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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.20/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.20/Rev.1, entitled "Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues".

CC:

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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/HRC/61/L.20/Rev.1 ENTITLED "Rights of persons belonging
to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities: mandate
of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues".

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 7, 14, and 17 of draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.20/Rev.1**, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Encourage the Office of the High Commissioner, within existing mandate and available resources, to continue to provide, upon the request of States, expertise and technical support for the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities to relevant stakeholders, with the aim of ensuring the full enjoyment of the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities (OP. 7);

(b) Decide to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on minority issues for a period of three years under the same terms as provided for by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 25/5 of 27 March 2014 (OP. 14);

(c) Request the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all the human, technical and financial assistance necessary for the effective fulfilment of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur (OP. 17).

Special Rapporteur (SR)

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraphs 14 and 17 of the draft resolution, the activities and resources required, have been already included in the budget due to renewable nature of the mandate.

Meetings / Reports / Miscellaneous

4. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required from 2026 onwards:

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

(a) Reduction of Documentation services.

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

7. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.20/Rev.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>Included in the Budget (Annually)</i>	<i>Reduced requirements 2026 Non-Recurrent</i>	<i>Reduced requirements 2027 Recurrent</i>	<i>Total Non- Recurrent</i>	<i>Total Recurrent</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management					
Documentation	23 400	(23 400)	(23 400)	(23 400)	(23 400)
Subtotal, Section 2	23 400	(23 400)	(23 400)	(23 400)	(23 400)
Total	23 400	(23 400)	(23 400)	(23 400)	(23 400)

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

- a) Annual requirements of \$23,400, 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 requirements of \$23,400 for 2026 onwards. 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 17, 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.