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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

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SUBJECT: **Orals Statement of programme budget implications arising from**  
OBJET: **draft resolution A/HRC/61/L.21 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.21, entitled "Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and the right to non-discrimination in this context".

CC:

Mr. Ramanathan  
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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT  
RESOLUTION A/HRC/61/L.21 ENTITLED "Adequate housing as a component  
of the right to an adequate standard of living, and the right to  
non-discrimination in this context".

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, 11 and 12 of draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.21**, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend, for a period of three years, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, as set out in Human Rights Council resolutions, in particular Council resolution 15/8 of 30 September 2010 (OP. 5);

(b) Request the Special Rapporteur, in fulfilling the mandate, to continue to engage with States with a view to progressively achieving the full realization of the right to adequate housing as a component of adequate standard of living, the New Urban Agenda and housing-related Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and to consult with civil society and other stakeholders, and to submit proposals and recommendations thereto (OP. 6);

(c) Also request the Special Rapporteur, in fulfilling the mandate, to work in close cooperation and coordination with other special procedures and subsidiary organs of the Human Rights Council, relevant United Nations bodies, the treaty bodies and regional human rights organizations (OP. 7);

(d) Further request the Special Rapporteur, in fulfilling the mandate, to pay special attention to the rights of, inter alia, women and girls, children, young persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, persons experiencing homelessness, persons in street situations, and persons in vulnerable situations, and to mainstream a gender, age and disability perspective into the performance of the mandate (OP. 8);

(e) Request the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to provide all the resources necessary for the effective fulfilment of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur (OP. 11);

(f) Request the Special Rapporteur to continue to report, on an annual basis, to the Human Rights Council and, on a biennial basis, to the General Assembly, as of its eighty-second session (OP. 12);

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required from 2026 to 2029:

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

**(a) Temporary Post:**

- One Human Rights Officer (P-3), based in Geneva, for 12 months, effective 1 January 2019 (HRC 37/4), to support the Special Rapporteur (OP.5);

**(b) General Temporary Assistance:**

- One Human Rights Officer (P-3), based in Geneva, for 6 months, effective from 2023 onwards (HRC 52/10), to prepare meetings, consultations, substantive correspondence with States, UN bodies, civil society and other stakeholders with the view to progressively achieve the full realization of the right to adequate housing as a component of adequate standard of living, and to prepare proposals and recommendations thereto; to prepare and organize meetings for the coordination of activities with other special procedures and subsidiary organs of the Human Rights Council, relevant United Nations bodies, the treaty bodies and regional human rights organizations, and to provide legal and technical advice to ensure the incorporation of the human rights human rights and fundamental freedoms of, inter alia, women, children, young persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, Indigenous peoples, persons experiencing homelessness, persons in street situations and persons in vulnerable situations, and to mainstream a gender, age and disability perspective into the performance of the mandate, including facilitating consultation with representatives of such groups to ensure their inclusion in the work of the mandate (OP.6, 7, 8);

**(c) Travel of Representatives:**

- Three trips by the Special Rapporteur to Geneva, to report to the Human Rights 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.5);
- One trip by the Special Rapporteur to New York, to report to the 81st Session of the General Assembly (2026) and one trip of five working days to New York to report to the 83rd Session of the General Assembly (2028) (OP.12);

- Two country visits per year of 10 working days (OP.5);

**(d) Travel of staff:**

- Travel of one staff to accompany the Special Rapporteur during the two country visits per year of 10 working days (OP.5);

**(e) General Operating Expenses:**

- Local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions (OP.5).

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 2026 and 2028.

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 2026-2029.

7. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.21** 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 2027 (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)	342 300
<b>Subtotal, Section 2</b>	<b>176 100</b>	<b>(29 400)</b>	<b>498 900</b>
<b>Section 24, Human rights*</b>			
Posts	204 000	-	612 000
Other staff costs (GTA)	103 800	-	311 400
Travel of representatives	45 800	(8 000)	129 400
Travel of staff	5 800	-	17 400
General Operating Expenses	12 000	-	36 000
<b>Subtotal, Section 24*</b>	<b>371 400</b>	<b>(8 000)</b>	<b>1 106 200</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>547 500</b>	<b>(37 400)</b>	<b>1 605 100</b>

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

- a. Annual requirements of \$547,500, 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 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 11, 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.