa, Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific regions;
  - Non/government Organizations: 7 participants from Africa, Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific regions;
  - UN and Regional Human Rights Mechanisms Experts: 15 participants from the regional and sub-regional human rights mechanisms in Africa (the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, the African Court on Human Rights, the African Committee on the Rights and welfare of the Child, the ECOWAS Court of Justice and the East Africa Court of Justice), the regional human rights mechanisms in the Americas (the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Caribbean Court of Justice); the regional human rights mechanisms in Europe (the Council of Europe Human Rights and Legal Affairs Department, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and

- Human Rights); the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and the ASEAN Commission on Women and Children; the League of Arab States' human rights body (Arab Human Rights Committee), the Arab Charter Committee on Human Rights, and the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission, as well as UN experts including the Human Rights Council's special rapporteurs and members of the human rights treaty bodies;
- o Secretariats of Regional Human Rights Mechanisms: 4 participants;
  - o Regional focal points for cooperation: 9 participants.

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

- (a) Interpretation services for meetings in 2028;
- (b) Documentation services in 2029;
- (c) Sound technician and audio recording services in 2028;

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 and Section 29E, Administration, Geneva** of the programme budget for the years 2028 and 2029.

7. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.1** 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 non-recurrent requirements for 2028</i> | <i>Additional non-recurrent requirements for 2029</i> | <i>Total non-recurrent requirements</i> |
|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b> |   |   |   |
| Simultaneous interpretation  | 26 800  | -   | 26 800                                  |
| Documentation  | -   | 23 400  | 23 400                                  |
| <b>Subtotal, Section 2</b>   | <b>26 800</b>   | <b>23 400</b>   | <b>50 200</b>                           |
| <b>Section 24, Human rights</b>  |   |   |   |
| Consultants  | 52 400  | -   | 52 400                                  |
| Grants and contributions   | 200 100   | -   | 200 100                                 |
| <b>Subtotal, Section 24</b>  | <b>252 500</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>252 500</b>                          |
| <b>Section 29E, Administration Geneva</b>  |   |   |   |

|                                       |                |               |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sound technician / recording services | 2 000          | -             | 2 000          |
| <b>Subtotal, Section 29E</b>          | <b>2 000</b>   | <b>-</b>      | <b>2 000</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>281 300</b> | <b>23 400</b> | <b>304 700</b> |

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

- a. Additional non-recurrent requirements of \$281,300, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2028.
- b. Additional non-recurrent requirements of \$23,400, 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 paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required in 2026, 2027 and 2028:

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

**(a) Grants and Contributions for:**

- Stipends and travel for the fellows for 2 months each per year to participate in the fellowship programme for regional human rights mechanisms;
- **Reduction** to annual meetings of the five Regional Focal Points for Cooperation: meetings to be held virtually in 2026 and 2027, with one in-person meeting aligned with the triennial workshop in 2028;

11. Conference Services under: **Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, Section 29E, Administration, Geneva, for:**

- (a)** Interpretation services for meeting in 2028;
- (b)** Sound technician and audio recording services in 2028;

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

13. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.1** 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>Included in the Budget (Annually)</i> | <i>Reduced requirements 2026</i> | <i>Reduced requirements for 2027</i> | <i>Additional non-recurrent requirements for 2028</i> | <i>Total for the mandate period</i> | <i>Total non-recurrent requirements</i> |
|--|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b> |  |                                  |                                      |   |                                     |   |
| Simultaneous interpretation  | -  | -                                | -                                    | 13 400  | -                                   | 13 400                                  |
| <b>Subtotal, Section 2</b>   | -  | -                                | -                                    | <b>13 400</b>   | -                                   | <b>13 400</b>                           |
| <b>Section 24, Human rights</b>  |  |                                  |                                      |   |                                     |   |
| Grants and contributions   | 46 900                                   | (20 900)                         | (20 900)                             | -   | 98 900                              | (41 800)                                |
| <b>Subtotal, Section 24</b>  | <b>46 900</b>                            | <b>(20 900)</b>                  | <b>(20 900)</b>                      | -   | <b>98 900</b>                       | <b>(41 800)</b>                         |
| <b>Section 29E, Administration Geneva</b>  |  |                                  |                                      |   |                                     |   |
| Sound technician / recording services  | -  | -                                | -                                    | 1 000   | -                                   | 1 000                                   |
| <b>Subtotal, Section 29E</b>   | -  | -                                | -                                    | <b>1 000</b>  | -                                   | <b>1 000</b>                            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>46 900</b>                            | <b>(20 900)</b>                  | <b>(20 900)</b>                      | <b>14 400</b>   | <b>98 900</b>                       | <b>(27 400)</b>                         |

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

- a. Annual requirements of \$46,900, 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 \$20,900 for 2026 and 2027, reflecting the replacement of in-person meetings with virtual meetings. 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 report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council during 2026.
- c. Additional non-recurrent requirements of \$14,400, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2028.