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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.4/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.4/Rev.1, entitled "Mandate of Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children".

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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/61/L.4/Rev.1 ENTITLED "Mandate of Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children".

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 2, 3, 4 and 8 of draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.4/Rev.1**, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur, for a period of three years on the same terms provided by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 7/13, 34/16, 43/22 and 52/26 (OP. 2);

(b) Request the Special Rapporteur to support States in developing legal and policy frameworks and child protection strategies through a child- and gender-responsive, disability-inclusive, victim-centred and trauma-informed approach and in a child-friendly manner to effectively prevent and eradicate new and emerging forms of the online and offline sale and sexual exploitation and abuse of children, in accordance with international human rights law (OP. 3);

(c) Also request the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually on the implementation of the mandate to the Human Rights Council and biennially to the General Assembly, in accordance with their respective programmes of work, making suggestions and recommendations on the prevention and elimination of all forms of sale and sexual exploitation and abuse of children and on the protection, rehabilitation, recovery, reintegration and access to justice of children who are victims and survivors, in a gender-responsive, disability-inclusive, victim-centred, trauma-informed, child-friendly and child rights-based manner, including on how to advance the protection capacities of communities and families, with the best interests of the child as a primary consideration (OP. 4);

(d) Request the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the assistance necessary to the Special Rapporteur to fulfil the mandate, in particular by placing adequate human and material resources at her disposal (OP. 8).

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 8 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, to support the Special Rapporteur (OP.2);

(b) General Temporary Assistance:

- One Human Rights Officer (P-3), based in Geneva, for 12 months in 2027 and 12 months in 2028, to support the mandate holder in fulfilling the mandate as per OP3 by, inter alia: monitor the prevention response and protection strategies employed by governments in the area of online child sexual exploitation and abuse; monitor the new and emerging forms of online child sexual exploitation and abuse; coordinate with various initiatives by States and private sector in this area and monitor the compliance of these initiatives with the international human rights standards and principles; Convene dialogues with all relevant stakeholders including United Nations human rights mechanisms and relevant agencies, with a view to prepare recommendations on prevention and eradication of online sexual abuse and exploitation, with specific focus on identification of good practices incorporating gender perspective; assist the Special Rapporteur to share the good practices with States and provide them with assistance in developing national laws, policies and strategies to effectively prevent and eradicate online child sexual abuse and exploitation in line with relevant international human rights laws and standards (OP.3);

(c) Travel of Representatives:

- Three trips by the Special Rapporteur to Geneva, to report to the 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.4);
- One trip by the Special Rapporteur to New York, to report to the 81st Session of the General Assembly (2026) and to report to the 83rd Session of the General Assembly (2028) (OP.4);
- Two country visits of 10 working days (OP.2, OP.4);

(d) Travel of staff:

- Travel of one staff to accompany the Special Rapporteur during the two country visits per year of 10 working days each (OP.2, 4);

(e) General Operating Expenses

- Local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions (OP.2, 4).

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 2026-2028.

7. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.4/Rev.1** 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>Additional requirements 2027 (Non-Recurrent)</i>	<i>Additional requirements 2028 (Non-Recurrent)</i>	<i>Total requirements for the mandate period</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management				
Simultaneous interpretation	52 200	-	-	156 600
Documentation	123 900	(29 400)	-	342 300
Subtotal, Section 2	176 100	(29 400)	-	498 900
Section 24, Human rights*				
Posts	204 000	-	-	612 000
Other staff costs (GTA)	-	204 000	204 000	408 000
Travel of representatives	45 800	(8 000)	-	129 400
Travel of staff	5 800	-	-	17 400
General Operating Expenses	12 000	-	-	36 000
Subtotal, Section 24*	267 600	196 000	204 000	1 202 800
Total	443 700	166 600	204 000	1 701 700

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

- a. Annual requirements of \$443,700, 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. Additional non-recurrent requirements of \$166,600 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. Non-recurrent requirements of \$204,000, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2028.
9. With regard to operative paragraph 8, 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.