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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: **Orals Statement of programme budget implications arising from**
OBJET: **draft resolution A/HRC/61/L.35/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.35/Rev.1, entitled "Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice".

CC:

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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/HRC/61/L.35/Rev.1 ENTITLED "Human rights situation in
the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and
the obligation to ensure accountability and justice".

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 51 and 52 of draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.35/Rev.1**, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Reiterate its request to the Commission of Inquiry, as mandated by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 55/28 of 5 April 2024 and resolution 58/2 of 2 April 2025, to report on both the direct and the indirect transfer or sale of arms, munitions, parts, components and dual-use items to Israel, the occupying Power, including those that have been used during the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip since 7 October 2023, and to analyse the legal consequences of these transfers, applying international humanitarian law, customary international law related to State responsibility and the Arms Trade Treaty, where applicable, and request, instead, that the report be submitted to the Council at its sixty-seventh session (OP. 51);

(b) Request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-fourth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue (OP. 52);

Commission of Inquiry (COI)

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraphs 51 of the draft resolution, **from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028**, the following activities and resources would be required in 2026, 2027 and 2028:

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

(a) General Temporary Assistance:

- **One Human Rights Officer (P-4)**, based in Geneva, for 12 months in 2027 and 3 months in 2028, to act as the lead legal officer in charge of the research and analysis of the UN Arms Trade Treaty, the various arms transfer treaties of Member States (both commercial arms transfers and military assistance transfers), and regional arms transfer regulations such as the EU Common

Regulations; conduct analysis on the violations of the arms transfer treaties in accordance with both public international law and domestic trade law legal frameworks; collect information on direct and indirect transfer or sale of arms, munitions and parts, and dual use items, from Member States; conduct analysis on violations of international humanitarian law, international criminal law, and State responsibility; formulate recommendations for accountability measures, including legal proceedings, in domestic and international fora; act as the lead drafter and take ultimate responsibility for the quality and timely delivery of the report to be submitted to the Human Rights Council as of its sixty-seventh session;

- **Four Human Rights Officers (P-3)**, based in Geneva, each for 12 months in 2027 and 3 months in 2028, to investigate, research, and collect information and evidence on the arms trade, including transfer of arms, munitions, parts from Member States; investigate and document the casual links between the arms transfers and violations of international humanitarian law, international criminal law and international human rights; carry out research, information gathering, and analysis of entities involved in the activities as provided in paragraph 51 of the present resolution; conduct information gathering from sources following the 'do-no-harm' principle; participate and organize field missions relevant and necessary as required; ensure that information and evidence are protected, stored and preserved in the evidence and information repository; ensure that evidence and information collected will be used for accountability processes, including legal proceedings; provide drafts and inputs for the report to be submitted to the Human Rights Council as of its sixty-seventh session;
- **One Associate Human Rights Officer (P-2)**, based in Geneva, for 12 months in 2027 and 3 months in 2028, to conduct digital open-source investigations on the direct and indirect transfer or sale of arms, munitions, parts, components and dual use items; to collect and preserve evidence from digital and open-sources related to the transfer of arms, munitions, parts and components; verify the transfer or sales using OHCHR open-source investigation and digital verification techniques; ensure that documentation and materials related to the investigations are handled, stored and preserved securely in accordance with established procedure; assist as necessary in providing inputs and drafts for the report;

(b) Travel of staff:

- Four trips of ten working days each, plus a weekend in 2027 by six staff to visit Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, and other concerned countries;
- Four trips of ten working days each, plus a weekend in 2027 by four language interpreters to visit Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, and other concerned countries;

(c) Contractual services related to:

- Yearly subscriptions to relevant commercial databases and information repositories;
- Four language interpreters to provide interpretation during field missions;

(d) General Operating Expenses:

- Delivery costs;
- Communication costs;
- Rental of vehicles for field visits;

(e) Supplies and Materials:

- Office expendable supplies;

(f) Furniture and equipment

- Miscellaneous furniture, office and safety equipment.

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

(a) Documentation services;

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, 2027 and 2028.

7. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.35/Rev.1** with respect to the **Commission of Inquiry (COI)** mandate, would give rise to total requirements as follows:

(United States dollars)

<i>Budget section / Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Reduced requirements for 2026 (non-recurrent)</i>	<i>Additional requirements for 2027 (non-recurrent)</i>	<i>Additional requirements for 2028 (non-recurrent)</i>	<i>Total non-recurrent requirements</i>

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management				
Documentation	(29 400)	-	29 400	-
Subtotal, Section 2	(29 400)	-	29 400	-
Section 24, Human rights				
Other staff costs (GTA)	-	1 224 700	306 200	1 530 900
Travel of staff	-	240 500	-	240 500
Contractual services	-	110 700	500	111 200
General Operating Expenses	-	73 600	10 400	84 000
Supplies and materials	-	7 200	1 800	9 000
Furniture and equipment	-	57 700	2 500	60 200
Subtotal, Section 24	-	1 714 400	321 400	2 035 800
Total	(29 400)	1 714 400	350 800	2 035 800

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

- a. Reduced non-recurrent requirements of \$29,400 for 2026. 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.
- b. Additional non-recurrent requirements of \$1,714,400 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.
- c. Additional non-recurrent requirements of \$350,800 for 2028, which would be included in the proposed program budget for 2028.

Meetings / Reports / Miscellaneous

9. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraph 52 of the draft resolution, the activities and resources required, have already been included in the budget due to renewable nature of the mandates.