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

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SUBJECT: **Orals Statement of programme budget implications arising from**
OBJET: **draft resolution A/HRC/61/L.23/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.23/Rev.1, entitled "Mental health and human rights".

CC:

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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/HRC/61/L.23/Rev.1 ENTITLED "Mental health and human
rights".

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 18, 19 and 20 of draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.23/Rev.1**, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the High Commissioner to organize in 2027, and no later than the eightieth session of the World Health Assembly, a one-day consultation accessible to persons with disabilities and open to the participation of States and all other stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, funds and programmes, in particular the WHO, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, national preventive mechanisms and civil society, on tailored, person-centred and recovery-oriented public policies, programmes and strategies across government sectors to protect and promote mental health and well-being, including long-term strategic recommendations for deinstitutionalization, community inclusion and ending coercive practices, informed by lived experiences and robust data collection within mental health systems, for the realization of the human rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities and current or potential users of mental health services (OP. 18);

(b) Request the High Commissioner to invite persons with psychosocial disabilities and current or potential users of mental health services, persons with lived experience and their organizations from all regions, and to ensure their active participation in the consultation, mindful of the central role they play and their historical exclusion from decision-making processes (OP. 19);

(c) Also request the High Commissioner to prepare a comprehensive report, accessible to persons with disabilities, on the outcome of the consultation, including a baseline study of the current state of the realization of the human rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities and current or potential users of mental health services, including by gathering lived experiences, with recommendations for States and all other relevant stakeholders, including health professionals, and to include suggestions of policy tools for the implementation of a human

rights perspective to mental health, and to present the report to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-seventh session (OP. 20).

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraphs 18, 19 and 20 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required in 2027 and 2028:

4. Under Section 24, Human Rights:

(a) General Temporary Assistance:

- One Human Rights Officer (P-4), based in Geneva, for 8 months in 2027, with specialized expertise in health law and policy, to prepare and organize the one-day consultation, including to conduct extensive research to identify relevant stakeholders required for the discussion at the consultation, to identify challenges and best ways to implement normative and policy measures, at the local, national and regional levels, as well as draft preparatory documents for the session to reflect the specialized and technical nature of the topic and ensure accessibility and effective dissemination of these preparatory documents; to research and draft the comprehensive report on the outcome of the consultation, including researching and drafting a baseline study of the current state of the realization of the human rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities and current or potential users of mental health services, including by gathering lived experiences, with recommendations for States and all other relevant stakeholders, including health professionals, and to include suggestions of policy tools for the implementation of a human rights perspective to mental health (OP.18, 20);
- One Associate Programme Management Officer (P-2), based in Geneva, for 2 months in 2027, to assist with the administrative, financial and logistical preparation of the one-day fully accessible consultation, including travel of participants (OP.18);

(b) Travel of Representatives:

- 1 trip in 2027 by 3 Mandate Holders to Geneva, to participate in the consultation, including the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons

with disabilities and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (OP.18, 19);

(c) Contractual services related to:

- Individual contractual services in 2028, to produce an accessible report (in accessible and easy to read formats) to be presented at the sixty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council (OP.20);

(d) Grants and Contributions for:

- 1 trip of 1 day in 2027 by 12 Participants from all regions to Geneva, to participate in the consultation, including: persons with psychosocial disabilities; current or potential users of mental health services; persons with lived experiences; and other health professionals and experts (OP.18);
- 1 trip of 1 day in 2027 by 6 Assistants to Geneva, as required in accordance with the principles of reasonable accommodation of persons with disabilities (OP.18).

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 for meetings in 2027;
- (b)** Documentation services in 2028;
- (c)** Webcasting services to the meetings specified in 2027;
- (d)** Making the meetings specified accessible to persons with disabilities, which includes International Sign interpretation and live captioning.
- (e)** Sound technician and audio recording services in 2027.

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 2027 and 2028.

7. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.23/Rev.1** would give rise to total requirements as follows:

(United States Dollars)

<i>Budget section / Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Additional Non-recurrent requirements 2027</i>	<i>Additional Non-recurrent requirements 2028</i>	<i>Total requirements</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Simultaneous interpretation	13 400	-	13 400
Documentation	-	23 400	23 400
Accessibility services	13 400	-	13 400
Subtotal, section 2	26 800	23 400	50 200
Section 24, Human Rights			
Other Staff Costs (GTA)	217 700	-	217 700
Travel of Representatives	19 400	-	19 400
Contractual services	-	3 200	3 200
Grants and Contributions	77 100	-	77 100
Subtotal, section 24	314 200	3 200	317 400
Section 28, Global communications			
Webcasting services	1 200	-	1 200
Subtotal, section 28	1 200		1 200
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva			
Sound technician / recording services	1 000	-	1 000
Accessibility services	1 100	-	1 100
Subtotal, section 29E	2 100	-	2 100
Total	344 300	26 600	370 900

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

a. Additional requirements of \$344,300 for 2027. These requirements, in accordance with established procedures, would be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, at its 81st session under the agenda item on proposed programme budget for 2027.

b. Requirements of \$26,600, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2028.